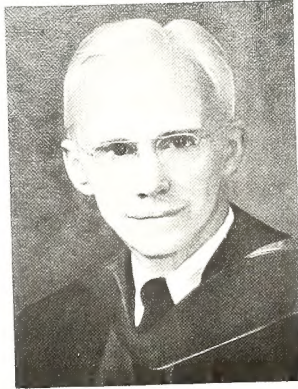


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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Rev. Bernard N. Schneider, Vice President

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church

IS CHRISTIANITY A FAILURE?

It was in December 1951. "Pearl Harbor" had just become history. I was living in Washington, D. C., at the time—in a Washington, D. C., that was full of confusion and all-out war effort. Some of the members of our congregation were going downtown one day just before Christmas in a streetcar. As the streetcar went past the largest department store, a large Christmas decoration made out of pine boughs was hanging clear across the front of the store. It quoted this verse: "On earth peace, good will toward men." Our friends noticed people in the streetcar looking at it. Some laughed, some talked about it, and some said, "On earth peace—that's a joke."

When those friends related the incident to me I had to admit that, after almost 20 centuries, the saying of the angels certainly seemed a joke—"on earth peace, good will toward men." There was everything but peace, everything but good will toward men. As I thought about it, this occurred to me—is Christianity a failure? Then I determined to make that the subject of my message the following Sunday night. The next day I went outside to the front of the church to place that subject on the bulletin board. As I stood there in the cold weather putting in the letters until they finally spelled out this question, "Is Christianity a Failure?" a man stopped by. He was a Jew to whom I had often spoken and who had become sort of a friend. He chuckled as he read the sign. He said, "You know, I have been thinking lately—is Christianity a failure? Christians dropping bombs on Christians surely looks like a failure, doesn't it? I'll be there Sunday night to hear that message."

Twelve years have rolled by since that day. The great Second World War has been fought and won. Another war has since been fought. We don't know how soon things may break loose again. The world is bristling with armaments and more deadly weapons than ever, and certainly the question, "Is Christianity a Failure," is just as pertinent today as it was 12 years ago. As we face the year of 1954, not knowing what it will bring forth, let us consider the question—"Is Christianity a Failure?"

Certainly Christianity is a failure if it was supposed to bring peace upon the earth during this age. This is generally understood to be the meaning of Christianity, that gradually the world is to become Christian and peace will come upon the earth. But such is not the teaching of the Bible at all. The Word of God very plainly tells us that alongside spiritual things, which will

grow, wickedness will grow also in the world until toward the close of this age. Christ said conditions on the earth would be as they were in the days before the flood when "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Again Jesus said that it would be as it was in the days of Sodom with all its wickedness. Furthermore, our Lord plainly foretold that toward the close of this age wars and rumors of wars, famines, and earthquakes would increase, ending in judgment and the great tribulation.

No one needs to be in confusion or have any doubts about the success of Christianity if he reads carefully the Word of God. Of course, if one takes the stand of postmillennialism that the church is to Christianize the world and the church is to bring in the kingdom, then certainly it looks like a dismal failure.

There is Nothing Wrong With the Ideals of Christianity

This is generally accepted, even by those who refuse to accept Christianity itself. Christ advocated absolute righteousness and justness among men. A summary of the ideal is given us in the so-called golden rule of Christ as recorded in Matthew 7:12, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so unto them: for this is the law and the prophets." This is the perfect ideal of behavior for men everywhere. If it were followed there would be peace in the home, peace in the neighborhood, peace on the labor front, peace among the nations instantly. But this principle of righteousness proposed by Christ has not at all become the principle of the world. In fact, the world practices the very opposite and the result is the kind of world we are having. So then, if the golden rule was to become the rule of the world in this age, Christianity is a failure.

Christ also advocated a spirit of love and forgiveness between men everywhere. Indeed, the motto of Christianity regarding this is well stated by the Holy Spirit in Philippians 2:3-4, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." But this certainly has not become the motto of the world. The world's motto seems to be that "might is right."

Why Is Christianity a Failure?

The answer to this question is simple and very revealing. It is given to us by Christ Himself and in that

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chapter which speaks so wonderfully of the love of God. After giving us the words of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," Jesus continued speaking. Then He said in verse 19, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

There is the answer. Christ had come, but man did not want Him. They nailed Him to the cross instead. Light had come, but they rejected the light of God and chose the darkness of their own vain reasoning instead. Since then the world has not changed. The Gospel of grace is being preached but men turn away from it. The Bible is printed in over a thousand languages today, but men reject the truth and rather believe their own fantastic philosophies. Well applied today would be the words of Jesus when He spoke of men who "strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel." Only we might substitute monkey for camel today.

Christianity Is Never a Failure When Applied

Jesus Christ never fails; in fact He cannot fail. Whenever He is given the opportunity He completely saves and changes men. Millions of transformed lives today are the best proof that the Gospel is wonderfully successful. Those who come to Christ, receive Him as Saviour and Lord, find Him to be all that He promised. To them He brings peace of heart and spiritual happiness. But the trouble is that not enough people are willing to give Him a chance. Water cannot quench thirst unless one drinks it; the best meal will not satisfy unless it is eaten; blood plasma in the bottle will not help the dying man unless he receives it into his veins; so Christ, the Saviour of the world, is of no help unless He is received into a man's life by faith.

Where Do We Come in?

Ours is the privilege of demonstrating to the world that Christianity works. Nothing is more important in the Brethren Church today. All our preaching and teaching will be mostly in vain unless our lives demonstrate that it works. The pastor and his family often feel that they must be careful because their lives are on display, but every Christian is on display and some of us are not being careful.

In this year of our Lord 1954 we need Christians who are friendly, cheerful, and honest without, and kind one toward another within the church. We need to demonstrate that the Gospel is the greatest success to all who believe, for it is indeed "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek [gentile]."

One for One

OUR APPRECIATION, BROTHER SCHNEIDER

Bro. Bernard Schneider, the vice president of our Foreign Missionary Society, prepared the foregoing editorials for use in this issue of the Herald. As we begin the year 1954 these editorials give us much food for thought and challenge us to make this year the most effective one of our lives for Christ. May we take this

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

By Martha Snell Nicholson

Sickened with slaughter and weary of war,
Torn by bereavement and pain,
Daily our eyes are searching the skies
For signs of His coming again.
Longing, we pray at dawning of day,
"Lord, wilt Thou come before noon?"
Imploring Him yet in the fading sunset,
"O, blessed Lord Jesus, come soon!"
Precious the word the ear of faith heard;
"Lo, I come quickly, my bride.
This longing of thine is not greater than mine
To have thee at last by my side!"

opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to you, Brother Schneider.—R. E. R.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

DID YOU REMEMBER GRACE SEMINARY?

Did you remember Grace Seminary in your giving this Christmas? It is not too late! Our school is doing a work for the Lord in training young men and women for Christian service in the homeland or in foreign lands. If you could have the privilege, as some of us have, of coming in daily contact with many of the students and hearing reports of how their training is enabling them to be more effective witnesses for Him, you would thank the Lord for such a school. Personally, I cannot thank the Lord enough for the three years which He permitted me to have as a student in Grace Seminary.

Although the months of December and January are set aside as the special time for emphasis concerning the needs of our college and seminary, you may give at any time. Continue to pray much for our school, and give that others may be fully prepared to go forth in the Lord's service.—R. E. R.

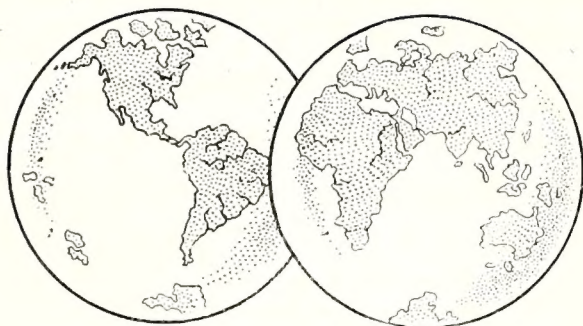
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MISSIONARY OUTFIT CLUB REPORT

At this writing we are pleased to report that the amount of \$1,656.47 has come in for the outfit of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bishop through the efforts of the various Missionary Outfit Clubs. Thank you, club chairmen, club members, and friends! This is quite an increase over previous giving through the outfit clubs. May the Lord bless each of you in a very special way.

We have another cause for praise and rejoicing—the Bishops have been granted their visa for entrance into Argentina! Truly our God is good. Now that they have the "go" sign from the Government, we are trusting the Lord to supply the additional needs for full speed ahead in outfit preparation and plans for leaving for Argentina early in March. Yes, if you have not already done so, there is still time for you to send in your outfit club offerings and reports.—R. E. R.

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FIELD

NEWS

FLASHES

AFRICA—

—Missionaries just completed annual Field Council Meeting, held this year at Bozoum. They urge:

1. Prayer for four additional missionary pastors.
2. Development of African Brethren churches into strong evangelistic centers.
3. Evangelization of western Oubangui-Chari while the door is open.

—Dr. and Mrs. Harold A. Mason and family joined our missionary force in Africa on December 30, after months of study in France.

ARGENTINA—

—Don Bishops receive visas for entrance to Argentina. Praise the Lord! This visa was granted in record time. The Bishops are planning to sail about March 12.

—Field Council Meeting and get-together of all missionaries with Dr. and Mrs. Russell D. Barnard is in session at Rio Cuarto as this issue of the Herald is being mailed.

—The Barnards plan to leave Buenos Aires by plane on January 11 for Brazil.

BAJA CALIFORNIA—

—Property (three lots) has been purchased for our work in Calexico, Calif., with living quarters for the Howard family. Much remodeling must be done.

BRAZIL—

—Missionaries eagerly await the arrival of the Barnards around the middle of January.

—The Edward Millers are preparing for furlough—they probably will leave for the States around the end of February or first of March.

FRANCE—

—Rev. and Mrs. Marvin L. Goodman, Jr., and family expect to leave for France on January 15. They will join the Fogles in the Lyon area.

HONOLULU—

—Attendances have increased and are now being held at a steady high. Souls are being saved regularly. Many adults from the community are faithful in both services. Parents from two families have not missed a service in the past four weeks.

—On November 22 a mother publicly confessed Christ in the morning worship service.

—On November 29 an intermediate confessed Christ as her Saviour before her Sunday-school class.

—Fifty-four attended Sunday school on November 22, equaling the previous high mark. Nineteen parents and young people attended the special Thanksgiving service.

**A FOREIGN MISSIONARY FOR EVERY PASTOR AT HOME
OUR GOAL—ONE FOR ONE**

AFRICAN DANCING CURES

By William J. Samarin, M'Baiki, Africa

There was a dance not too far from the station, so I went to see what was happening. I had not yet had the chance to observe the Isungu in their dances. It took me a little while to get there, for the path wound in and around the manioc gardens. Buried in the midst of these gardens was this little Isungu village. People were gathered near the only tree in the heart of the village. (Because they do not like to go far for firewood, the Africans begin by chopping down all the trees within and around the village.) Some were sitting on chairs, but most were on the ground. Everybody looked relaxed. They reminded me of the crowd of curious on-lookers that surround a sidewalk gadget-hawker.

I was surprised to see so many Pygmies. It was not the number which surprised me so much as seeing so many mixing with the ordinary natives. As one moves away from the government post, the Pygmies get more

treated for the most part as if they were only goats, but they are respected for their medicine.

It may seem rather queer to talk about medicine having the power to *kill* people, but the African uses only one word for two types of medicine, one to kill and one



Two Pygmies Sitting on a Drum

shy. Here they seemed to be masters of the show, or at least important participants in it. This is understandable when one realizes that the medicine of the Pygmies is supposed to be more powerful than anyone else can make. Why, with his medicine he can kill somebody who is 100 miles away! The Pygmies are owned and



An African Medicine Man or Doctor

to heal. The medicine itself has many forms. Some of it the people themselves gather—leaves, fruits, roots, barks, and so on. These they use for various bodily aches and pains and wounds. When the trouble gets rather serious, the African goes for a doctor, the *mon-ganga*. Perhaps it is a man with a bad earache, who is in real pain and who has not been able to sleep well for weeks. The doctor—for the Africans call him by the same name they call a European doctor—looks at the ear with many h-m-m-m's. After a few minutes of serious (or pretended) investigation, he will sell his patient some herbs from which he is to make a poultice. Then comes the fee, of course. The fee is scaled to the seriousness of the illness and the wealth of the patient.

An illness which is causing death requires strong medicine, for death is usually caused by someone else's evil

medicine. In this case the doctor will have to use his own strong medicine. In addition to giving various medicaments, he will dance and chant. This is all part of his medicine. If the person recovers, he pays dearly—sometimes as much as \$24. He may think that the price is too high and refuse to pay. In such a case the matter is taken before the village elders. In the end he invariably pays what was first asked. If he should die, well, the doctor just slips away. Nobody seems to blame him too much, for it is understood that the death-dealing medicine in this case was stronger than his own.

Now when there is too much illness in a village, let us say a terrible siege of "flu," or a series of deaths, the people can only attribute such to some evil medicine. The African has practically no understanding of certain causes and effects that seem so obvious to us. One of our workmen, after returning with me from a bush trip, complained about a terrible pain in his arm. He wanted to draw blood. (Suction cups, made of small horns, are used extensively, especially for sore throats, stomach-aches and backaches. An opening of the skin is made, over which is put the cup. This invariably leaves an ugly scar.) It was his right arm, so I asked him how he held on to the truck to keep from being bounced around. He had held on to an overhead support, just as I had imagined. He had nothing more than a strained arm! (But I understand that there are Americans who believe that touching frogs is the cause for having warts.)

They usually do the wrong thing to cure themselves. When they have the "flu" they will keep away from heat, either from a fire or the warmth of the sun. And while they have the strength, they work, for they know that if they lie down, they get weak. They lie down, they say, only to die!

Well, in this village of Bokomba there had been too many deaths and the chief had called upon the doctors to do something about it. What they were doing was destroying the medicine which had been hidden in and around the village. They never produced it, but they pretended to see it. The medicine is supposed to be as small as one eyelash.

The medicine of these doctors consisted mostly of dancing. There were about six of them, mostly young married men. They were nude except for loincloths of European cloth, but wrapped between the legs like they used to do long ago. They wore anklets which rattled with each step. Around and around the fire they danced. There was not very much of a system in their dancing. For the most part they danced as they pleased. Most of the motion was with their feet and abdomens. Occasionally one would stop to blow a whistle to keep the rain away from ruining the dance. One of the doctors kept staring into the fire. He was watching the evil medicine get burned. Every now and then one of the doctors would stop and stare off into the distance. He saw something. Then he would dance more energetically and, finally, with a flourish of his hands, he would destroy the evil medicine. With a look of great pleasure on his face he would resume his dancing.

They performed all kinds of little things that seemed to have little relation to each other. It was as if they did whatever came to them at the moment, although I imagine that it was all a part of their repertoire.

One would imagine that the dance would be a very serious matter. It was not. The spectators were not at all tense. Many of the villagers kept to their houses where the women were engaged in preparing the eve-



*Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason,
Stephen, Gloria, and Naomi*

The tropical-medicine course in Paris finished just before Christmas. Visas had already been received for Africa, so the Mason family expected to leave Paris by plane on December 29, arriving in Bangui the following day. Thus, they will begin the year 1954 in the land of Africa—the land to which the Lord has called them to serve Him.

One for One

MOODY'S CREED

Dwight L. Moody was asked up to London to meet a group of clergymen there. Some 400 had gathered. In his quiet, quick, keen-witted fashion, Moody answered questions for about an hour. Then someone asked the question always asked, "What's your creed, Mr. Moody?" Quickly came back the answer, "My creed's in print."

Oh, in print! Nobody knew of Mr. Moody's having written anything. And the question came at once: "Where? What's the title of the book?" And 400 hands reached for 400 pencils to write down the unknown title. Very quietly, Mr. Moody said, "Isaiah 53:5."—*Moody Monthly*.

ning meal. Between acts the doctors laughed and joked among themselves and with those who were playing the musical instruments, that is, the drums and rattles.

It all struck me as being part entertainment and part business. It is hard to imagine that the villagers really believe that these doctors can help them. But they do! They firmly believe in their doctors and the power of their medicines. An African might take up the European's clothes, language, or employment, but he keeps his faith in his doctors. They mean to him good health and long life.

All of this activity, of course, is on the part of the non-Christian. The real African Christian, whose faith and trust are in the Lord himself, looks upon death as the beginning of eternal life.

DISTRICT BIBLE CONFERENCES

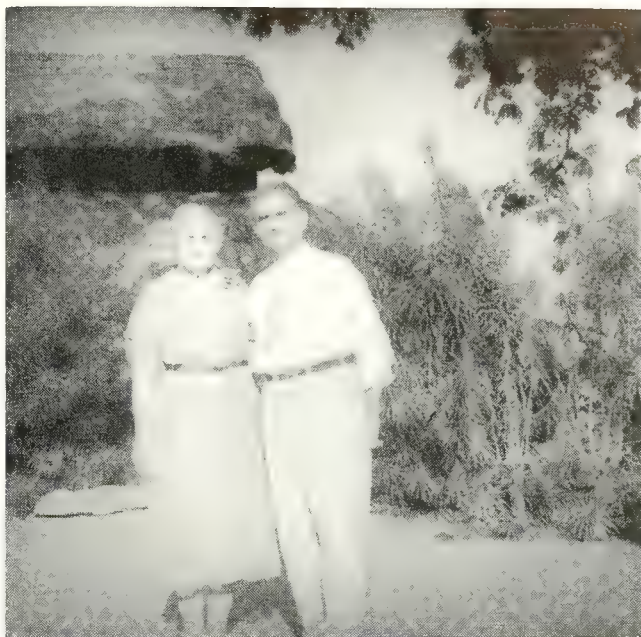
By Mrs. Orville Jobson, Bozoum, Africa

The month of October was mostly spent in holding Bible conferences for the different Christian workers and their wives in the Bozoum-Bassai District. Our first conference was held among the Gbaya workers, with the missionaries and Pastor Noel holding classes both morning and afternoon. Truly our hearts have been encouraged to see these people growing in the Lord. Just a few short years ago there was merely a handful of Gbaya workers among the Bozoum Gbaya; now they number 40 in all. This seems to be the Lord's day for these people, and many souls are now coming to know the Lord as their personal Saviour. Some of these Christian workers attended the Junior Bible School at Bassai, others attended Bible classes here on the Bozoum station, and this year there are a few eligible to enroll in the Bible Institute for further training.

The closing day of this conference was the Lord's Day and Pastor Noel presented these men and their wives to the church, telling the Christians of their desire to serve the Lord in new fields and their need of financial aid to send them forth. One young Christian man, who is employed by the government, gave \$1,000 francs (approximately \$6) to help in the support of these men. The Bozoum WMC also gave 1,000 francs, then a special offering was taken to help get these African missionaries started in their work for the Lord. Dear friends, pray for these men and their wives, that they may have a real burden to win their brothers and sisters to the Lord and that they may have more of a hunger to read God's Word and hide it in their hearts. These are difficult days for the native Christian workers. Temptations beset them on every side and the enemy is working in many subtle ways to destroy their testimonies, but, praise God, "greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." May their look be unto Him is our prayer.

The following week the Garbers and Jobsons went to Bassai station to meet with the workers among the Karre people. Classes for men, women, and children were held by the missionaries, including Bro. Charles Taber and Miss Byron. There was a good spirit among all the people and their desire was to know more of God's Word and have a closer walk with Him. The Lord is answering prayer in strengthening these leaders in that section. There are several young men who have graduated from the Bible Institute who seem to have a burden for the salvation of their people. One outstanding feature of the conference was that the preachers felt their need of giving their tithe to the Lord, which many of them did not do very systematically. They have now asked to be given tithing envelopes so that as they harvest their peanuts and cotton they will take out the tenth of this income before selling it at the market. The Lord spoke to them concerning their lack of giving to Him, and their desire is to bring the tithes into the storehouse and seek God's blessing. In many ways this was the best workers' conference we have attended among this people, and we praise the Lord for the growth in their lives.

Following the Bassai conference we returned to Bozoum for a day to pack our food boxes, and then we



*Dr. and Mrs. Orville D. Jobson
(Picture Taken at Bassai)*

traveled north to the Tali tribe. This tribe has never had a resident missionary among them; however, the different missionaries have spent considerable time among them teaching the Word of God and holding conferences. There are now over 100 Christian workers, 20 of whom have completed their work at the Bible Institute and are real leaders among their people. Our classes for men, women, and children were large and well-attended. These leaders chose one of their number for ordination—Samuel, the first to be baptized from their tribe. Since his baptism in 1933 he and his wife have been faithful workers for the Lord. Each of these workers' conferences appointed the 1953 Bible Institute graduates from their section to needy villages where they may serve the Lord. They also chose those from their number who are eligible to attend the Bible Institute in 1953-54. Others were chosen to attend the elementary Bible schools which will be directed by different missionaries.

Truly our responsibility is great, but our Father is with us to strengthen and guide. We always count on your prayers and rejoice to know that we are laborers together in this, His blessed service.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

When my Lord Christ became a living and unutterably necessary reality to me, I remembered that one of my first sensations of profound relief was, He absolutely trusted the Bible, and, though there are in it things inexplicable and intricate that have puzzled me so much, I am going, not in a blind sense, but reverently, to trust the Book because of Him.—H. C. S. Moule.

The Bible---

The Book of Hope

WHEN Jesus Christ commissioned His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel He also gave them their message: they were to be witnesses of the things they had seen and heard from their Lord. And wherever men have gone with this message—the message of hope and pardon and peace and joy—lives have been changed. For, said Jesus, “*The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are LIFE.*”

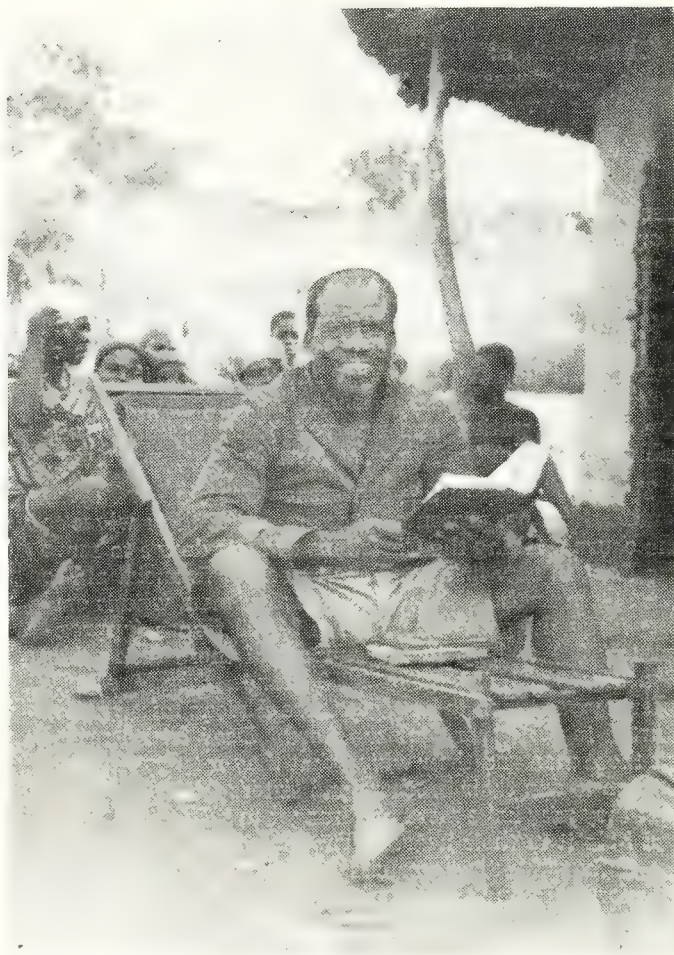
This Word brings the same message to every heart—the educated Westerner or the stone-age Kapauku. The language may be different; the people who hear may be pagan or cultured, their backgrounds varied and strange. But to each one comes the Word of hope: “*I [Jesus] am the way, the truth, and the life.*” “*Come unto me . . . and ye shall find rest.*”

Because of the power of this Word every true missionary seeks to give it to every man: a portion, a Gospel, the New Testament, or the entire Bible. It is eagerly received and earnestly read . . . “Faith cometh . . . by the word of God” . . .

In Africa a Pana tribesman approached the missionary who was touring the district. He was not much to look at; his hair was tightly braided into little spikes; he wore practically no clothing; a hunting club hung at his side. He was a new convert. “I have lost my book,” he said. “Please give me another.” The missionary wondered if he could read, but in answer to his question the young man replied, “Yes; Musa [the local teacher] taught me.” Giving him a copy of the Gospel of John the missionary said, “Read.”

Eagerly the black man grasped the Book and read those wonderful words: “*In the beginning was the Word . . . the Word was God . . .*” His appearance was transformed by understanding and love, and he read on: “*The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . .*” The missionary saw not the black man but the One of whom he read. “*We beheld his glory . . . full of grace and truth.*” And the missionary knew that the Glorious One was Himself pouring His grace and truth upon these simple-hearted people through the medium of His own Word—the Book of Hope!

(Editor's Note—We are indebted to The Alliance Weekly for this excellent article. The picture, however, is one of our own—Mark Volongou, the grand old man of our native church in Africa.)



Mark Volongou, native pastor at Bossembele, Africa, reading his Bible.

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A STRAIGHT FURROW

He was a good farmer; the furrows in the field he was plowing stretched like railway tracks to the fence a quarter of a mile away.

"How do you make such straight furrows?" I asked.

"You see that slender pole with a white rag tied to the top of it?" he said in reply. "Well, I set that pole at the point where I want my furrow to end. If I keep my eyes on it all the way across, I can make the furrow almost as straight as a crow can fly; if you get a crook in the first one, the rest have to follow it, for the guiding wheel of the plow runs in the old furrow."

I reflected that as much depends on the first furrow in one's life as on the first furrow in the field. As I looked back over my life and saw in it the many stretches of crooked plowing and remembered that they all began with a crooked furrow, I despaired of making it like the field of the plowman.

I remembered the slender pole with its fluttering white flag and again heard the plowman saying, "I keep my eyes on it all the way across." Now I understand. The crooked furrow had come when my eyes were not on Christ. I resolved that, God helping me, I would do it looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of my faith. —*Sunday School Times.*

One for One

HOW ABOUT IT?

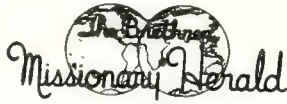
People who do not believe in missions should occasionally turn in the pages of history and read of the lives lived by their ancestors before missionaries reached them.

By what right do you choose your King's last command, "Go ye," as the one thing to be crowded out of your life?

God uses five classes to win souls: the foolish to confound the wise, the weak to confound the mighty, the base things, the despised things, the nothings and no-bodies.

If God could speak through Balaam's ass, He could speak through you.

"Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded" (II Chron. 15:7). —Chinese Native Evangelistic Crusade.



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Ashland, Ohio. Rev. Miles Taber, pastor of the West 10th Street Brethren Church, was recently elected vice president of the Ashland Ministerial Association.

Winona Lake, Ind. Anyone desiring to have their 1953 Brethren Missionary Herald issues put into a bound volume should forward them to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company at once, as the copies will be sent to the bindery in January. Price for binding and return mailing is \$4.75.

Norwalk, Calif. There were 365 present at the ground-breaking ceremony of the Norwalk Brethren Church. Of this number 16 were ordained ministers. Henry G. Rempel is pastor, and you are requested to list his new address as 10906 Belcher St., Norwalk, Calif.

Dayton, Ohio. Rev. Clyde Balyo, pastor of North Riverdale Brethren Church, entered Good Samaritan Hospital Dec. 14 for treatment on his throat. He was confined but a few days.

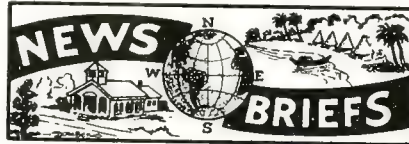
Los Angeles, Calif. Directors of the Philharmonic Auditorium here denied use of the auditorium to Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of Washington, D. C., on the grounds that he "is too controversial a figure." Evangelicals in southern California hailed the action as justified.

Woodstock, Ill. Attorneys for Mrs. Dorothy Larson filed an amended complaint in McHenry County Circuit Court charging that 30 accredited public schools in the State were listed as parochial schools in the Official Catholic Directory for 1953. The complaint of Mrs. Larson, a Lutheran, has thus broadened her original complaint which challenged the legality of permitting nuns to teach in Illinois public schools.

St. Louis, Mo. More than 12,000 persons crowded Kiel Auditorium here to hear Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick. He urged his audience to cooperate "in every area where cooperation is possible" with Roman Catholics. (Editor: This is but another evidence of the inconsistency of liberal Protestantism. One time they plead for "Reformation Sunday," which is a reminder of the price paid to break away from Romanism, and next they plead for cooperation with them.)

Winona Lake, Ind. John Phillip Peer was born to Rev. and Mrs. Earle Peer, Dec. 13. Brother Peer is pastor of the Sidney (Ind.) Brethren Church.

Downey, Calif. The Los Angeles presbytery, at its recent meeting, again denied membership to three Fuller Theological Seminary faculty members. The three are Dr. Gleason L. Archer, Jr., from the presbytery of Monmouth, N. J.; Dr. William Sanford LaSor, presbytery of Lehigh, Pa.; and Dr. Everett F. Harrison, presbytery of Philadelphia.



London, England. Harringway Arena in North London is to be the scene of Billy Graham's Greater London Crusade, beginning about March 1. The arena will seat upwards of 11,000 people.

Wheaton, Ill. Plans for the eighth Wheaton College Bible Lands Cruise have been announced by Dr. Joseph Free, professor of archeology at Wheaton College. The group will sail from New York the middle of February 1954. The trip will last six weeks and is open to Christian people of all ages throughout the country.

Trenton, N. J. (RNS). New Jersey voters have approved by 2 1/4 to 1 a constitutional amendment to legalize bingo and raffles sponsored by religious, charitable, veteran, and similar organizations. The overwhelming vote climaxed a hard-fought battle in which opposing sides were spearheaded by Roman Catholics and Protestant church forces.

Harrisburg, Pa. Rev. Conard Sandy, pastor of the Melrose Gardens

Brethren Church, conducted his own 12-day meeting. There were seven additions to the church.

Beaumont, Calif. Due to the rapid growth of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, an additional Bible class is being taught by the pastor on Monday nights at his home. Gene Farrell is pastor.

Cuyahoga, Falls, Ohio. Rev. Richard L. Burch, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was reelected secretary-treasurer of the Akron Area Ministers' Fellowship.

Roanoke, Va. Mark Fremont Miller, 8 lb., 3 oz., arrived Dec. 11 to take his place "under the parsonage roof" in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Miller.

Jerusalem. An active group in Israel at the present time is one known as "Messianic Jews." This group accepts the New Testament just as they do the Tenach. They keep the Sabbath and all the Jewish holy days. In general, they practice Judaism and at the same time believe in Jesus as the Messiah. The leader of the movement lectured recently in the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Special. Junior-Intermediate and Teen-Age teachers are urged to look at Parts II and III in the back of the Brethren Teacher for special helps.

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Fearful Sights in Heaven

The surest, most certain thing in all the world is that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming again. Why do I say that? Because (1) the same prophets who told of His first coming also tell us of His second literal coming; (2) the same Holy Spirit who told of His first coming also tells of His second coming.

First Coming Literal

The first coming of our Saviour was literal. He became a literal man, born of a literal mother, in a literal stable, and was visited by literal shepherds and wise men. No one is foolish enough to deny the literal fulfillment of the events connected with His first coming. Yet people will argue against and deny the spiritual truths concerning His second coming. They want to do away with this teaching. Why? It has a cleansing effect.

Let us see in Scripture some of the characteristics of the times when our Lord shall come again.

Fearful Sights and Signs

1. Luke 21:11. Fearful Sights.

Jesus said that the end time would be characterized by fearful sights and signs in the heavens. I think we can see evidenced on all sides some of these things today. Is it not a fearful sight to see the heavens lit up and cities 400 miles away aglow

with the light from the explosion of an atom bomb. Is it not a fearful thing to hear folks talking about flying boxcars, and about trips to other planets. Wondrous signs!

2. Luke 21:25. Distress of Nations.

Our nations today *are* distressed. How do I know? We would not have the UN organization if it were not so.

Christ adds the words "with perplexity." To be perplexed is to be without a solution or an answer. What could better describe the dilemma of our diplomats, or the problems in Korea, and in other places.

Storms and Floods

Even the sea and the waves are on the rampage. You may laugh at this, but let me remind you that we have had some terrible storms and floods in the recent past.

These signs may refer to the close of the Tribulation period, but that is the very reason why these signs should mean more to us. Someone has said that signs are for Israel, not for the church (I Cor. 1:22). This is true. But that does not prevent our reading them.

As I ride along the road I read a sign: "Boilermakers Picnic—Turn Here." I'm not a boilermaker—I'm not going to their picnic. But this does not prevent me from knowing where and when they are going to have their picnic. The same thing applies here. I don't plan to go through the tribulation period. I have troubles enough now. I'm going to be taken before these things occur. But thank God I can read the signs. I can know the seasons in which I live.

No Excuse for Ignorance

There is no excuse for ignorance on the part of Christians. May the Lord lead us to heed the words of Scripture: "Seeing that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all



holy conversation and godliness" (II Pet. 3:11).

For those outside of Christ there will be judgment. The more one hears, the greater is his responsibility, according to Luke 12:47-48.

Conclusion

There are two things that ought to be stressed in conclusion.

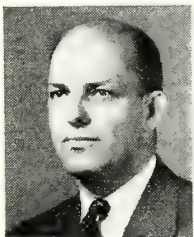
1. If you are a Christian, knowing that the season of the Lord's return is upon us, you should be spending your time and talents serving Him.

2. If you are unsaved, you should be making preparation for that day. Learn the ABC's of salvation.

A. *Acknowledge* that you are a sinner. Accept what Christ has said about you.

B. *Believe* on the Lord Jesus Christ. Don't trust on feeling or emotion or works.

C. *Confess* Him with your mouth. Do it now. *It is later than you think!*



By H. Leslie Moore
Meyersdale, Pa.



THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS MONEY

By K. E. Richardson, Radford, Va.

Under the law God's people were commanded to give a tenth of their income to the Lord, which, for a Christian, should be only the beginning of our giving unto the Lord. For until after we have given more than a tenth we have given nothing of our own, but in giving the tenth we are just depositing into the treasury of the Lord's work that which belongs to Him. If we fail to return to Him this tenth we are spending for ourselves money that really does not belong to us at all. Many of us would not think of spending for ourselves something that belongs to our neighbor, yet week after week we use for ourselves money that belongs to our God.

Psalm 50:10-12 teaches us that all we have belongs to God. Also I Corinthians 6:19-20 reminds us that we are bought with a price, therefore we are not our own. All we are and all we have belongs to Him. Let us remember the price that He was willing to pay when He died in our stead that we might have His great salvation. Many think that if they work for their money it belongs to them and they are under no obligations to anyone else. Had it not been for Jesus' love to us we would still be in our sins and with no hope of eternal life. How are others to hear of this great love if we are not willing to help spread the Gospel by our lives and with our gifts. What we give we have and what we keep we lose, spiritually speaking.

When we give, we are laying up treasures in heaven (Luke 12:33), and where our treasures are there will our heart be also. If we are really concerned with spiritual things we will not only want to lay aside the tenth, but we will joyfully give more. We should not think of how little we can get by with, but how much more can we give than God commanded under the law. To illustrate, if one has invested a sum of money in a business venture, he will be concerned. The greater the amount invested the more concern he will have. The same applies to

the Lord's work. If we have just a little invested we shall have just a little interest, but the more invested the more interest we will have. How can we expect to be used of the Lord if we keep back what rightfully belongs to Him?

Recently a dear Christian brother said that he had only a small income and it took all he could possibly get to live on. He would like to help financially, but just could not afford it. I reminded him of Mark 12:42-44, where Jesus saw the poor widow deposit her gift in the treasury and what He had to say of her. She had given more than any of the others because she had given all she had. Christians cannot afford not to tithe. Experience has taught us that the nine-tenths will go farther if the one-tenth has first been taken out and deposited in the Lord's treasury or work. What rewards await the poor widow who was glad to give all she had! Certainly God would bless such a one by providing for her every need.

I am by no means rich in this world's goods, but I have many times made the proposition to my people that if they will try tithing for six months and if after that time they are not satisfied that it pays to tithe, I will make up what they have deposited in the church treasury myself. Several have started tithing as a result of this offer, and so far no one has come asking me to make up for what he has given. Being poor is no excuse for not giving back His part. Malachi 3:10 reminds us that it is possible to rob God. Very few of us like to be called robbers, yet we may be robbing God when we certainly would not rob our fellow man, nor want to do anything dishonest. Think this over as you read these passages and let God's Holy Spirit guide you in your financial giving.

First Corinthians 16:2 gives us a good system to follow in our giving. Read it and put it into practice. The first day of the week suggests several things to us. (1) Put God and His



work first. The Christian should put nothing before his Lord. The reason there are so many weak and sickly Christians today is that they are giving to some *thing* the place that some *One* should have. By sickly Christians I do not mean sickly in body, but spiritually sick or weak and defeated. (2) We begin the week rightly by putting God's part aside before thinking of spending any for ourselves. Too many of us pay up all our bills, keep out some for worldly amusements, put a little in the bank or buy a bond, all of which are all right, but where the sad part comes in, if there is any left over after this maybe we put that in the church offering. In other words we are giving Him the leftovers. If nothing is left over, then He just doesn't get anything that week.

The early church believed in helping others with their gifts. Maybe that is one of the secrets of God's blessings on them. They were interested not only in themselves but in others. Isn't it just a little selfish when we know something of the joy of being saved not to share it with others? I can think of nothing more glorious than when I get to heaven to see someone there that will say they are there because of my gift or influence. After all, we were left here for just one purpose after God saved us and that was to carry on His work for Him. As we are nearing the end of the age, certainly we have the greatest privilege of any generation of believers. Let's redeem the time by living for Him and by beginning with giving more than the tenth of our income.

INTO THE HEIGHTS

PROPHECY

One of the attributes of our God is faithfulness. Because He is faithful, He commends faithfulness in His people, and condemns unfaithfulness. The message to Thyatira is primarily one of reproof for unfaithfulness in the saints in that place.

On the human level it is possible for one to move from a condition of faithfulness to a state of unfaithfulness. This happens many times in the relationship between husband and wife, particularly when one mate manifests a love for and a turning toward another person. This involves, in many instances, fornication.

The church at Thyatira had committed spiritual fornication in that she had imbibed so freely of false doctrine that she became unfaithful to her God, and pledged her alle-



Clyde K. Landrum

price that the saints pay for spiritual fornication.

In order that we might see something of the subtlety and at the same time the deadly accuracy with which such false teachings work, let us look briefly at the parable of the

system, the faithful and loving relationship between Christ and His church was greatly harmed. As these false doctrines were brought in and mingled with the true teaching of God's Word, the evil so permeated the good that the good was nullified. Even the works that they did became a system of dead works. Such was the low ebb of affairs in the church as Martin Luther came on the scene.

The message to Thyatira also reaches across the centuries and becomes applicable to us today. We have in the church—the body of Christ—the truth. Jesus' prayer in John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth," should be our prayer today. For the leaven is at work, seeking to leaven the whole. So many are being carried

THE MESSAGE TO THYATIRA

By Clyde K. Landrum

(Revelation 2:18-29)

giance to false leaders. Jezebel, the personification not only of fornication but also of all that is evil, is used as the figure of this sad spiritual state in the church at Thyatira.

There is a broader application of the Thyatiran message. It was indeed for that local church in what is now Asia Minor, but it prefigured a period in the history of the church which our Lord knew must surely come. It covered the approximate 1,000-year period from 500 A. D. to 1500 A. D. False doctrine was introduced to such a point that the church actually was involved in spiritual fornication. The Jezebel of this illicit spiritual love affair was the Roman Catholic Church. As one studies carefully this period in the history of the church, a time in which the light of God seemingly almost went out, he sees the awful

leaven in Matthew 13:33. This parable *does not* picture the working of the Gospel in this world of sin, eventually resulting in the conversion of the whole world. Leaven in the Bible always speaks of an evil influence, particularly false doctrine. Christ himself so speaks of it in Matthew 16:11-12: "How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the *doctrine* of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."

In this dark period of church history the Roman Catholic Church had become dominant. By bringing in such false doctrines as justification by works, image worship, Mariolatry, confession, and the hierarchial

away with the false doctrines of Catholicism, the faith healers, the quacks, and the setters-forth of false cults and isms that one's heart aches as he beholds the resultant spiritual pandemonium. Fornication and unfaithfulness are almost received today as unavoidable conditions. And following in the wake of these are lax morals and ungodly living. The church—the body of Christ—is today in such a state of compromise with these godless forces that one feels compelled to cry out, "Sanctify them through thy truth!"

Beloved, ours is a holy calling. Let us walk in the light of God's Word. Let us store up and guard the truth in our hearts, and then manifest the truth in a holy walk. So shall we be found faithful at His coming. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

MOMENTS on the MOUNT

PATIENCE (PSALM 40)

By Clarence Lackey, North English, Iowa

"I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord" (Psa. 40:1-3).

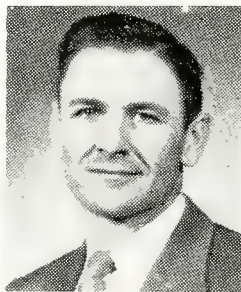
In all probability these words came from the heart of David and perhaps, as he penned them by divine inspiration, he surely must have had in mind some particular trial or affliction which he had undergone. He had experienced numerous testings and trials during his lifetime in the service of the Lord. He may have had in mind some outstanding difficulty which he had endured at the hand of King Saul. This, however, we are not told. But, at any rate, we do know that whatever it was, he sought the Lord in earnest, persevering prayer. And in God's own good time He answered his cry and thus delivered him from the pit of seeming despair.

Impatience

Patience is a virtue that should possess the heart and life of every believer. For without it, be assured, there can be no real victory and triumph in the service of our Lord and Saviour. Certainly it can be said that patience is a necessary "fruit of the spirit" (Gal. 5:22, Williams trans.). Let it be pondered well, *impatience is a deadly poison to the believer's spiritual life!* It is a "kill-joy" and thus hinders spiritual growth. If we allow impatience to rule our lives, then we automatically put ourselves in a position to yield to Satan's temptations. Impatience is a trick of the Devil and thus is one of his deadly weapons against you and me. If, by God's grace, we do not conquer it then we should not be surprised if we find ourselves in a complaining, fault-finding, and criticizing attitude. Furthermore, impatience will lead to unwise decisions and thus deviate us from the path of God's will. Impatience is

akin to doubt and unbelief and that which produces an occasional outburst of uncontrollable temper. Impatience "spells" a defeated Christian life—that is, if it is continually practiced.

We find recorded in the Scriptures many examples of impatience. For instance, the children of Israel surely must have allowed impatience to take possession of their hearts, for when they were put in the place of waiting and testing they began to complain and murmur against God and His servants (Num. 14:2-3). As



Clarence Lackey

a result, God's hand of judgment struck and they were left to wander in the wilderness for 40 years (Num. 14:25-35), except those of Israel who waited patiently upon God in faith. This impatience can be traced back to unbelief, and, therefore, God's blessings were withdrawn from them. Impatience is a deadly thing!

Perfect Example of Patience

In the First Epistle of Peter it is written that our Lord "suffered for us, leaving us [believers] an example, that ye should follow his steps: . . . Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously" (I Pet. 2:21, 23).

Surely it can be emphatically said that our Lord was altogether the perfectly patient One from the cradle on through the ignominy of His cross. What He endured during His earthly ministry is, without doubt, beyond our comprehension. Think

of His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane which was caused by the enormous weight of our sins pressing down upon His spotless character. Think of that cruel and heartless mob that laid its hands upon Him and led Him to Caiaphas, the high priest, and the Sanhedrin.

Think of the false accusations and how they spit upon Him and struck that blessed face with their blood-thirsty hands. Think also upon all the mockery, scourging, spit, slaps in the face, the crown of thorns which He endured at the hands of Pilate, Herod, and their cold-hearted soldiers. And, above all, outside of Pilate's judgment hall were His own people (Israel) crying for His precious blood. Even His disciples forsook Him. And, worst of all, He was nailed to a shameful cross, the agonies of which no human tongue can ever tell. Yes, and around the cross in His dying hours they mocked Him and challenged Him to come down from the cross.

But, in the face of all this, "when he was reviled, he reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not" (I Pet. 2:23). In all of this, never did He entertain an impatient thought nor did one murmur or complaint ever escape His holy lips.

It is easy to talk about patience when things are going well and especially when we can have our own way. But ah, beloved, just let adversity come, let the millstones of affliction start grinding, let false accusations be hurled at us; let someone strike with the cold shoulder, and let disappointments and failure come, what then? Then we can talk about patience. We will never know genuine patience until God allows us to experience some of these things. But, thank God, when trials do come to us we know that we have One who has passed through the acid test, as it were, thus setting before us a perfect pattern of a patient life.

Results of Patient Waiting

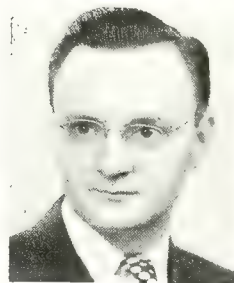
Many are the results of patient waiting upon the Lord. In our verses (Psa. 40:1-3) we notice that

FROM OUR PULPIT



WHO IS A PROTESTANT?

By Marion Gates, Leon, Iowa



The term "Protestant" was first used in 1529. The Catholic party which was in the majority was emboldened by the Pope to proclaim an edict which forbade the progress of the Reformation in the states which had not accepted it, while giving full liberty in the states that adhered to Rome. The Elector of Saxony and several other princes, together with 14 cities decried the decree. Therefore the name "Protestant" was given to the followers of Luther or those who had come out of Catholicism. They protested that that which would take away religious freedom from the people would keep them in bondage to Rome.

Today the term is used very loosely. In fact, anyone who is not a Roman Catholic is considered to be a Protestant. Many who are not even members of any church consider themselves to be Protestants, even though they have never protested Romanism or modernism.

Today in America there are three groups which call themselves Protestant. We will deal with each of these three groups and seek to determine who is a Protestant.

There is a group call "fundamentalists." This group of believers contend that the following doctrines are taught in the Word of God: The verbal inspiration of the Scriptures (II Tim. 3:14-17; II Pet. 1:21); the deity of Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:8); the virgin birth of Christ (Isa. 7:14;

Matt. 1:18); the vicarious atonement on Calvary's tree (Heb. 9:22; I Pet. 1:18-19; Eph. 1:7); the bodily resurrection of Christ (I Cor. 15:20-25; I Cor. 15:3-4); that He is now seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession for the saints; and, finally, in the Father's time, Christ will return for His saints. Later, He will return to rule and to reign on the earth.

This group also believes in separation from all apostasy (II Cor. 6:14-18; Eph. 5:11; II John 6-11; Rev. 18:4). This group of believers are protesting Roman Catholicism and modernism, and are admonishing believers who are in the apostasy to come out and be separate as the Word of God teaches.

The second group of Protestants believe all the doctrines as taught in the Word but they do not believe in separation from the apostasy. They will go along with union campaigns in which modernistic preachers are in charge of important committees. Some go to the extent of allowing modernists in their pulpits. This group will protest against Romanism, mildly against modernism, but refuse to affiliate with the "fundamentalists."

The third group is called "modernists." They deny all the major doctrines in the Word of God. In fact, some go as far as to say we do not have a written revelation from God. This group of so-called Prot-

estants are busy teaching a "social gospel" and protesting the work of the "fundamentalist." They do not protest Catholicism because it is not giving them any trouble.

The true Protestant of today is the "fundamentalist." He is protesting against Catholicism and modernism because both of these groups would take away the religious freedom of the people. One is as dangerous as the other because "modernism is simply a whistle stop on the way to Rome." For a believer to compromise the Biblical position on separation by helping in union campaigns or permitting modernistic teachers in the pulpit is to help build the church of Rome and eventually the world superchurch.

Beloved, we need to awake to the task before us. The lines are drawn and we need to stand firm on the Word of God and not on the figments of our imaginations. We are saved to be witnesses who are to please God and not man. We please God by obeying His precious Word. Will you take your stand for Him?

the psalmist mentions several outstanding ones. First, answer to prayer. "He [God] inclined unto me, and heard my cry." Though the psalmist waited long for the answer, thank God he did not wait in vain. Neither do we, but oh, how many times we have patiently waited up to the very threshold of the answer, as it were, and then gave up in despair. No doubt many answers to our prayers and blessings have been thwarted because we failed to wait. God help us to wait! Second, deliv-

erance. "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay" (vs. 2a). Sometimes God permits us to be cast into the pit of trial, temptation, or affliction, but let us remember, beloved, that whatever comes to us, by the way of trials, it is always for our profit and the Lord's glory (Rom. 8:28). Yes, we may pass through the dark valley of tribulation, but, praise God, when we have been brought through by His sustaining grace, to the other side, we just shine brighter than

ever before. Third, our spiritual feet are placed upon solid ground and we are thus given a firm footing—"and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings" (vs. 2b).

Fourth, this leads to a new occasion for extraordinary praise and thanksgiving to our God for victory—"and he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise to our God" (vs. 3a). The great Apostle Paul said, "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Annuities—Investments for Eternity

WHAT IS AN ANNUITY?

Here is an example of an annuity. In the good providence of the Lord a man has \$1,000 he would like to give to some worthy cause. However, his need for an income makes it impossible to give this money before his death. He finally decides to purchase an annuity bond from some institution. The contract drawn up states that the principal is a gift to this institution and also that the giver shall receive a fixed rate of interest during the remainder of his life. The principal is safeguarded during the lifetime of the giver by being invested in protected property rights. At his death the principal is fully released for the use of the institution.

WHY INVEST IN BRETHERN ANNUITY BONDS?

1. They provide a regular income similar to income from other types of bonds.
2. They provide a secure income because the principal is invested in protected property rights as long as the donor lives.
3. They pay a higher rate of interest than most other investments because there are no paid field representatives.
4. They provide a definite means of making Jesus Christ known as the only Saviour and Lord of life.
5. They give a sense of satisfaction to the giver in that he has promoted the Brethren faith which blessed his own soul.

WHAT IS THE RATE OF ANNUAL RETURNS?

The rate of interest is computed on the basis of the age when the annuity bond is purchased.

Up to age 54—	5%	65-69—	6½%
55-59—	5½%	70-74—	7%
60-64—	6%	75-79—	7½%
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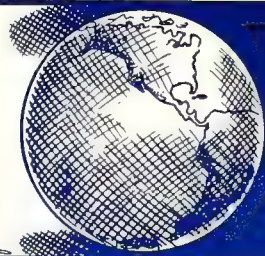




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"Come Ye Apart"

Mark 6:31



COME YE APART FOR STRENGTH

By Mrs. Rose Foster, Missionary

In the word "come" we have an invitation. In all of the invitations that we receive, the word "come" or its equivalent is used. So here, as we read the words, "Come ye apart for strength." We have an invitation; we have a place; we also have a purpose. "Come apart." Don't stay where there are a number of persons, where there is confusion; but rather "apart," where there is quietness and an atmosphere of peace. "Apart" suggests a place of separation as to time and place.

But there is also the purpose for which we are to come apart: "For strength." How important it is to have strength. The world tries to gain physical strength in athletics, exercise, and other methods. These are good in themselves, though sometimes they incapacitate the body instead of strengthening it. We believe that the source of strength for the Christian is found in the Word of God. In it a better way is recommended and always proves sufficient for every need.

Perhaps the testimony of some of God's servants, when they needed strength and experienced victories, would encourage us to seek the same source and enjoy the same blessings.

If we turn to Exodus 15:2 we hear Israel singing a song of praise to God, for the safe crossing of the Red Sea. That experience demanded strength, and God had supplied it. They were delivered from the hands of their persecutors, and safely on the way to the promised land. Their song gave praise to the One who had supplied the strength for this deliverance and hazardous crossing.

OUR COVER PICTURE

We are midway in our Grace Seminary project period. The cover is a composite, showing some of the things at Grace Seminary that have been the gift of National WMC—chapel furnishings and carpet, bookshelves and books for the library, sidewalks around the building, and a very popular snack shop. This year the snack shop is operated by an active WMC member who has a son in the college. Mrs. Byers has become famous among students and teachers alike for her delicious homemade soups and "melt-in-your-mouth" pies. No place in the school fills a greater need than this snack shop.

And our present project? It is under way. The walls have been painted and the draperies have been hung, and before many weeks the furniture will be arriving and the students will then have a beautiful "homelike" lounge, thanks to the generosity of WMC.

If we turn to the Book of Psalms and hear David, we realize that his source of strength was the same as Israel's. In Psalm 18:2 we can almost hear David shout: "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust." And again in Psalm 28:7, "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped." Because David went to the God of heaven and earth for strength, he was helped and was able to give his testimony to the world to the faithfulness of God.

As Christians, we recognize that there are at least two kinds of strength that are needed daily, yea hourly, as we travel the pilgrim pathway. Like Israel and David, we have the same source to rely upon and to draw from. We can truly say: "The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" Dangers are constantly about us. Those in the homeland are apt to think that most of the trials and dangers are to be found on the mission fields. Perhaps that is true. Yet with some exceptions, we feel that the most dangerous life is lived right here in America. This fast and furious age calls for a strength that is more than ordinary or human.

As we recall some of the difficulties of the mission field we remember the many times we had to call on the Lord for strength. In pioneering a new field, our home was one room without a ceiling of any kind, when nothing but a none-too-heavy grass roof was all that sheltered us from the blazing tropical sun. The heat in that room was so intense that the evenings until midnight were spent under the stars, waiting for the room to cool sufficiently to be able to rest. How tired and limp we felt in the morning. Yet the daily duties were before us, and strength to care for them was needed. Never failing to meet with the Lord each morning before we met with anyone else, the Lord never failed to meet our need and fit us for the tasks of the day.

Then again when bush trips were made by *tepoi* and *pousse-pousse*, we needed strength to get the Gospel to the people. On one such trip the terrain was rough and mountainous and high hills were in evidence everywhere. It was inhuman to ask or expect the natives to carry us, and too difficult to walk—or should I say, climb—those hills. Yet we chose the latter. One place was particularly steep, with just a narrow path, a high embankment to the right and a deep descent into a valley on the left. No shelter from the sun and no place to rest, except to occasionally lean against the embankment. It seemed impossible to go on. We prayed as we put one

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foot forward and dragged the other one on behind. The Lord enabled us to finally reach the summit and to descend the steep incline on the other side onto a more favorable road. When we reached a village, a large crowd was waiting for us and, before we had time to rest, we were asked to tell them the "Good News" that was inside of us.

On that same trip, one day as we drew near to a village we heard the furious beating of drums. Our native pastor, Volongou, who was with us, said: "There is a sorcerer in this village." Sure enough, as we entered the village we saw the people gathered in front of one of the huts of a couple that had no children. A small altar had been built in front of the doorway. A chicken had been sacrificed, some of the chicken feathers had been placed on the altar, and some of the blood had also been dabbed on it and on the woman, who sat in the doorway. Beneath the altar in a bowl was the chicken boiling, and not far away sat the husband and the sorcerer waiting for the sacrificial morsel to satisfy their appetites. There they were, with an altar, a sacrifice, and blood, but without the knowledge of the true God, the Lord Jesus, "who once in the end of the world hath . . . appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

We needed spiritual strength to quiet them so as to be able to impart to them the wonderful words of life, that bring salvation to all who will hear. How we prayed that they would surrender to the Lord and be delivered from the power of the deceiver and to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Volongou gave the message, speaking in their own language, but they did not seem to hear. We had to leave without so much as a smile from any of them. How great is the darkness of the heart where the light of the Gospel has not penetrated.

You may not have need of strength for experiences like these. But we do know that our strength is not sufficient for the tasks and emergencies of each day. Sometimes it may be physical strength that is lacking and other times spiritual. But whatever the need the invitation is all-inclusive and for all: "Come ye apart for strength." When we do, then we can claim the promise God has given us: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be."

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BIBLE READING AND TRACT CORNER

Bible reading for January—Matthew, chapters 1-28; Mark, chapters 1-3.

Bible reading for February—Mark, chapters 4-16; Luke, chapters 1-15.

Tracts of the Month

1. For OURSELVES—"Getting the Best of Marriage," written by Clarence E. Macartney and published by American Tract Society.

2. For OTHERS—A little tract for those who have lost a loved one, "In Time of Sorrow," written by George Arms and published by the American Tract Society.

Both of these tracts can be obtained through the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.



One of the fine projects of the Waterloo, Iowa, council this fall was the sending of "thanksgiving goodies" to those away at school and those confined at home.

The November meeting of the Mundy's Corner, Pa., council was "big sister" night with eight visitors present.

The council at Paramount, Calif., is just one year old. They have 14 members, with an average attendance of 10 at their meetings. During this first year they have had three all-day sewing meetings in addition to their devotional meetings.

The Akron, Ohio, council is combining the national program theme with their local theme, "The Woman Others Look at—How Do We Look to God?" One month they had "The Career Woman—The Missionary," and another month "The Masked Woman," with a lesson on deception in the spiritual life.

The one-year-old council at York, Pa., is active for the Lord. One of their responsibilities is the cleaning and decorating of their local church.

Two other councils that take full responsibility for cleaning their church are those at Peru, Ind. Just before Thanksgiving the Peru Juniors had a birthday party with 12 beautifully decorated tables. The program was given by the husbands.

The two councils at Winona Lake, Ind., had a joint meeting in December built around the theme, "A Hawaiian Christmas." The Sisterhood girls were guests of the women. Each girl was presented with a crepe-paper lei and the girls pretended to be the Hawaiian Sunday school described in Mrs. Jones' mission study. The program was climaxed with the showing of a film on Hawaii borrowed from the public schools. After a time of games, enjoyed by girls and women alike, refreshments of Hawaiian punch and Christmas cookies were served to the 46 WMC women and 25 SMM girls.

The Sr. WMC at Mansfield, Ohio, reports that in addition to making gowns, sheets, and other things for the Navaho school, they sent a Christmas gift and candy for each child in the school.

A recent report from Roanoke, Va., tells us that the "Parsonage Roof" has had to be expanded just a little bit to make room for Baby Brother Mark. Our best wishes go out to our former editor, Althea Miller, along with our prayers that God will richly bless this one more little life that He has sent into that home.

Our financial secretary recently received the first amount for the "thank offering" together with this message:

"The penny a day is a good idea. My 86 years prompts me to send mine early. I pray there is a good response from our women." That offering for the "perfect" amount of \$3.65 should challenge us younger women to "go and do likewise."

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY

Bible Study—"Come Ye Apart for Guidance."
Mission Study—"Japan's Needy Throngs."

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Women Manifesting Christ

AROUND THE WORLD

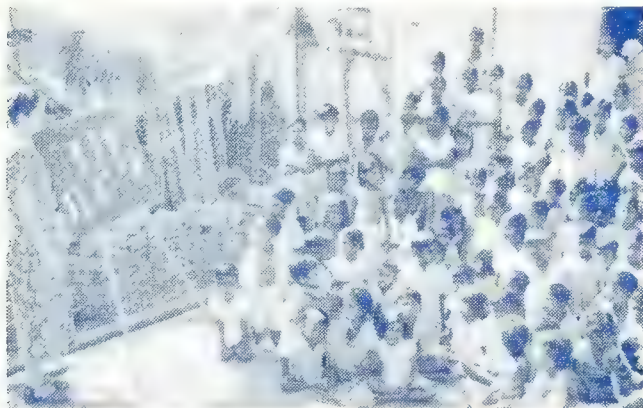
In our 'round-the-world mission studies we stop this month in the country of India. While it is true that the Brethren Church does not have a denominational mission in India, yet there have been a number of Brethren who have felt the Lord's leading to that needy land. The writer of our mission study is an outstanding Brethren woman. She is not only a missionary herself, but her two children are missionaries under our Brethren board—Marvin Goodman, Jr., to Africa and now to France, and Mrs. Edward Miller to Brazil.

Before going to India, Mrs. Goodman was active in WMC. She lived in Winona Lake, Ind., for several years and during part of that time was national literature

secretary. In 1948-49 she was national vice president, from which position she resigned to go to India.

Mrs. Goodman began working in California in 1938 in child evangelism and took an ever-increasing role in that important work in various States until she and her husband went to India as superintendents for India, Ceylon, and Pakistan. Their work in India is threefold: the teaching of children's classes, the training of teachers for child evangelism classes, and the printing of lessons and literature in the Indian vernaculars. They have literature in five languages now and some ready in a sixth.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman are now on furlough in California.



Mrs. Goodman With Children Near Madras, India



Mrs. Goodman With Indian Child Evangelism Teachers

ANNUAL REPORTS FROM THE WMC DISTRICTS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT

Sincere greetings from the Northwest District. It has been a joy to work together for our Lord this past year, as always. He has blessed us beyond our expectation.

We enjoyed two rallies, one in November at Albany, Oreg., and the other in March at Yakima, Wash. Our district conference was held at the new Portland church in July. Our speakers during the year included Mrs. Rose Foster, Mrs. Keith Altig, Mrs. Harold Etling, and several of the pastors of the district.

Our projects included the purchase of 75 place settings in unbreakable plastic for the tables at Camp Clear Lake, Wash. We also contributed toward a gas stove for Don and Hazel Bishop, who are foreign missionary candidates from our district. At present we are giving \$100 to help buy children's chairs, which are much needed in our Seattle work. The various local groups have contributed to the four national offerings, the Jewish thank

offering, the birthday fund, the missionary residence, and many others. We have sent clothing to Counselor Post, Albuquerque, and Taos. We have made a number of quilts, canned for a local mission, purchased church silverware, and helped with child evangelism and with our SMM groups.

We would like to be more used for His glory, and we are praying for both spiritual and numerical growth next year.—Mrs. Ernest Morrell, president.

EAST DISTRICT

It is with exceeding great joy, as this material is gathered, to note the East Fellowship WMC has 30 councils and more than 600 active members! We praise our Heavenly Father for this blessing and humbly pray that each member will be in the center of His will at all times.

Upon looking over the work projects for the district

for the past year, we find a diversified list, some of which follow:

1. Washed, cleaned, and mended used clothing which was sent to Kentucky and New Mexico.
2. Linens and household equipment furnished missionaries from "hope chest."
3. Layettes made and sent to Africa, South America, and New Mexico.
4. Leper jackets made and sent to Africa.
5. Many personal gifts to missionaries, such as wrist watches, dishes, silverware, and quilts, together with money gifts.
6. Clothing sent to Korea.
7. Special money gifts toward Jewish work.
8. Food and furnishings for missionary home at Winona Lake.
9. Special gifts made and bought for shut-ins and veterans at Christmastime.
10. Special boxes prepared for the servicemen.
11. Cleaned church, made baptismal robes, and supplied church with nursery equipment.
12. Sent flannelgraph material, scrap, and workbooks to missionaries for children's work.
13. Entertained SMM girls in WMC homes, helped to roll bandages, and had parties at church in their honor.
14. Sent Christian literature and gifts to home for delinquent girls.
15. Supplied tape to pastor for recording machine.
16. Saved all dimes for work projects.
17. Several members are full-time child evangelism teachers.
18. Special shower for pastors and wives were held by several groups.
19. Stuffed toys sent to Kentucky.
20. Many needy families were well taken care of by several groups of the WMC last year.

We are grateful to our Lord for this privilege to be able to do these things in His name, when we recall that He loved us first and put His love in our hearts.

Our great desire for our district is that we may do many more things in love, for Him who gave His all for all of us.—Mrs. Raymond Anthony, president.

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HOME MISSION OFFERING OVER THE TOP

A note received from Mrs. McCall just as the paper goes to press is as follows: "Praise is due our wonderful Lord. At this writing our home-mission offering is \$2,520.67. Isn't He wonderful? I know there will be some more come in before the end of the month."

I know we all join our financial secretary in praise to our Lord for making it possible to meet this home-mission goal. May this victory encourage each of us to do as well in our other major offerings, not forgetting our "penny a day" for our thank offering.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Before this Herald reaches you the program packets for the last six months of the year will be in the mail. We are doing our best to get them to the proper officers. If your council does not receive yours, write to Mrs. Jesse Deloe, literature secretary, and she will send them to you immediately.

NOTICE FROM PROJECT CHAIRMAN

A card from the Project Chairman suggests that we try to be more careful about the condition of clothing we contribute for our mission boxes. Perhaps a few "don'ts" would be in order:

Do not cut buttons off the clothing.

Do not give soiled clothing. Take time to launder them.

Do not give ragged, useless clothing.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Charles (Marion L.) Croker, 60, has gone to be with the Lord. The First Brethren Church of Philadelphia has sustained a real loss in the sudden homecalling

of Sister Croker, who suffered a severe stroke at work Tuesday morning, December 1, and passed into His presence in the afternoon without rallying.

She was born May 16, 1893, at Wilmington, Del., and lived all her life in Philadelphia. At the age of 5 she was brought to the Sunday school in the little frame church at 10th and Dauphin by one who is still an active member here, Mrs. Burroughs (Florence) Livezey. Under the ministry of Dr. Louis S. Bauman she accepted the Lord



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Croker

and came into the church in the year 1903. She became Mrs. Charlie Croker on June 21, 1916, after persuading him to attend church with her and seeing him come to Christ during their courtship.

From that time they have both been active members of this congregation. Their children—Ruth (Mrs. Roy Snyder) and Wayne—serving the Lord respectively in foreign- and home-missionary work reflect the generous hospitality which they have always shown to the Lord's servants. Since they established their home, they have always had a room for missionaries and many are the memories of Christian workers at home and abroad who have been refreshed by them in this way.

As a fitting climax to such a life, Mrs. Croker's last labors of devotion were to prepare the morning of her departure were to prepare beds and a full meal for the Wayne Beaver family, who arrived from Africa that evening. Feeling that she had no gift for teaching, she served the Lord faithfully in the church through visitation, and brought many into the Bible school and helped many through the ministry in the home department. In addition to those mentioned above, she is survived by her only sister, Mrs. Harry (Elsie) Eckes.

Services in her memory were held Saturday morning, December 5, with the pastor in charge, assisted by Rev. Luther L. Grubb and Pastor Sheldon Snyder, of Yellow Creek, Pa., church, the father of Roy. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psa. 116:15). —John M. Aeby, pastor.

ATTENTION, PRAYER WARRIORS! By Mary Emmert, National Prayer Chairman

Who are the Prayer Warriors? Those who make it the rule and practice of their life to pray daily for the church, its various departments, and particularly for the missionaries and their work. These intercessors, at any one place, comprise a Prayer Band.

Why should they enlist? Because there is strength in unity, and because God honors the "concerted faithful prayers of His children." Those who engage definitely to intercede daily for the work which the Lord has given us to do mutually strengthen one another's courage and resolution. We all need to remember that united believing prayer will move mountains, but that the battle is a long one and that we need to persevere.

What if one fails some one day to keep the pledge? The pledge is so worded so as not to put us under law but under grace. We promise to "make it the rule of our life to pray daily for the church," and we "rely on Him for His enabling power." It will soon become a habit with us if we sincerely set ourselves to be faithful in this service to our Master.

How does one enlist? Usually the Prayer Chairman gives occasional opportunities to enroll to all who wish to do so, both men and women. This may be done through the WMC, men's fellowship, and youth groups, or in a prayer meeting or worship service. The chairman may simply make a list of all who wish to be active members of the Prayer Band, or may give out Prayer Warrior pledge cards to each to sign.

What is the purpose of the Prayer Warrior pledge cards? They are to serve as a reminder for those signing them to be faithful in daily intercession. Each member of the Prayer Band is urged to sign a card in order to strengthen his purpose by making this covenant with the Lord.

What is done with the cards after they are signed? After the Prayer Chairman has a copy of the names of those who have signed, he or she may wish to let each one keep his own card as a constant reminder to be faithful in intercession. The cards should be renewed yearly by affixing a star to the card until all five places are filled.

Where can the cards be obtained? Write to the Literature Secretary, Mrs. Jesse Deloe, Winona Lake, Ind., and tell her how many you need. They will be sent to you free of charge.

What connection does the Prayer Band have with the special day of prayer on the 15th of the month? Naturally every Prayer Warrior will attend all the prayer services of the church, if possible, including that of the 15th. But his chief obligation, as a member of the Prayer Band, will be daily intercession in his own prayer closet. He will do this, and not let the other undone.

What is the idea in having a special day on the 15th? It started as a day set aside to pray especially for the missionary work of the church. In fact, it began on the mission field. Both foreign- and home-mission requests should be systematically and faithfully remembered in prayer, together with any other special requests for which the Spirit has burdened those present. Remember that intercession is one way in which every Christian may serve the Lord.

What are the duties of the Prayer Chairman? She should explain the purpose and value of the Prayer

Band at some worship service or at a prayer meeting, in auxiliary meetings, and by the church bulletin. Then she should enlist Prayer Warriors, not just once, but from time to time, not neglecting the renewing of the covenant or pledge cards once each year, as explained above. She should also keep a record of those who have signed. She should send special requests from her group to her District Prayer Chairman; for example, prayers for revival meetings, a change of pastors, or some sudden emergency.

The chairman also should be faithful in keeping the vision of united intercession before the group, seeing to it that they are informed quickly of every new need. A chain-telephone call list is practical in most communities. In many cases the Prayer Chairman will be asked to present the requests for the regular WMC prayer circle, and in some cases she may be in charge of the prayer services on the 15th.

What about reports? The questions concerning the work of the Prayer Band and the 15th are answered by the local WMC president on the annual report blank. She will doubtless consult the Prayer Chairman when she needs the information to make out this report.

"Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."

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Africa—

Mr. Albert Balzer.....	March 1
Verna Marie Dunning.....	March 10, 1945
Judith Lynn Kennedy.....	March 16, 1953
Barbara Jean Miller.....	March 18, 1951
Mrs. Chauncey B. Sheldon.....	March 21
Miss Gail Jones.....	March 31

Argentina—

Kenneth Paul Churchill.....	March 5, 1947
Mrs. Hill Maconaghy.....	March 21

Baja California—

Thomas Alden Howard.....	March 17, 1953
John Leroy Howard.....	March 20, 1946

France—

Beckie Maurita Fogle.....	March 17, 1948
Paul Marvin Goodman.....	March 25, 1951

Hawaii—

Rev. Foster Tresise.....	March 20
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On Furlough—

Mrs. S. Wayne Beaver.....	March 2
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SISTERHOOD of MARY and MARTHA



BEAUTY OF PURPOSE

By Althea S. Miller

There is a genuine attractiveness, a beauty if you please, about the girl who has a purpose she wants to fulfill in her life. Several years ago I knew a young man who had been dating a very attractive girl. Their friends thought this was a real "match." But suddenly they were not going together. The young man later told me that the girl's lack of purpose, her indifference to all that is worth while dimmed his interest in her. When he would ask the girl where she would like to go or what she'd like to do, her usual answer was: "I don't know; I don't care. Whatever you'd like to do." Such an attitude became boring to the young man. He wanted a girl with some initiative and purpose.

There is a prophetic passage of Christ in Isaiah 50:7 which speaks of His setting His face like a flint. Jesus Christ came to earth for a definite *purpose*, and that was to pay the penalty of man's sin. Hebrews 12:2 says of Him, "Who for the *joy* that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." There was joy in His purpose even though the end of His purpose was the agony and ignominy of death on the cross. A purposeless life simply cannot be happy, though it be lined with diamonds and all this world can offer.

Turn in your Bibles now to the first chapter of the Book of Daniel. You remember the story of Daniel, don't you? He, along with some Jewish friends, were taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, when he besieged and took Jerusalem. The king commanded his servants to pick choice youths from among the Jews and set them aside for training as future leaders of the Jews under their captive masters. Daniel was

among these choice youths who were "well favoured" and intelligent.

These boys had the best of everything including the rich foods of the king's household. Many a boy would have been happy to exchange places with Daniel. But Daniel was made of sterner stuff. He had been brought up to know and love the God of the Israelites and to live simply, even in the matter of foods, as God had taught His people in the law. He recognized in the food and general setup of living in the king's house that he would come out "soft," and less a man by yielding to the pampering of his body. Read verse 8 together. What is it that stands out so plainly in that verse? Of course, it is that Daniel *purposed* in his heart not to defile himself. The purpose started first in his heart before it became an outward act. Purity of mind and body is no accident. These come by purposeful effort. Daniel proved this by the result of his purposeful effort. He and his three friends stood out head and shoulders above all the others in training with them at the same time. Because of their purpose and desire to live God's way, the Lord Jehovah honored them. When the days of their training period had come to an end these four young men were brought before the king. The passage tells us that "among them all was found none like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego" (1:19). In all matters of wisdom and understanding the king found them 10 times better than all the wise men, so called, in his kingdom. What a reward was theirs!

Is there any purpose in your life? What is it? Now would be a good time to stop and take stock of the life God has loaned you. Does He see any beauty in your life from the standpoint of purpose? What are some of the purposes which should be part and parcel of your life as a Christian girl?

The Book of Acts is the history of the early church. It is filled with fascinating accounts of God's dealings with and through men who believed on Christ. The 11th chapter tells us that many believers who were persecuted and scattered as far as Antioch preached the Word to the Jews wherever they settled to live. Verse 21 says: "And the hand of the Lord was with them; and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord." Now when this good news reached Jerusalem they rejoiced and decided to send Barnabas to teach the new converts and help in the establishment of the new church. When Barnabas arrived "and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with *purpose of heart* they would cleave unto the Lord" (vs. 23). Are you easily led away from the things you know are right and good for a Christian girl? Or have you a purpose of heart to cleave unto the Lord regardless of

PROGRAM GROOMING FOR FEBRUARY

PRAISING VOICES—Singing unto the Lord. Open by singing theme song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus," and repeating the year verse, I Chronicles 16:29.

SWEET SAVOR—Spend prayer time in the "Perfume Corner."

CLEANSSED HEARTS—Read Scripture, Romans 12:1-2; 13:8-14.

GLOWING LIVING—Seniors study "Beauty of Purpose." Middlers study, "A Beautiful Decision." (You might include here a time of short testimonies.)

SPARKLING TALENTS—Give special number.

BEAUTIFUL FEET—Consider "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil." Close by singing SMM song, "We Are a Sisterhood of Girls," and repeating year verse for the devotional benediction, Jude 24-25.

BUSINESS MEETING.

SMM BENEDICTION (Psa. 145:1-2).

all the baubles this world can offer? God give you a purpose to cleave only to Him.

Learning a lesson from the young man, Daniel, another purpose of your life should be that of purity of mind and body. This purity doesn't come by accident. You can't read off-color stories, listen to dirty jokes, or look at suggestive pictures and expect to keep your mind pure so that God can use it for His honor. Neither can you defile your body with wrong food, or drink, or with the filthy habit of smoking, and expect it to be a temple fit for the Lord Jesus to dwell in. No girl who *really* loves the Lord will ever defile her body by undue familiarity in her associations with young men. The Christian girl's delight will be to keep her lips and body pure and clean, reserved for the young man she will some day marry "in the Lord." This will not always be an easy battle to win. Even though you are a Christian you still have a human body which is subject to all the temptations of the flesh. And Satan will work hard on you as a believer in order to mar your testimony for Christ. *Don't ever think for one moment that because you are saved you are automatically immune from temptations to defile your body.* But you can and should have victory over these temptations because "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). Let's live according to this truth!

The last purpose which we have space to mention is that of cheerful giving. Look at II Corinthians 9:7. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." God wants you to *purpose* to be generous in your life's service to Christ and in the giving of whatever money He may entrust to your stewardship. If you don't give your life, prayer, and Bible-study time, and money gifts to Him cheerfully (hilariously), don't give to Him at all. Learn now in your youth the thrill of being generous with all of yourself. Many of you can say you don't have much money at your disposal now. Perhaps this is true. But whatever you do have either by small jobs here or there, or by what your parents give you as "spending money," learn to give "out of your poverty," or small amount. You'll never regret learning to tithe (give one-tenth) as the basis of all your giving. If you have but 50 cents, 5 cents of that should go to the Lord. Try it and learn from experience that you can never outgive God either in life or possessions. Let's have *beauty of purpose* glowing in the life of every Sisterhood girl!

JOAN ADAMS WRITES:

Dear SMM girls,

Perhaps when you all read this we will be living in at least two rooms of the new missionary home at the Navaho mission.

My husband and I want to thank each and every one of you for your interest in helping with the furnishings for our new home. So far we have purchased a very nice used refrigerator, a new gas stove, and bunk beds and a dresser for our boys; also a rug for the livingroom. So with a few things of our own, until the other rooms are finished, we will get along fine.

May the Lord bless each girl as you live for Him and serve Him. May He use this home and furnishings for His glory.

Love in Jesus,

Joan Adams.



Hint 1. It's time to start thinking about having a spring cabinet meeting. This is the time to take inventory on what you have done so far. See if you are getting all your goals done so you can be an honor SMM.

Hint 2. One easy way to get a Martha goal worked off is to enlist a new girl for SMM. Let's put on a drive for new members this month and see how many we can get.

Hint 3. Are you teaching a Sunday-school class or singing in the church choir? These also count for the Martha goal. SMM girls should be ready and willing to help in the church whenever they are needed.

Hint 4. What is your Sisterhood doing to boost your national offering? Why not have a penny contest and see which girl can fill a small jar with pennies first.

FASHION NEWS OF SISTERHOOD

FROM THE WATERLOO, IOWA, JR. SMM:

We got started in September and some have many goals completed. Two new members have earned their pennants. In October, both Sr. and Jr. SMM groups presented the program to the WMC, which consisted of devotions, special music, and the SMM goals in skits and talks. A table display described each local, district, and national project. The patronesses were the hostesses, using SMM colors in the lunch and decorations. A Thanksgiving basket was prepared and delivered to our pastor and family. In our workshop we have prepared pictures for the Schrocks to use in children's work in Argentina. At our December meeting we brought gifts for the Navaho Indians in our Brethren mission school. One girl accepted Christ through the witnessing of a Jr. SMM girl.—Naomi Hocker.

FROM THE SR. SMM IN ARTESIA, CALIF.:

Our SMM girls are very active—each week something different is planned. Among these are "cookie bake," pot-luck and bandage-rolling meeting, mending and classifying books for the Sunday-school library.

FROM THE JR. AND SR. SMM'S IN COVINGTON, VA.:

The girls in Covington had a joint candlelight service on September 24. Mrs. Mohler was in charge and the

mothers were invited. Afterwards the regular meetings were held with the mothers attending. A pajama party was enjoyed by all recently.

FROM THE WINONA LAKE, IND., JR. SMM:

A good year has begun for this Sisterhood also. They have an enrollment of 13 and at the time this newsletter was received, there were two other girls who are almost on the roll. After their October meeting, the girls went "Halloweening." We're sure these girls are receiving a blessing through their Sisterhood meetings.

FROM THE MIDDLEBURY OF AKRON, OHIO:

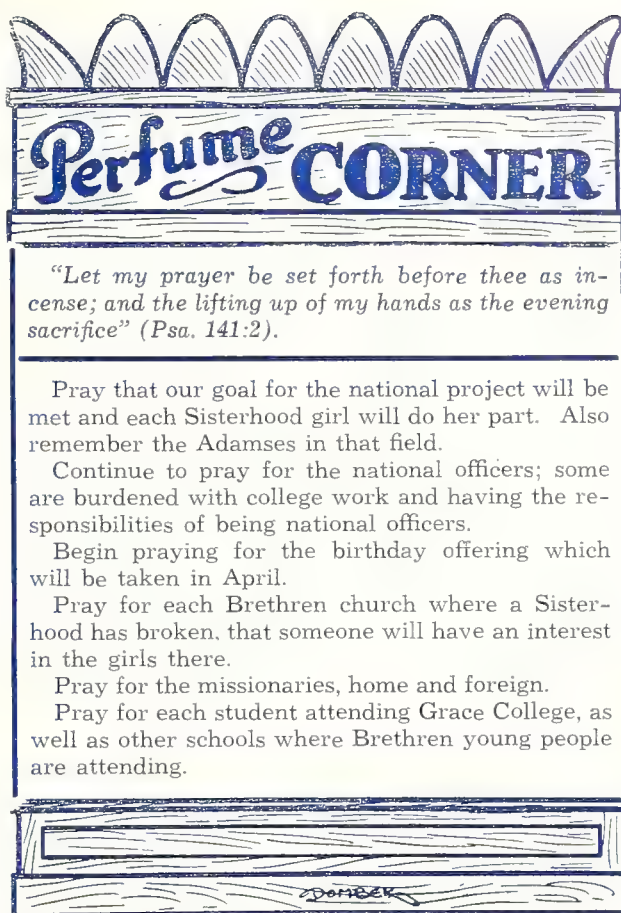
Coloring books were sent to the Navaho work; boxes of personal items were sent to Miss Evelyn Fuqua and Miss Celina Mares; figures were backed for missionary work in child evangelism.

GIRLS, ISN'T IT TRUE?

As the fashions of clothing become outdated, so does the SMM news from last year become outdated also. Why not send a few lines of interesting news your Sisterhood has experienced or is planning? The general secretary will look for a card or letter from your Sisterhood!

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Perfume CORNER

"Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Psa. 141:2).

Pray that our goal for the national project will be met and each Sisterhood girl will do her part. Also remember the Adamases in that field.

Continue to pray for the national officers; some are burdened with college work and having the responsibilities of being national officers.

Begin praying for the birthday offering which will be taken in April.

Pray for each Brethren church where a Sisterhood has broken, that someone will have an interest in the girls there.

Pray for the missionaries, home and foreign.

Pray for each student attending Grace College, as well as other schools where Brethren young people are attending.

ADVENTURES WITH THE BIBLE IN BRAZIL

By Frederick C. Glass

LESSON 6

IA. Chapter 19—In the Most Central City of South America.

- 1b. Four months' travel, 1,000 miles on horseback.
 - 1c. August 29 (p. 117).
 - 2c. August 30 (p. 117).
 - 3c. August 21 (p. 117; p. 118, par. 1).
 - 4c. September 1 (p. 118).
 - 5c. September 2 (p. 118).
 - 6c. September 3 (p. 118).
 - 7c. September 4 (p. 119).
 - 8c. September 5 (p. 119).
 - 1d. Bible sold (p. 119, par. 2).
 - 2d. A call on the President of the State (p. 119, par. 3).
 - 3d. A visit with a Catholic priest (pp. 119-120).

IIA. Chapter 20—A Greasy but Glorious Transaction.

- 1b. The Feast of the Holy Ghost (p. 121).
- 2b. A meeting in competition with the priest (p. 122, pars. 1-2).
- 3b. A visit with a Catholic woman.
 - 1c. A bargain finally made (p. 123).
 - 2c. A Bible despised, then loved (p. 124).
 - 3c. Mr. Glass finds a transformation (p. 125).

IIIA. Chapter 21—A Forgotten People.

- 1b. The Indian population (p. 126, par. 2).

- 2b. The districts they inhabit (p. 126, par. 3).
- 3b. The government expedition (p. 127, par. 1).
- 4b. A less ferocious tribe, the Carajas (p. 127, par. 2).
 - 1c. Their food (p. 128, par. 1).
 - 2c. The Indians visit the capital (p. 128, pars. 2-3).
 - 3c. Their distinguishing mark (p. 128, par. 4).
 - 4c. A baby is named (p. 128, par. 6; p. 129, par. 1).
 - 5c. Unwritten laws (p. 129, par. 2).
 - 6c. Marriage (p. 129, par. 3).
 - 7c. How to reach these Indians.
 - 1d. The site for a mission station (p. 130, par. 1).
 - 2d. The qualities needed by the missionaries (p. 130, par. 2).
 - 3d. Their social condition should be improved (p. 130, par. 3).

IVA. Chapter 22—Among the Redskins.

- 1b. The difficulty of this work (p. 132, pars. 1-2).
- 2b. Mr. Glass visits the Indians.
 - 1c. His pilot (p. 133, pars. 3-4).
 - 2c. How he was received (p. 134; p. 135, par. 1).
 - 3c. An evening in a redskin village (pp. 135-137).
 - 4c. An Indian raid (pp. 138-139).
 - 5c. How much longer will they be without the Gospel? (p. 140).

A BEAUTIFUL DECISION

By Mrs. H. Leslie Moore

"Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone;
Dare to have a purpose firm,
Dare to make it known!"

Why should we sing such a childish song? We sang that in the primary department! Maybe these thoughts are running through your heart and you think that the song quoted above is too juvenile for teen-agers. Did you ever stop to think that you need to sing these words and believe them in your heart more now than you did when you were a primary girl? Our life today is filled with decisions that must be made and surely we need to be firm in our decisions.

You remember the story of Daniel and his three friends who were taken captive into the court of Babylon. They were taken there because they were brilliant, cultured, healthy, and good-looking. There they were given a "probation" period of three years, during which time they were to be "groomed" to come before the king. They were given the same things to eat that the king was given. Think of it! Here were four boys who had eaten a diet of peas or beans all their lives and now they were to have all the rich meats and desserts that a king's chef could concoct. To many of us it would be a real thrill to be able to eat what was fit to set before the king.

But what about Daniel? The Bible tells us in Daniel 1:8, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat." Daniel made a decision that was well pleasing to the Lord. Instead of his head being turned he was steadfast in his decision, inasmuch that he made a friend of the prince of the eunuchs and persuaded him to give them a simple diet, the kind they were used to. We need not tell you that their decision was the right one, for after the time was up and they came before the king they were found to be 10 times better than all the other boys. Daniel's decision paid off.

Now what about you? Do you have decisions that must be made? Is there an attractive fellow that wants you to go out with him? How nice! But—is he a Christian? Does he want to go places where you would be ashamed for anyone to see you? Does he think we are fanatical or does he make fun of our going to church? This is a big decision. But, you say, I'm only going on a date with him. I understand that, but it may be the turning point of your life and who wants to make the wrong turn, even for a few short hours? Remember, Daniel did not swerve in His determination, not even once.

It is a good thing for Christian girls to want to be friendly and perhaps even popular, but let us not compromise with the world or its crowd to attain these goals. I know a wonderful Christian girl, who all through her high-school days had to stand against the crowd, alone. She was well-liked by all, for her pleasant personality won her friends wherever she went. Just as she was ready to graduate from high school, one of the most influential young men in her class took the time to tell her how he admired her for the stand she took for her Lord. He also told her he wished that he had the "nerve," as he called it, to stand up for his convictions. Her life had been a testimony for four years and many times she became discouraged, but to know that there

were some who had let her life be an encouragement to them meant much to her.

Making decisions is not an easy job, to be sure, but making the right ones is harder still. Of course, when we are relying on the Lord Jesus Christ to help us the burden is lighter. We can certainly rely on Philippians 4:13 in this respect for we know that He not only gives the strength to make the decision, but to carry out the decision. Will you "dare to be a Daniel"? Will you "dare to stand alone"? Will you "dare to have a purpose firm"? Will you "dare to make it know"? If you will do these four things I am sure you will have made a beautiful decision, and that the following ones will follow in its example.

SPECIAL! DIRECT FROM HAWAII!



(In the picture, the officers are standing in the front row. The one with the flower lei is the president. The picture was taken by Mrs. Tresise, the patroness.)

We have a group of fine girls, and have been having some very good meetings. The topics, "You," "Prayer Time," and "It," have proved interesting as well as helpful. Also the girls have enjoyed the missionary story, "Pondo Sees the Light." We are making some notebooks from Sunday-school papers (beginners and primaries) to give to children's hospitals at Christmastime. We are praising the Lord for all the blessings and for the privilege He has given us of giving out the Gospel here on this needy island.

As we visited in a home a few weeks ago and talked with the father and mother of one of our girls concerning salvation, the mother said she had seen such a change in her daughter since she accepted the Lord that she wanted to accept Him also. The father and mother have been faithful in Sunday school and church attendance since that time. The girl, by the way, is one of our SMM Girls.—*Marguerite Tresise.*

DON'T FORGET THE NATIONAL PROJECT!



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Tracy, Calif. The First Brethren Church recently burned the mortgage on their building. William Clough is beginning his fourth year as pastor.

Kittanning, Pa. An attendance contest was recently conducted here with the First Brethren Church showing a 29% increase and the Free Methodist Church a 41% increase. Rev. Gordon Bracker is the pastor of the First Brethren Church.

Leesburg, Ind. Three new records were recently established at the Leesburg Brethren Church with 145 in Sunday school, 123 at the morning service, and 162 at the evening service. Nathan Meyer is pastor. During the last two months there have been 29 decisions for Christ.

New York, N. Y. A quarter of a million Gospels of John in the Korean language were distributed to Republic of Korea soldiers in a front-line invasion by two Pocket Testament League gospel teams in November.

Listie, Pa. The Listie Brethren Church gave a surprise reception to their new pastor, Rev. John Burns. Gifts totaling \$110, plus personal gifts and food items were received. The Christmas program was attended by 225 persons.

Dayton, Ohio. The First Brethren Church has engaged architects to draw up the plans for their new building. A ground-breaking service is planned for the middle of January. Rev. Archie Lynn recently completed a two-week evangelistic campaign and 15 have been baptized and received into the church. William Steffler is pastor.

New York, N. Y. Dr. Walter M. Montano, editor of the *Converted Catholic*, recently declared that "Communism has found a strategic base of operations inside the Roman Catholic fortress." Dr. Montano has

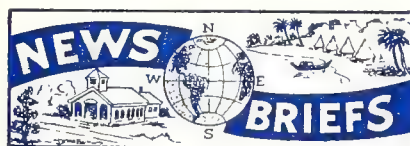
written a series of carefully documented reports in which he points out the inconsistency of the Catholic Church in its attitude toward communism. He asserts that the Roman Catholic clergy and laymen are becoming increasingly involved with communism.

Conemaugh, Pa. The Conemaugh Brethren Sunday School recently reached 150 in attendance. The community carol songfest conducted in the Conemaugh church was attended by 294. Stanley Hauser is pastor.

Osceola, Ind. Rev. Sanford Mills will conduct a Bible conference here Jan. 10-13. Scott Weaver is pastor.

Glendale, Calif. Rev. Charles Underwood has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church, effective Feb. 28, and will pioneer the new home-mission field in the Los Altos area of Long Beach, Calif.

Winona Lake, Ind. The executive committee of the Board of Evangelism met here Tuesday, Dec. 29.



Sterling, Ohio. The new baptistry of the First Brethren Church was dedicated recently. Joseph Gingrich is pastor.

Dayton, Ohio. Phil Saint, chalk artist, conducted services at the Patterson Park Brethren Church Dec. 27. Caleb Zimmerman is pastor.

Los Angeles, Calif. Fundamental churches of the Los Angeles area conducted a Faith and Freedom Rally in the Hollywood Legion Stadium Dec. 17 with Dr. Carl McIntire as the speaker. This meeting was a direct challenge from the fundamental churches to Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, who was scheduled to hold a mass meeting the following night.

South Gate, Calif. The First Brethren Church has shown an average increase in all services over last year. Alfred Dodds is pastor.

Los Angeles, Calif. Before the death of Margaret D. Allen, she wrote a will leaving three-fourths of her estate (\$28,319) "to reach souls for God." Now a Los Angeles court is seeking to determine the meaning of the will. It is possible that certain

evangelicals may benefit from the estate, such as the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the Navigators, the International Gospel League, the Crew of the Good Ship Grace, Inc., Westmont College, and others. Mrs. Ruth Kerr, wife of an industrialist, was named executor.

Mansfield, Ohio. The ministerium of the Northern Ohio District honored three pastors who are leaving the district, namely, Rev. Harold Etling, of Akron; Rev. Edward Lewis, of Middlebranch; and Rev. Lester Pifer, of Fremont. The festive dinner was given here in the Leland Hotel Dec. 28. Following dinner the entire group assembled at the recreation center owned by Mr. Howard Bolesky, a member of the Mansfield church.

Fremont, Ohio. Rev. Gordon Bracker, formerly pastor of the First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa., will assume the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church here on Jan. 31.

Biggsville, Pa. Rev. John Osburn, pastor of the Methodist Church here, has compiled and published a statement on "Why I Do Not Recommend the Revised Standard Version." He also admonishes his denomination by suggesting, "Let's put the pulpits back in the center where they belong, thus helping to reverse the trend toward Romanism in our churches, open up our churches on Sunday night for gospel preaching, discard the use of the RSV, or quit talking about evangelism."

London, England. Home Secretary Sir David Maxwell told Parliament that the number of cases involving male perversions brought before British courts has increased fourfold since 1939 when World War II began. The Moral Welfare Council of the Church of England has formally requested the government to institute an inquiry into homosexuality. (Editor—God's Word pronounces wrath upon this sin of Sodom.)

Lima, Peru. It is reported that agreement has been reached between Mr. Robert G. LeTourneau and the President of Peru, whereby a million acres of jungles will be cleared east of the Andes. Roman Catholics in the area have opposed the enterprise.

Chicago, Ill. (AP). Membership in the Methodist Church in the United States and its possessions has dropped off 28,904 to 9,151,524 in 1953, official figures disclosed.

National Fellowship OF Brethren Laymen

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

SALUTE TO FRANK CRAWFORD



—Photo courtesy Board of Evangelism.

Picture above (l. to r.) are Bro. Frank Crawford, a layman, who started the work at Berrien Springs, Mich.; Mrs. Crawford; daughter Carolyn; Evangelist R. Paul Miller.

NOTES OF INTEREST

We see that Bro. Jesse Gingrich, layman from York, Pa., has joined Team One as pianist. . . . A new type of district rally was inaugurated by the N. Ohio laymen at Wooster Dec. 13. A Sunday afternoon meeting was followed with a fellowship hour and then an evening rally. Speakers were Rev. John Dilling, of Canton, and Dr. L. L. Grubb, home-mission secretary. . . . Summit Mills, Pa., men met Nov. 24 and enjoyed a covered-dish supper. . . . Men at Washington, D. C., heard Robert C. Jackson, manufacturing executive, describe his tour to Korea recently, at their Dec. meeting. . . . A Father and Son banquet at Portland, Oreg., Nov. 20 featured testimonies from men converted at the John 3:16 Rescue Mission.

TREASURER'S NOVEMBER REPORT

(Send all offerings to Bro. Walter Hoyt, 409 Leland Ave., Dayton, Ohio.)

Board of Evangelism (\$3,000)....	\$0.00
Student Aid (\$1,000).....	0.00
Brethren Boys Club (\$250).....	0.00
General Expense Fund (\$500).....	34.00

Why Stand Ye Here . . . Idle?"

By Mason Cooper

President, National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen

[The following article was written at our request in order to emphasize the fact that our national goals are not being met. It should be read by everyone of our laymen and acted upon as the Lord leads. Acknowledgment is hereby made of the several laymen's organizations that are really doing their part in achieving our objectives and goals.—J. B. D.]

"And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?" (Matt. 20:6).

As Jesus spoke to his followers in His day by the parable of the laborers in the vineyard, I believe it still has a challenge for you who are endeavoring to follow Him today. We as Brethren have been taught in the Word that our opportunities are the only things that we can buy up for eternity. Yet when we consider the opportunities that the Lord has given to the Brethren laymen and compare them alongside what we are now doing, I believe were Jesus walking among men today He would surely say to our Brethren laymen the same thing that He asked the laborers in that day, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

Yes, four months have now passed and it seems as though our laymen have laid aside the goals that were made at National Conference. How can we as Christian men become so idle while it is yet morning, knowing there is much to be done for the Master.

Idleness is most harmful to the Christian's daily life, but one can become idle in his giving as well as his living. If we are to receive God's blessings upon our laymen's organization then I am certain that it is time that we awake, arise, and go forth to accomplish our national goals.

We have been presenting and receiving gifts at this season of the year. Somehow I cannot help but wonder just how many have presented a gift that is pleasing to our Lord. I believe at this time of the year it would be most appropriate for each of the Brethren laymen to remember our national goals for a contribution, since we are so short in our giving.

May the Lord richly bless and use us as we go forth in the laymen's work in the coming year.



Mason Cooper

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT LAYMEN MEET AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

(Gleaned from a report from Secretary-Treasurer Frank Campbell.)

Men of the Southeast District met at the Mountain View church for their November meeting. A song service, special music by a men's trio from the Ghent church, Scripture reading, and devotions were enjoyed by 40 men.

Brother S. M. Coffey reported that he had presented to the National Laymen's meeting the recommendation of a full-time layman on the field. This was put aside until next year. Reports from various churches showed an active interest in laymen's work, many services held, with numerous confessions and many

miles traveled to jails, prison camps, and other churches. The laymen also sponsored cottage prayer meetings preceding the meetings with Rev. Bill Smith at Clearbrook in October.

Men from Buena Vista, Clearbrook, Hollins, Ghent, Washington Heights, and Covington gave testimonies of the work in those places.

An offering of \$29 was taken, which, by unanimous vote, was sent to the General Fund of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen.

Bro. Mason Cooper, national laymen's president, spoke to the men and urged cooperation in the work toward the national goals.



GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Give thanks to God for His good presence and guidance through times of testing, and pray for both students and teachers that we may learn the lessons that the Lord has for us all in these experiences.

2. Praise God for the friends who give regularly each month to the support of the school, and pray that we may have at least 6,000 regular monthly givers to sponsor our dollar-a-month plan.

3. Pray for the annual offerings still being taken during the month of January.

4. Pray very definitely for the Grace Bible Conference, sponsored by the Grace Seminary Alumni Association, to be held during the last week of January.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the missionaries in Africa and Argentina as they endeavor to carry out the decisions made at their recent respective field council meetings, and especially that the Gospel may be taken to new areas in both fields.

2. Pray for Dr. and Mrs. Barnard as their visit in Argentina comes to a close and as they go to Brazil about the middle of January.

3. Pray that the Lord will definitely lead in the matter of a location and meeting place for our work in Honolulu; the quarters which have been used were to be vacated by the first of the year.

4. Pray for the Mason family now in Africa. Dr. Mason will have a bit more study—in the Camerouns at the American Presbyterian Hospital—before getting into the work in our field.

5. Pray for the Goodman family as they join forces with the Fogles in France. This field is a difficult one and these two families deserve our utmost in prayer.

6. Continue to pray for the Lord's will in relation to the French school in Africa. As far as we know, the

government permit has not yet been granted.

7. Pray for trained national leadership in the fields of Brazil and Baja California.

8. Pray for the missionaries home on furlough, that they may be blessed physically and spiritually. Also pray for them as they will be engaged in deputation work among our districts and churches in the coming months.

9. Pray for the foreign board as the midyear meeting is scheduled to begin March 1. Many items must be considered, especially in relation to the fields of Argentina and Brazil, which are now being visited by the general secretary.

10. Pray for our entire missionary personnel, the members of the board, and the office staff, that the Lord will lead all in a special way in giving forth the Gospel in foreign lands in 1954.

HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray that Denver will soon be able to complete the upper auditorium to meet the need of their rapidly growing Sunday school.

2. Pray that the Lord will bless the newly organized men's group at Chico, and that it might be used to reach the lost in that growing field.

3. Pray that the Lord will be able to use some of the Navaho mission and boarding school young people for gospel team work.

4. Praise the Lord for the revival at the Johnstown Riverside church, started by Evangelistic Crusade Team No. 2. And pray for wisdom and guidance in the consideration of the right time to begin a building program.

5. Praise the Lord for making it possible for David Tollardo to give his full time to the ministry at Arroyo Hondo, and pray that he will be used to reach his own people of that area.

6. Pray that God's program for Brethren home missions will be fulfilled in 1954 by the missionary, by the administrative personnel, and by everyone who makes up the organization.

HERALD COMPANY—

1. Pray that the officers in our local churches will assist the office staff of the Herald Company by sending their Sunday-school orders in as early as possible.

2. Pray for three new employees

that are soon to join the Herald staff, replacing present members who have found it necessary to resign. This involves breaking-in, and we urge you to pray that these new members of our Herald staff might rapidly grasp their responsibilities.

WMC (East District)—

1. Pray that we may be a real joy and inspiration to every SMM girl to live for Christ. (They are the WMC of tomorrow.)

2. Pray for our program committee as we meet to plan the programs for 1955, that we may be in the very center of His will.

3. Pray for our executive committee that our leadership will always be pleasing to Him.

4. Pray that we will live so close to Him that we will be constrained to reach out to the lost and bring them to our wonderful Lord.

BYF—

1. Pray for the youth director as he works among the churches of southern California in January and February.

2. Pray that our BYF's will really back our foreign-mission project (the support of Bekoro Station in Africa) and also our national BYF work with their offerings.

3. Pray for our Boys Club leaders, that they may have the wisdom and courage to keep going in the work.

4. Pray especially for some of our young people in secular colleges where their faith and life are often severely tested.

THIS IS VICTORY

By R. E. Neighbour, D. D.

To feel the tempter's mighty power
Without appeal,
To know the pull that money has
And never kneel,
To be entranced by honor's glare
And have no urge,
To hear the voice of passing pomp
And not submerge,
To be uplifted, lauded high
And sense no pride,
To gain an orator's great fame
And never stride,
To be exalted to the skies
Yet self disdain,
To be contemned and set aside
And not complain.

All this is victory!



A NEW YEAR

The familiar phrase, "Happy New Year," has been upon the lips of men and women everywhere. It is a wonderful opportunity to catch up on the greetings that we have been neglecting all year. There is something about turning over the last page of the old calendar and looking on a clean white page that indicates a new year that is different from all the other days of the year. Surely it is only another day and is just like all the rest of the days, and yet it is completely different.

For your Sunday-school editor this New Year's Day is completely different, for it means that he enters a new phase of the ministry of the Lord Jesus. Yes, January 1, 1954, is the day on which we begin our new duties as director of Sunday-school work among the Brethren churches of the United States. We covet your prayers as we attempt to do the work which God has given us to do together with everyone of you.

For you in your Sunday schools, this new year ought to mean much. For many of you January 1 was the beginning of a new Sunday-school year. Many new officers and teachers took their places in the leadership of your Sunday school. To those of us who have already been a part of the Sunday school it ought to give real opportunity, as we encourage, inspire, and help these newcomers in the ranks of Sunday-school workers.

One of the finest ways to begin a new year for Sunday school is to observe "Installation Sunday." Most of our Sunday schools appoint or re-appoint teachers annually. This is a good procedure and will prove sound in the administration of your school. The proper recognition of our teachers and officers is the least we can do for them. Plan now for a service of recognition. Have all your teachers and officers seated together in the morning worship service of your church. Make much of the impor-

tance of teaching the Word of God. Close the service with a fitting installation service which will publicly dedicate your teachers to the task for the year 1954.

Some Inventory Questions

New Year's Day is often used by industry to check up on its inventory. Why not use the time to check up on our Sunday-school program for the year 1954? How much will you attempt to do this year?

Will you set a goal of at least a 10-percent increase in your average attendance for Sunday school? If every Sunday school in the Brethren Church would adopt this goal it would mean more than 2,000 members and more than 2,000 more in Sunday school every Sunday in 1954. Is this worth while?

Will you set a goal of every teacher trained to do the work? If you will, this means that you will have a teacher-training program in your church during this winter season. Trained teachers will pay dividends for eternity. No church can afford to be without a teacher-training program. For every training class there will be increased enthusiasm among your pupils. Is this worth while?

Will you set a goal of at least a new Sunday-school class in your school in 1954? New classes give new opportunities for additional workers. New classes give new opportunities for additional people to be in attendance. New classes stim-

ulate old classes to get busy for the Lord. New classes reach out to those that the old classes have been unable to reach. It is a new year; why not a new class?

Will you set a goal of monthly teachers' and officers' meetings for the year 1954? This is not just another meeting at which we waste time of men and women. It is a time when the workers of your Sunday school meet together to pray, plan, and discuss ways and means of making your school a better school. The conference of workers should be planned just as definitely as the Sunday-school lesson is planned for Sunday morning. Each month can be given a different emphasis, and the meetings can be planned in different ways, using discussion, lecture, pictures, etc., all of which will stimulate your workers. It works! It pays dividends! Will you give it a try?

In Our Sunday Schools

Recent workers' conferences have been held in Canton, Ohio, Middlebranch, and Findlay churches with new enthusiasm being shown for the work of Sunday school and your National Sunday School Board. Each of these churches have voted to support the National Sunday School Board financially with 50c per member this year. Many of our churches have said they would follow this procedure with the coming of the new year. What about your church?

FIRST MICHIGAN DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

The new Michigan District has had its first district youth rally and what a success it was! With only five churches in the district, yet there were 87 young people registered for the rally and banquet, and there were several visitors who did not register. Rev. Earl Funderburg, of Alto, Mich., was in charge of fun night on Friday evening and then came registration and billeting. All of the girls stayed at the parsonage and bunked themselves on the floor of the big enclosed porch, while the boys spread themselves on the floor of the home of Brother and Sister Personett. There was not much sleeping at either place.

Saturday morning found the group back at the Berrien Springs church for prayer under the direction of Rev. W. Paul Lovegrove, of Ozark, Mich., and then the Bible hour with Rev. Richard Jackson, of New Troy,

Mich., who brought a message on the Book of Jonah. Following this the young people took a singing hike through Berrien Springs and returned with a good appetite with which to care for the fine banquet provided by the host church, Berrien Springs.

At the banquet a contest to name the new Michigan District youth camp was closed and the names submitted were judged, with the winning name being suggested by Vaughn Augst, of Lake Odessa. His prize-winning name was "Camp Christian," and he will receive as a prize a free week at the camp this coming year.

The rally was climaxed by a stirring message from Bill Smith on the theme, "Whiter Than Snow."

The next rally is to be held at Alto in February.

Brethren YOUTH

By Ralph Colburn

BRETHREN YOUTH IS GI MISSIONARY IN KOREA

Arthur Martinez, former BBC president, from Taos, N. Mex., has really been on the job for the Lord in Korea. He has been witnessing and working among both American and South Korean troops, and has had the privilege of helping many to Christ. Virtually all of his army pay checks have been spent for Korean tracts and gospels, and for Bibles.

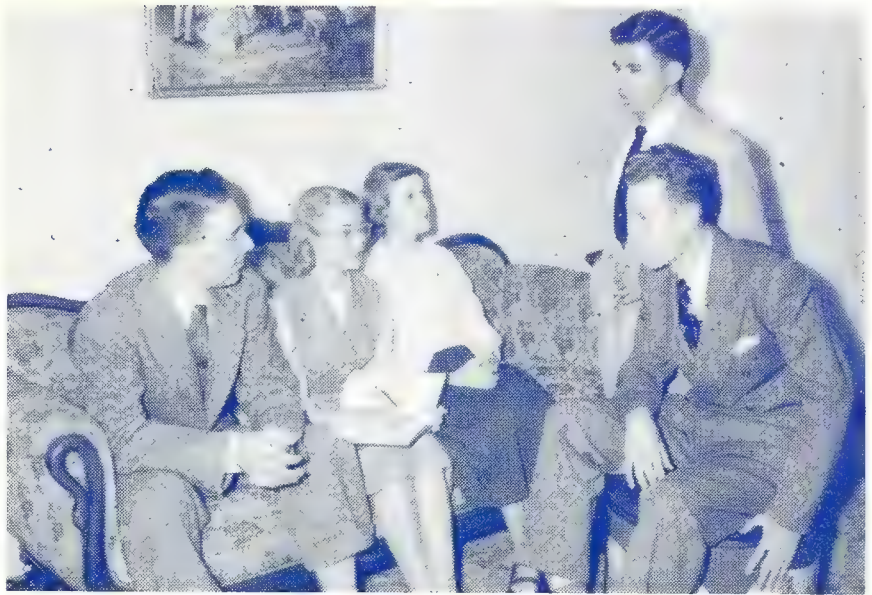
Recently he had his own tract, a personal testimony, printed in Korean (5,000 printed at his own expense, \$65!). He asks us to pray that the Lord may use these greatly as he gives them out.

Some of us are making up a gift of money to send to Arthur, to help him in his tract and gospel ministry there. If you have a dollar or five that you'd like to invest in Korea's spiritual welfare in this way, send it to the youth director clearly marked, and we'll include it as we send the gift along. Arthur tells us that the physical and spiritual needs of the Koreans are great, and that they have a real hunger for the Word. Pray for those who declare the Gospel.

YOUTH DIRECTOR HEADS WEST

From Christmas until February 20, Youth Director Ralph Colburn will be working among our Brethren churches in southern California, and can be reached by mail at his mother's home, 2267 E. 6th St., Long Beach, Calif. Then he'll be spending additional weeks in northern California and in Oregon and Washington, before heading East, about Eastertime.

"The test of the reality of our desire to know the truth is our willingness to do it."—Dean Brooks.



Youth for Christ in Roanoke, Va., is really run by the youth, with a committee of Christian business men counseling with them. They have meetings every other week and attendance is average about 160. They also sponsored a float in the Roanoke Christmas parade, and have a City Rescue Mission meeting monthly.

Five of the ten officers are active youth in the Ghent Brethren Church, and the other five come from four different churches. The Brethren of-

ficers are pictured here, and include Bob Miller (left) and Albert Hutton (standing), cochairmen; Betty Paul (center), vice chairman; Carole Kingery, assistant corresponding secretary; and Lynwood Catron (right), song leader.

These young people are "on the ball" for the Lord, and with more discouragement than help from community religious leaders, are nevertheless carrying on a real work for Christ.

ATLANTIC YOUTH MEET AT WASHINGTON



SMM session in church auditorium, Phyllis Mason presiding.

About 80 young people registered for the overnight rally of Atlantic District youth, held at our church in the Nation's Capital last Thanksgiving weekend. New officers elected were James Custer, Janet Weber, and Phyllis Mason, from Martinsburg, Hagerstown, and Winchester, respectively.

Chuck Harwood, director of Vir-

ginia Youth for Christ, and also a member of the National Gospel Quartet, which supplied much of the music, was the featured speaker. Splendid sessions were enjoyed throughout the rally. The young people also toured spots of interest around the capital. The rally was climaxed by a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

SCAPEGOAT

Kent had cut up some valued paper dolls of Dorotheann's. His sister's heart was broken when she saw the devastation. With Mother as judge, the court convened.

"Kent, you know you were naughty to get Dorotheann's paper dolls and ruin them, don't you?"

"Yes ma'am, Mother."

"Why did you do it when you knew she would be very unhappy, and the Lord Jesus would be grieved by your act of unkindness?"

"Well, I-I-I was just looking at them and Althea told me to cut them. She did, too," the lad concluded in the half-triumph of what he hoped would be a plausible excuse for his act.

"The woman . . . thou gavest me," Mother thought with a sigh (Gen. 3:12).

"But Althea is only 4 and you are 6. If she did tell you to cut them, which I seriously doubt, you knew better than to listen to her. No sin of ours is ever excused just because we have obeyed the wrong voice. Althea doesn't realize how much those dolls mean to Big Sister. You sinned when you listened to Satan's voice, for he was the one who urged you to do this wrong. He is the source of all sin and wrongdoing. Don't you think you owe Dorotheann an apology? Then we must confess the wrong to the Lord Jesus and ask His forgiveness."

A trembling voice said: "I'm sorry, Dorotheann. I'll try to remember never to do anything like this again. I'll ask Jesus to forgive me, too."

The prayer time was precious as the slate was wiped clean of disobedience, lies, and bitterness. How sweet the knowledge that Christ does forgive their sins, whether great or small in our sight, as His children look to Him in confession.

Mother suddenly felt overwhelmed with the realization that mankind is ever quick to blame someone or something for its sins. Adam does not stand alone. Now Sharon was in the house screaming at the top of her voice. The cry was more of anger and frustration than of physical injury.

"What in all this world has happened?" harried Mother inquired.

"David hit me. He punched hard."

"What did you do to him?"

"Nothing. I didn't do a thing. I was just standing out there ready to throw the ball when he came up and punched me."

"Here we go again," Mother moaned. "I'm sure David didn't hit



you for no reason at all. Not that he had any right to hit you for any reason because he is older and larger than you, but are you sure you did nothing?"

"Yes I am, Mother. Just ask the other kids."

"She was nasty, Mother. We all saw her and heard her refuse to play the right way. She defied David and he finally hit her," one of the children testified.

Of course, David had to be dealt with regarding hitting, but, as usual, Mother discovered that his attempt at disciplining Sharon was an unsuccessful effort to keep the game going according to rule. His act was not entirely without provocation. Sharon had done wrong, but tried to lay all the blame on the shoulders of another.

Was it not Aaron who said, "So they gave it [gold] me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf" (Ex. 32:24)? From where you are sitting Aaron's excuse for making the golden calf for the Israelites to worship is certainly most ridiculous. More especially, perhaps, because it came from a man of Aaron's standing and caliber as a spiritual leader of the people. But "why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own

eye?" (Matt. 7:3). O child of God, have you ever *honestly* examined some of your own excuses? Satan designs for you to use a "scapegoat" as the excuse for your sinning. A defeated Christian who blames all else for his lack of victory over sin is Satan's delight and God's despair.

Is there no way for the believer to honestly assume the rightful blame for his own sinning and spiritual immaturity? Will we never be honest with God and ourselves, or really grow up? Yes, there is a way. We will grow up, we will become honest in shouldering responsibility for sin both in our own lives and in the church life, if we hearken to the teaching of the Word. "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be *dead* indeed unto *sin*, but *alive* unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:11).

We stand on the threshold of a new year. Only God the Father knows what lies ahead both for His own and for the world. How great would be His delight, how terrific would be the impact of His love and sacrifice upon the world, if each one of His redeemed would honestly appraise his own flimsy excuses for giving God halfhearted service. Oh to honestly count ourselves dead to sin but vitally alive in testimony for Christ! May God keep us from using "scapegoats" as the excuse for impotence both inside and out.

Whose DELIGHT will you be as our blessed Lord delays His coming through this year?

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MODESTO, CALIF., JOINS SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCHES

The present La Loma Grace Brethren Church of Modesto, Calif., as it looks today, and in the upper right-hand corner as it looked before the last remodeling program completed in 1950. Rev. Harold D. Painter and his family, shown below, served eight years in Modesto, and in addition to seeing the church increased in size, saw the membership increase to 200.





Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



Should Jews Celebrate Christmas?

Christmas is pretty much a nationwide and almost a worldwide celebration. Yet in our own nation there are religious groups which frown on any celebration of Christ's birthday.

Dr. Henry E. Kagan, Reformed Rabbi of Sinai Temple, Mount Vernon, N. Y., gives us some very plain talk about what the Jewish attitude should be toward Christmas.

Should all Americans, regardless of religious faith, celebrate Christmas? Says Dr. Kagan very astutely, "Christmas is the most important Christian holy day, but cannot come within the area of Jewish celebration." He indicates that Christmas trees should be taboo in the Jewish home. Jews should observe only their own holidays. Jewish children may visit their Christian friends and observe the trees, presents, etc. Schools should be nondenominational, not even using Christmas carols, but he doubts whether this will ever happen, for the carols are too much a traditional part of Christmas. What we need is songs which contain "dogma" which can be accepted by any religious persuasion. The Jewish parent should say to his children, "You are Jewish . . . this means that you must give up Christmas trees and presents on December 25," and then the child will learn to accept this as discipline.

The veil of unbelief over Jewish eyes is thick and difficult to penetrate. The tremendous impact made by the first coming of Christ in almost every realm of life is not sufficient to prove His divine appointment by God. The manifested supernatural power of Christ while on earth, and subsequent manifestations of spiritual transforming power in thousands of God's saints leave the Jewish conscience unmoved. The fact that the whole world reckons time from the birth of Christ seems to make little difference. The weight of Bible prophecy and the exact fulfillments of scores of such prophecies leave the Jewish mind undisturbed. This very blindness so prevalent in Israel is a fulfillment of prophecy.

Dr. Kagan's attitude toward Christmas would no doubt indicate the general position of Jewry.

Evangelize the Jew!

The above information furnishes further basis and impetus for the great challenge in evangelizing America's more than 5,000,000 Jews. It is the will of God that they should hear clearly again and again the blessed message of redemption through Christ. There is no greater opportunity among the seed of Israel anywhere.

The Brethren Church has one Jewish mission strategically located in the Fairfax district of Los Angeles among a Jewish population approaching 100,000. We have only three missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Button and Miss Isobel Fraser. Although many thousands

of contacts have been made in Jewish homes and many pieces of literature have been distributed to these needy people, not even the edges of this harvest field have been reaped. More Brethren missionaries to the Jews are needed. More missions should be established in other large Jewish population areas.

Jewish offerings come to the Brethren home-mission office all through the year. Yet some churches prefer to make a special appeal for Jewish missions at this season. No funds are taken from the Thanksgiving offering to support this work.

Do not forget the Jew in your missionary plan of evangelization!

Smoking Causes Lung Cancer

A recent report released by Dr. Irving S. Wright, of Cornell University Medical College, and three colleagues, all experts in the effects of tobacco on the human body, gives some astonishing revelations. Without qualification cigarette smoking was established as a cause for lung cancer. It was stated also that the use of tobacco may mean the difference between life and death for persons with diseases of circulation. Significantly enough, most outstanding experts in this field today agree that smoking is the major cause for the greatly increased cases of lung cancer in both sexes. One doctor expressed grave concern that the male population will be decimated by lung cancer in another 50 years if cigarette smoking increases.

It is also agreed that nicotine is a major cause behind many heart ailments. Causing high blood pressure, nicotine tends to weaken the heart. One of the experts stated that smoking may have one virtue. By smoking heavily a man may have a heart attack, and thus he would not live long enough to develop lung cancer.

The recent wave of fear among smokers caused by much of this authentic publicity apparently has aroused some tobacco users to the place where they have either stopped smoking or decreased their use of tobacco. It is so noticeable that tobacco companies have felt the pinch and are spending thousands of dollars in new advertising to prove that their brands are less irritating than others. Practically every cigarette commercial on TV or radio is a direct admission that tobacco is a killer.

As we travel across the nation we feel sometimes that the case against tobacco is a hopeless one. The great majority of Americans are tobacco users. On trains, planes and buses, a nonsmoker faces certain misery and almost asphyxiation.

Tragedy lies in the fact that in spite of evidence that tobacco weakens and poisons the body, some Christians still insist upon using it. Thus they violate the temple of the Holy Spirit and limit their testimony for Christ. Tobacco has no place in the life of a Christian.

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Modesto Church Becomes Self-Supporting

January 1, 1954, marked a new birthday in the experience of the La Loma Grace Brethren Church of Modesto, Calif. As of this date the church assumed full financial responsibility for its operation and maintenance, joining the ranks of other established Brethren churches across our nation.

During recent years under the ministry of Rev. Harold Painter the church has experienced splendid and substantial growth in each department. The building is admirably suited for continued growth, with fine Sunday-school facilities and a beautiful auditorium adapted to worship.

The people and pastor of the church have applied themselves with zeal to the task of reaching lost men and building up the flock of God so that now this assembly is one of our strong witnesses for Christ on the west coast.

Rev. J. Paul Miller has been called by the church to become its new pastor, due to the resignation of Rev. Harold Painter and his moving to a new field.

Brethren people should be in prayer for this church as it launches out by faith in assuming these new responsibilities.



Rev. J. Paul Miller

MILESTONES, EBENEZER!

By Rev. Harold D. Painter

"Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (I Sam. 7:12).

"Ebenezer," the stone of help! As we look back over the past eight years in Modesto and see the milestones that have been passed, we can only say with Samuel of old, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us!"

"Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.

* * * *

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come. . . ."

Many milestones have been passed and each one "Ebenezer!"

August 1945. We came to Modesto for a short Bible conference in the La Loma Grace Brethren Church, and received a call to come as the pastor. The church had been organized under the Brethren Home Missions Council and was also receiving support from the California District Mission Board.

October 1945. We sold our house in Los Angeles and moved to Modesto to a small but thriving congregation of believers. Since that time over 200 names have been added to the membership roll of the church.

That the work of God is manifest in the congregation is evident. Missionaries who have gone from this church to foreign fields include Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Goodman, Sr., directors of child evangelism in India; Rev. Marvin Goodman, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Martin Garber, Miss Mary Cripe, and Miss Marybeth Munn, serving in French Equatorial Africa, and Rev. George Cripe, with the Navigators in France.

July 1947. Support from district missions was no longer necessary.

April 2, 1950. The new sanctuary was dedicated with appropriate services. The new building provides seating capacity of around 350 and includes nine new classrooms, which makes a total of 17 large-size rooms for the Sunday school, not including the old auditorium. The building also includes a nursery, pastor's study, choir room, and a balcony with the main auditorium and a social hall. The appointments of the building are modern in every detail, with a radiant heating system, an automatic cooling system, and indirect lighting. Asphalt tile and carpets cover all the floors. Individual upholstered opera-type seats provide seating.

August 1950. Shortly after the dedication of the new building, several families withdrew from the church and organized the Brethren Christian Center, near Escalon, Calif., under the leadership of Rev. Ralph Rambo.

July 1953. The church treasurer, Bro. James Bristow, presented a new budget to the church which would enable the church to be self-supporting. It was adopted by unanimous vote. A motion carried that we relieve the Brethren Home Missions Council of further support to us, starting January 1, 1954.

September 1953. We received the call to become the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside, Wash., and presented our resignation to the Modesto church.

Since our resignation was accepted by the local church and the Brethren Home Missions Council, there have been many other, perhaps smaller, milestones passed as we prepared to close our ministry in Modesto.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped" and His grace is still sufficient. At a recent farewell dinner the church presented us with a Christmas tree, decorated with rolled one-dollar and five-dollar bills. Other gifts included a friendship quilt, made by the ladies of the WMC, with 50 autographed blocks, neatly set together with cloth of harmonizing colors and all very closely quilted; also a picture album which has a picture of every family in

the church with a note of appreciation from each one. Many folks in parting pressed generous gifts of money in our hands and one couple, only recently saved and added to the church, presented us with a new Wilcox-Gray Recordio.

"Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!"

Our cup was full to overflowing on our last Sunday in Modesto. The auditorium was nearly full to capacity for the morning worship service and several people responded to the invitation and the front of the church was standing full as the benediction was pronounced. Among the highlights of the day was the dedication of the new baby of Brother and Sister Bill Hurst. Little Donna Kay came into this world weighing less than five pounds and lost until she weighed only slightly over four. The depths of despondency were reached when the doctor said little Donna would not live. A prayer band was quickly formed by telephone and the crisis was passed. That morning, as I held that precious little bundle and showed her tiny little face, there were many happy faces in the audience, but the happiest of all were Bill and Ethel, her parents.

At the close of the service the deacons assisted the pastor in an anointing service for Sister Hannah Larson, mother of Laura Wagner, our missionary in South America.

The evening service was begun with the baptism of Henry Howard, Jr. The film, "Each in His Own Tongue," was shown in cooperation with the Wycliffe Bible Translators, to complete the day.

The church was first organized in Modesto in 1938 under the ministry of Rev. Earl Studebaker, and in 1942 the old KTRB radio studio was purchased and moved to the present location. After remodeling and addition it was first used on Easter Sunday, 1943. Other pastors have included Rev. Ralph Rambo, Rev. Peter Bury, and the present pastor.

Rev. J. Paul Miller has been called to be the new pastor of the church and will take up his new work with the people of Modesto on Sunday, January 17.

"Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above."

THE LORD ADDED DAILY TO THE CHURCH

By Miss Mary Cripe, Missionary to Africa

I do thank the Lord for what the La Loma Grace Brethren Church has meant to me. As a young person it was here that I was led to see the need of accepting Christ as my personal Saviour. Here too I came to see the need of reaching others for Christ. I realized that I must have more training for this, and so spent one year in Bible school at Tacoma, Wash.

At that time my thoughts were only to get a little training for myself and then come back to Modesto to settle down, but the Lord's ways are not our ways, and as He called me further into His service I could but follow Him. I have always appreciated the prayers and interest of the members of the Brethren church in Modesto.

Now after having spent four years in France and

APPRECIATION

The pastor and members of the La Loma Grace Brethren Church wish to acknowledge with deep gratitude the help and support of the Brethren Home Missions Council and especially to Dr. L. L. Grubb for his interest and prayers, since the start of the work here in Modesto.

The gifts of God's people across the nation have made possible this witness and testimony to the grace of God in the heart of California. The name "La Loma" means "The Hill," and we desire that the church might truly be a light on a hill with a foundation of righteousness. May God's richest blessing be yours.

Harold D. Painter, Pastor,
Mrs. Loren Zook, Clerk,
Members of the Board,
(In Behalf of the Congregation).

Africa in preparation for the Lord's work, and then of actual service on the field, it is a privilege to be back home and have fellowship with those of like precious faith.

I rejoice to see new faces and know that the Lord has been blessing with many souls. Truly the harvest is white; many there are who know not Christ. May La Loma Grace Brethren Church always stand as a light-house to point a lost world to the Saviour.

MODESTO IS HOME TO US

By Loana Painter

It has been said that young people are more attached to the town in which they grow up than to any other place they may ever live. Joel and I will always have a very fond feeling for Modesto. When our folks decided to move, a definite decision confronted us. Although the decision was difficult, it obviously had only one solution. Joel is a senior in high school and felt that it would be impossible to leave so near to the time of graduation. I graduate as a sophomore from Modesto Junior College and, as I have a scholarship, I felt I could not leave either. We prayed that the Lord would guide in showing us where He would have us stay. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beldon invited Joel into their home. I found an apartment conveniently located near the college, the store where I work, and the church. A girl friend from the college and I plan to share expenses and housework there.

Some people look forward to telling their grandchildren that they left home at a certain age. Joel and I will be able to tell how that home left us when we were 17 and 18! However, we still feel that Modesto is our home and that the La Loma Grace Brethren Church is our home church. The church and church people have meant a great deal to us, and we count it a great privilege to serve the Lord here with whatever talents He has given us. We both look forward to added service for a time here in Modesto and wherever the Lord may call us in the future.

"THE BIBLE, THE WHOLE BIBLE, AND NOTHING BUT THE BIBLE"

By Mrs. R. R. Beach

How wonderful to be a member of a church that has such a motto, that really preaches all the Bible and encourages its members to live according to its teachings.

From early childhood I have been a Brethren, but after I married and moved to Ohio I lived too far from a Brethren church to attend, so worshiped and worked in another denomination. In 1947 we moved to Modesto and attended a church where my cousin was the minister. We helped them with their relief program and even with starting a community church, but we heard so little of God's Word that we realized we were not where God would have us serve, so we began stopping by to hear Brother Painter. Folk carry their Bibles at La Loma Grace Brethren—they search the Scripture, as did the Bereans of old, to see if these things are true, and, praise the Lord, the teachings of the Grace Brethren are according to the Record.

I was very happy to be back with Brethren people, but my cup really overflowed when on Sunday morning, February 11, 1951, our son and I went forward to unite with the church by letter; Mr. Beach went too—to accept Christ as his personal Saviour, coming out of the darkness of Catholicism into the glorious light of the Gospel of Christ.

How we do enjoy the fellowship of the La Loma Grace Brethren. Brother Painter and his family mean so much to us, as they do to the entire church. We are all sad to have them leave, but God has this promotion for them and He has so graciously given us Bro. J. Paul Miller and family to supply our need. May the Lord richly bless the Painters as they enter their new field of service and the Millers as they come to serve in this part of His vineyard.

WHAT OUR CHURCH MEANS TO US

By Kenneth Holgate

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

We, the Holgate family, one of the many families of the La Loma Grace Brethren Church in Modesto, believe this verse with all our hearts. We are confident toward God that He is going to complete a great work for himself and for His glory here in Modesto.

We thank God for the Brethren Home Missions Council and for the help that has been furnished by them, for all the dear folks throughout this great Fellowship of Brethren Churches, who have made churches like ours possible by their gifts. We would never have been able to accomplish what we have here in Modesto without the support of the Home Missions Council.

We praise God for our church because it gives us a place to gather to study God's Word. It gives us a place where we can pray together, to pray for one another, as He has told us to do, to pray for ourselves, and for those who are serving as missionaries in foreign lands.

Our church also offers us a place of service. Here we are able to be teachers of the Word and serve Him in

MODESTO TEACHERS NOW MISSIONARIES



In looking through the file of Modesto pictures, we discovered the one above, dated 1947. The notation on the back revealed it was the junior boys and junior girls classes, and the teachers were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Garber. Of course, those are only two of the foreign missionaries coming from this home-mission church. Miss Mary Cripe, also serving in Africa, has a testimony elsewhere, and Rev. Painter names the others in his article.

many other ways. Here we have a place where we can invite our friends to hear the way of salvation.

We have been with our church since the first prayer meeting was held. We have seen the hand of the Lord move in many ways His wonders to perform. Many have come for salvation, some to rededicate their lives, and others that have dedicated themselves for full-time service.

We are looking forward to even greater blessings from God upon each member of our church in the future. We are thankful that we can start the first of January, 1954, by going self-supporting with our new pastor, Rev. J. Paul Miller.

LA LOMA PASTOR PREACHES THE WORD

By Mr. Henry H. Howard

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

How true that has been in my life. God has not withheld anything good from me. He has given me a Christian wife, four boys, and a good livelihood, and I owe it all to Him. Above all things He gave me Jesus, upon whom I can call at any time, the One who is ever at the right hand of the Father to intercede for me. He is with me daily and is ever there for me to reach out and put my hand in His to help me over the rough places in life.

You have heard it said so many times that "God helps those who help themselves," but I thank God today that God helps those who rely on Him for help. It is true that I must rely on Him for my all, because I know that in myself I am nothing.

Only recently we were baptized and came into the Brethren Church. We came seeking spiritual help and guidance and we thank God for the La Loma Grace Brethren Church and for Brother Painter, our pastor, because through him we have been richly blessed. He has taught us to clearly discern between Christianity and religion.

BRETHREN TESTIMONY EXTENDED IN MANSFIELD, OHIO



Top—An average Sunday-morning congregation at Mansfield Grace Brethren Church. Center (l. to r.)—Mrs. James Cook, Rev. James Cook, associate pastor; Rev. Bernard Schneider, pastor; Mrs. Schneider; and Miss Lucie Schneider. Bottom—The Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio.



Top—Congregation witnessing the dedication of the Second Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio. Center—Rev. and Mrs. Gene Witzky. Bottom—The new Second Grace Brethren Church.

By Bernard N. Schneider

One of our great hopes has recently been fulfilled. Another of our earnest prayers has been answered here in Mansfield.

For almost two years the members of the Grace Brethren Church in Mansfield had been concerned about seeing a second Grace Brethren testimony in the city of Mansfield. We have been struggling against crowded conditions in our own building. More and more visitors are attending our services. People across town need the Gospel, too. Several separate committees were appointed by our church to investigate possibilities, needs, locations, etc., for a second church. Then the Lord suddenly thrust a great opportunity into our hands which seemed almost too good to be true, like so many of the Lord's answers to our prayers.

The new Second Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield has been organized. They have bought and remodeled their own church building, which was recently dedicated to the service of God—all this without actually costing us a cent, for the Lord sent a group of people from across town our way who knew our beliefs and who, having left a church where the full Gospel was no longer being preached, were looking for an opportunity to serve the Lord. We had conferences and Bible classes together. The Message of the Brethren Ministry was carefully explained point by point. A period of waiting followed. These people asked to be baptized by triune immersion. A few of our own members joined them, and we saw our dream fulfilled, a Second Grace Brethren Church in Mansfield, where the Gospel will be preached and Christ be honored.

I predict great things for this new work. The people are almost all young married people with small children. Along with their pastor they are demonstrating a passion for souls and an earnest desire to serve the Lord that will surely bring great blessings from above. They have demonstrated the very finest spirit of sacrifice in that they have asked for no help but have simply given all they could unto the Lord.

Brethren, I have been inspired by the example of these people who have not waited for outside help, but who plainly did all they could and gave all they could, asking for nothing but our prayers and a little guidance. God has blessed that spirit. He always blesses that spirit. Brethren, my prayer just now is that we may hear of many new centers of Brethren testimonies for God in this year of 1954. We can do it if we want to strongly enough. With God nothing is impossible.

Gene Witzky, the pastor of this new church, is one of our boys from the Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield. He is a senior in Grace Seminary, anxiously waiting for graduation so that he can spend all his time with his enthusiastic flock, serving the Lord in the salvation of others.

SECOND GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH DEDICATED

By Gene Witzky

On Sunday, December 20, 1953, at 2:30 p. m., a capacity crowd gathered to witness the dedication of the Second Grace Brethren Church in Mansfield, Ohio. Dr.

L. L. Grubb, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, of Winona Lake, Ind., arrived by plane just in time to bring a challenging dedication message.

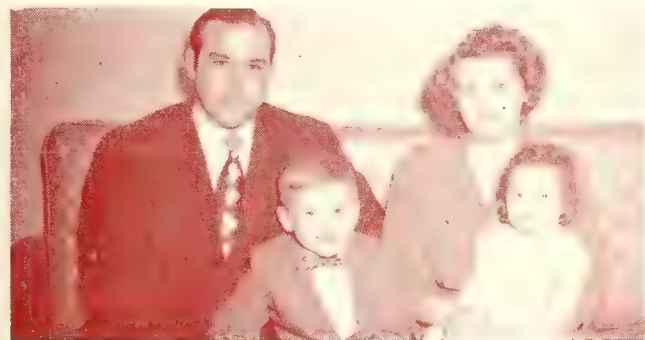
It seems almost unbelievable that in such a short period of time a dedication service like this one was possible. However, as you may observe from the accompanying picture, the church is just a regular dwelling that has been converted for church services. It serves our immediate need very adequately by providing an auditorium seating approximately 100 people, with a nursery and additional rooms for Sunday-school classes.

Rev. Bernard Schneider, pastor, and Rev. James Cook, associate pastor, of the first Grace Brethren Church, assisted in the dedication service. A number of other members from that church joined in making the dedication a day filled with many blessings.

STARTING THE NEW YEAR ON NEW FIELDS



Rev. Galen Lingenfelter and family, Elyria, Ohio.

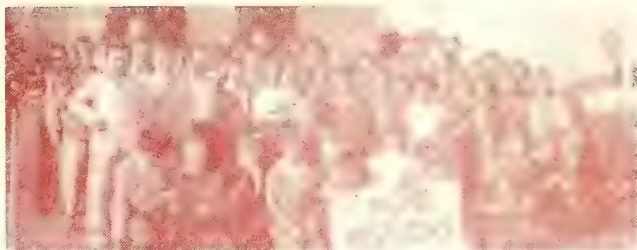


Rev. Kenneth Teague and family, Wheaton, Ill.

Two pastors are starting the new year on two of the newer home-mission fields. Rev. Galen Lingenfelter is making his initial start in home-mission work at Elyria, Ohio. He and his family arrived on the Elyria field December 20, 1953, coming from Buena Vista, Va., where they had just closed a successful ministry. The fine cooperation of the church, district, and Brethren Minute-Man, with the Brethren Home Missions Council, is making possible a full-time pastor for this newest of home-mission churches.

Also in December, Rev. Kenneth L. Teague, the home-mission pastor of Alexandria, Va., was transferred to the new home-mission work in Wheaton, Ill. Rev. Teague will be the first full-time pastor for the Wheaton group. They have been meeting regularly for the past year, and now have lots in one of the new housing developments of that city.

BANKS PAY IN LOS ANGELES



Junior Department, First Brethren Sunday School, Los Angeles, Calif.

Home-mission banks in the junior department of the First Brethren Sunday School of Los Angeles yielded \$100 for the Thanksgiving offering. The department superintendent, Miss Dorothy Rowland, upon receipt of the home-mission banks, distributed them to her pupils, about 10 weeks prior to Thanksgiving. She then reminded the children each Sunday of the great need in home missions.

November 22 was designated as the Sunday when all banks would be opened and the money counted. The above picture was taken just previous to the "bank-opening event." And when all the pennies, nickels, and dimes were placed in one pile, it was over four feet long and several inches high. It actually took five men of the church 45 minutes to count the \$100, which was mostly pennies. The entire amount was given by the children and did not include any help from the teachers.

When the amount of the offering was ascertained, the entire group sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." It was really a joyful event for the children to know they had given \$100 to help other boys and girls learn about Christ.

HARRAH CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY



On Sunday, November 22, 1953, the Harrah (Wash.) Brethren Church celebrated its 25th anniversary. The six people in the above picture were charter members. Dr. L. L. Grubb, home-missions secretary, was present to share in the blessings of the occasion. Rev. Jesse Hall is the pastor.

AN ORDINARY MORNING

By Bruce L. Button

Thursday morning; 10 o'clock; I'm on Sweetzer Avenue. It's a perfect morning for calling—sun shining, warm, no wind. The contacts have not been too bad. Ten houses contacted so far. Only one refusal when I offered the woman the Mediator. Even then there was a fine chance to give a real testimony. Just finished the 600 block. Ready to start on the 500 block. I check my cards. The first two houses are gentile. I have contacted these houses before. This morning I am only interested in Jewish homes. The third house is Jewish. I ring the bell. The door opens a crack, safety chain in place. I say, "Good morning! Just stopped by to leave a copy—" and before I can go any further a woman's

voice, dripping with sarcasm, replies, "GOODBY!" and the door shuts with a "BANG!" As I leave the house a question runs through my mind: "How in the world did that lady slam that door so hard when it was only open two or three inches?"

I reach the sidewalk and make a note on the card for that house to the effect that contact is not to be made on the next time around; only the Mediator is to be left. Then I start for the next house—and stop. Two elderly men are at the front. It's difficult to talk to two persons. They will probably send me away without a hearing. And thus excuse after excuse pops into my mind as to why I *should not* contact these two Jewish men, and still I'm walking up to them. I open the conversation with the words, "*Shalom alachem.*" This draws the reply from one of the men: "Look who is saying, '*Shalom alachem,*' a *meshumed.*" And thus our conversation gets under way.

"I am not a *meshumed*," I reply, "I am a gentile who believes the Tenach, and the Messiah of the Tenach."

"Why do you continue to come here?" says the shorter of the two. "You can't convert me!"

I reply: "I know I cannot convert you. Only the Eternal can cause you to see the truth concerning Messiah: that He has come and died for the sin of men, that He arose from the dead in fulfillment of the prophecies of the Tenach. It is for this reason I come, to tell you of these truths."

"A good reason," says the taller of the two. He is rebuked by his friend, "Be quiet. I will speak to this man in my home—you speak to him in yours." Then, addressing me, he says: "I read the Tenach. I know the Tenach. I know the Torah. What truth can you tell me? Come inside and I will show you truth."

I accept his invitation. Upon entering the livingroom the man of the house takes a book from a small table. "Here," he says, "is truth. This is the Torah (law). Only in the Torah does one find truth."

"Do you mean the prophets and writings are not truth?" I ask.

"No," he replies. "I do not mean that, but Torah is truth for living."

"I will not argue the point, although I believe you to be wrong in making such distinction between the Torah and the rest of the Tenach (Old Testament). But let me ask you to explain your truth. What is the meaning of the last portion of *Wayikera* (Leviticus) 17:11, which reads: "... for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

"It means what it says," he answers.

"But why does the soul need an atonement or covering," I ask. "Is it not because of the person's sins?"

"Jews do not sin," comes the answer. "Why do you say we sin? If you want an example for sin, look to the actions of the gentiles."

I answer: "I do not minimize the fact of the gentiles sinning. I admit it. But let us keep on the subject. The

JEWISH MISSION REMINDER



This is a photo of a poster used at the First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa., to remind the folk to pray and give for the work of Brethren Jewish missions. The poster has the pictures attached of our three missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Button, and Miss Isobel Fraser, and contains a pocket for Jewish mission offering envelopes. The poster was designed by the pastor, Rev. Gordon Bracker, and we pass the idea along to you lest you forget the Brethren Jewish mission work depends on your prayers and gifts.

reason I say Jews are sinners just like other folks is because of *Goluth* (the dispersion), because of *Yom Kippur* (Day of Atonement), because of the admission in the prayer book that Jews are sinners. What is the reason for *Goluth*? Why do you observe *Yom Kippur*? Why the day-long prayers for forgiveness of sins committed if Jewish people do not sin?"

"So we sin," admits my friend. "But we atone for it through repentance, prayer, and charity. Any rabbi will tell you that is all that is necessary."

"But according to Torah, what is it that is necessary?" I ask. "Does it not demand a sacrifice? If repentance, prayer, and charity is enough, why do some Jews add to this the killing of a chicken? Tell me, please, why do you no longer have the sacrifice as demanded in Torah?"

"You see," he says to his friend, "here we have an ignorant man. He does not know the reason sacrifice is no longer necessary."

"His friend replies, 'Then you should tell him the reason.' But only silence comes from my opponent.

I seize the opportunity. "I am not ignorant. And neither am I blind. I know the reason you would give. You say since there is no temple there is no place for sacrifice and thus no need for sacrifice. Your temple was destroyed as foretold in Daniel 9:26. The reason for its destruction, the reason for *Goluth*, is found in *Devarim* (Deuteronomy) 28:37-65 and in *Wayikera* (Leviticus) 26:27-28." And, amid many interruptions, I read these passages.

"An ignorant man! An ignorant man!" is the reply. "You do not understand. You should be instructed——"

"To call a man ignorant," I interrupt, "is a poor way of refutation in debate. If I am wrong, correct me. Instruct me, if you please. Show me in the Torah where I am in error. Do not take me to the Talmud. That is tradition. Take me to 'Thus saith the Lord' and there instruct me."

"I have no time. I shall ask you to leave. Yes, you can come again, but just now I have something I must do." And so I am ushered out of the house.

I'll go back to that home in a week or two. I'll try again to point out Scripture truth to him. I'll pray for the Lord's guidance and for the working of the Holy Spirit. Will you, too, pray?

FINDLAY, OHIO, FINISHING NEW CHURCH



Although it is not indicated by the above picture, the new First Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio, is now enclosed. The plumbers, electricians, carpenters, heating engineers, and other workmen are busy working on the inside to have the building ready for occupancy early in 1954. At times the progress was impeded for lack of materials, but it will still be finished in record time. The ground was just broken for the building on June 11, 1953.

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS COMPLETES BASEMENT



The Washington Heights Brethren Church of Roanoke, Va., will soon be able to occupy the basement of their new unit. Mr. Tom Bailey, of the Brethren Construction Company, who sent us the above pictures, writes that the heating plant is installed, the wiring completed, the basement windows glazed, and the rough back filling almost completed. The upper portion of the building will get under way as soon as the bricklayers return to the job.

VIEW RIDGE BRETHREN MEET HERE



This is the home of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hammers and family, and it also serves as the meeting place for the new View Ridge Brethren Church, Seattle, Wash. It is located near the new location upon which the future church will be erected. The formal organization of the church was held on Sunday, November 29, 1953, with 13 charter members. Others have indicated their desire to join in the work, and will be added to the membership. A record attendance of 54 was recorded in November. The Thanksgiving home-mission offering has now surpassed last year's figure of \$542.

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Altoona, Pa. Rev. Roy Snyder, missionary on furlough from French Equatorial Africa, was guest speaker at the New Year's Eve service at the Grace Brethren Church (Juniata). Rev. J. Ward Tressler is pastor.

Special. A word is hereby expressed in behalf of all those pastors who were "surprised" by the wonderful Christmas gifts from their congregations. The number of pastors who received special remembrance at Christmas is such that we will simply say, "Thank you, brethren, for your kindness to your pastor." God will bless the church that seeks to encourage its pastor in the work he is doing.

Winona Lake, Ind. Please do not send orders, etc., addressed to staff members of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. Address all mail, other than that intended for the editor, to the company. Otherwise, the mail is placed in the post-office box of the staff member, which causes confusion, delay, and inconvenience. Thank you.

Altoona, Pa. Two missionaries of the Wisconsin Rural Bible Crusade, Miss LaRue Malles (1948 graduate of Grace Seminary) and Miss Evelyn Bachman assisted in the New Year's Eve fellowship at the First Brethren Church. Mark Malles is pastor.

Dayton, Ohio. Rev. Lon Karns was guest speaker at the New Year's Eve fellowship at the North Riverdale Brethren Church. Clyde G. Balyo is pastor.

Los Angeles, Calif. The name of the Third Brethren Church of Los Angeles has been changed to the Community Brethren Church of East Los Angeles. James Beatty is pastor.

Portland, Oreg. The Grace Brethren Church, a home-mission church, has had a 140% increase in their home-mission offering over last year. Vernon J. Harris is pastor.

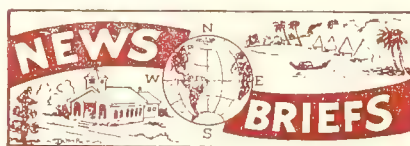
Winona Lake, Ind. The Indiana District overnight youth rally was held here Jan. 8-9. A banquet was held at the Eskimo Inn at 1 p. m. Saturday. Rev. Herman Koontz was host pastor.

Waynesboro, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edwards, of Frederick, Md., provided a gospel service at the New Year's Eve gathering at the First Brethren Church. Dennis Hol-liday is pastor.

Whittier, Calif. Rev. Ralph Colburn and Rev. Sam Horney were special guests at the New Year's Eve service at the First Brethren Church. Lewis Hohenstein is pastor.

Accident, Md. One hundred people were in attendance at the special Christmas service at the First Grace Brethren Church.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Each Monday night has been set aside for visitation by the Grace Brethren Church. Richard Grant is pastor.



Listie, Pa. Rev. John J. Burns, new pastor of the Listie Brethren Church, was formally and informally welcomed at a surprise service recently held at the church in his honor.

Winona Lake, Ind. Feb. 28 has been designated by our National Fellowship as Board of Evangelism Sunday, and a special offering will be raised on that day in all our churches for the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade. This offering will assist the teams of the Crusade to go into small churches and carry on a full program for Christ.

Long Beach, Calif. Mr. Dick McNeely, student at Dallas Theological Seminary, preached at the First Brethren Church on Dec. 27. Dr. Charles Mayes is pastor.

Winona Lake, Ind. Pastors, Sunday-school superintendents or secretaries should return the Sunday-school order blank immediately for the next quarter. This will assist the Herald Company staff and assure your church the best service possible.

Uniontown, Pa. The Brethren Missionary Herald is on the regular budget of the First Brethren Church, and one-half of all the missionary offering for three months of the year is given as a missionary offering to the Brethren Missionary Herald to assist in the printing of the Gospel. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

Washington, D. C. Vice President Richard M. Nixon on his recent tour refused to visit the Shinto shrine which is to the honor of Japanese soldiers who died in battle. The shrine is the place where adherents to Shintoism pray to spirits of the dead. Christians in Japan hailed his act as a courageous testimony for Christianity.

Dallas, Tex. An article, "The Meaning of the Term 'Law,'" by Dr. Alva J. McClain, appeared in *Bibliotheca Sacra*, Oct. 1953, quarterly publication of Dallas Theological Seminary.

Rutherford, N. J. The Gideon Society's program for placing Bibles in the public schools of New Jersey received a setback when the supreme court of the State announced a unanimous decision on Dec. 7 that the Bible program was a violation of the constitutional provision of separation of church and state.

Cairo, Egypt. A German plan drawn up during Hitler's regime to turn 5,000,000 acres of Africa's western desert into a garden may yet be adopted. The leaders of Egypt are studying the plan of George Borg, which calls for a novel plan to irrigate the desert with an intricate chain of water and power plants. The program would cost \$280,000,000 and take 10 years to complete.

Chicago, Ill. Another reason for not using the International Uniform Lessons in a fundamental Sunday school is the fact that at a recent meeting of the committee of the National Council of Churches, it was voted that the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible should be used in the Uniform Lessons as a regular practice beginning in 1955.

Whittier, Calif. A Sunday-school annex building, 30 by 90 feet, is being completed for the Christian day school of the Community Brethren Church. There are 49 children in the elementary grades, and the fifth and sixth grades will be added next year. Any elementary teacher interested in teaching in a Christian day school should contact Pastor Ward Miller.

INTO THE HEIGHTS

PROPHECY

Let Us Awake!!!

By REV. A. D. CASHMAN

Winona Lake, Ind.

The prophetic Word tells of four great confederacies of nations that will be in existence as we approach the end of the "times of the Gentiles." In relation to the land of Palestine, these are spoken of as the king of the North, the king of the South, the kings of the East, and Daniel's 10-kingdom confederacy from countries making up the territory under the old Roman Empire.

The reader is invited to read Daniel chapters 2 and 7 and discover the fact that Daniel saw the Medes and Persians overthrow Babylon (also see Dan. 5:28 and 8:20-21); Grecia conquered them only to be succeeded by a fourth world power which we know to be Rome. The Roman Empire was divided in A. D. 364 into the eastern and western parts, but never existed as 10 kingdoms. Since Daniel saw the fourth world power in existence when the Lord Jesus Christ returns (Dan. 2:44-45) it is evident that there will be something startling develop in this area around the Mediterranean Sea, and in western Europe.

The king of the South is already in evidence. A few months ago the western world was surprised to see Egypt stand up against Great Britain over something they did not like. There has been a great awakening in Egypt and Ethiopia in recent years and a powerful army is in the making. No one is in doubt about the reality of the northern power described in Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39. Daniel saw that in the endtime the king of the South would push at the willful king of the revived Roman Empire. This will arouse the king of the North, who will descend on the king of the South as a whirlwind, pass over into his land, and overthrow many countries. Edom

and Moab will escape, but not Egypt (Dan. 11:39-42).

In the Book of Revelation, John tells how the kings of the east will march upon the dried-up river bed of the Euphrates during the last half of the tribulation period to engage in a great battle (Rev. 16:12). The world was amazed at the power of the Japanese in World War II. And we know only too well of the developments in China, especially since it has gone Communistic.



Rev. A. D. Cashman

Yes, three of the great confederacies are in evidence today, but what of the 10-kingdom confederacy of the revived Roman Empire foretold by Daniel? In the November issue of the U. S. News and World Report, there is displayed on the front cover these words: "COMING—A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE." In this magazine there is recorded an exclusive interview with Paul Reynaud, vice premier of France, discussing the European Defense Community or the United States of Europe. Reynaud says that a constitution has been drafted and is now being examined by six governments. These are named as France, (Western) Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg. When he was asked if

he thought the "United States of Europe" would be a reality by the end of 1954, he said, "I hope it will not come far from the beginning of next year." Then there follow five pages of the most enlightening information from this interview.

Until now, the prospects of a 10-kingdom confederacy making up the territory of the old Roman Empire seemed remote. There seemed to be a possibility under Mussolini, but we know that his plans did not materialize. But God's plans never fail. Should the United States of Europe materialize, how quickly could the little horn of Daniel's beast, the coming Antichrist, present himself to these European countries and control their armies and fulfill the unerring Word of God.

If the church is to be raptured seven years before the Battle of Armageddon, we may have only a short time to do business for our Lord in this dispensation. Let us awake out of sleep, invest heavily in the soul-saving work God has entrusted to the Brethren Church. Let us get the Gospel out and save as many as possible from the terrible judgments of the tribulation period we have been studying about in our Sunday-school lessons. Let us not permit the demands of the flesh and the comforts of this life to curtail our investments for eternity. Let us not fail to warn those who are still out of the fold of safety.

FOUR "P's" THAT WILL BLESS THE CHURCH

1. Prayers—that the work prosper.
 2. Personal interest in all her work.
 3. Presence at all her services.
 4. Purse—providing for all her needs.
- Selected.

A HEART FOR SOULS!

EVANGELISM

THE PASTOR AND DOOR-TO-DOOR EVANGELISM

It may be a trite saying that the homegoing pastor makes a church-going people, but the fact remains that it is a true saying. No pastor is a true pastor who does very little homegoing among those who live in the community of his church.

There are several ways of doing pastoral door-to-door evangelism. The first way is to provide yourself with literature consisting of an attractive church advertisement giving the location of the church and the times of the regular services, and a gospel tract or pamphlet. Supplied with these, the pastor goes forth to knock at the doors of the people living in his community. It is not his purpose to enter the home, but to knock at the door, give the literature to the one answering the door, find out if they have church affiliations, and give them an invitation to visit your church. Many times this is a means of engaging the one at the door in conversation concerning his relation to the Lord. Even if we only push the literature under the door of the house and go on, we have done much to make the occupants of the house think of their responsibility.

Now you can be sure that some of these people will at some time enter your church to visit, and an instructed usher band will get the name and address of the visitor. This list of visitors will become a precious calling list to the pastor. If a person has been interested enough to visit your church you should be interested enough to call in the home. This visit to the church constitutes an invitation for your visit in the home. You will always get in, and when inside there is always the opportunity for evangelism first-hand, face to face without interruption.

A second method of door-to-door evangelism takes the form of a com-

munity canvass in which you enter the home with the expressed purpose of finding out the spiritual status of the family, and also to find out who all live under the roof of the home. With this method you will secure the names of the parents, and the names and ages of the children. Taking this information back to the Sunday-

gregation to its pastor more securely than his calling in the home. This should not be a three-minute call, but the length of time being determined by the circumstances. You have the opportunity of becoming more intimately acquainted with your congregation, knowing their joys, their sorrows, their problems. You find out where the breadwinner works, how the children are getting on in school. You learn their habits as well as their hobbies. Out of these visits arise the circumstances in which the pastor can deal with the members of the household about their relation to Christ, both in the matter of salvation and then in the matter of their Christian living in the home and outside the home.

Right now we here in Patterson Park, Dayton, Ohio, are carrying on an intense "invitation" campaign resulting in many of the community visiting our services. The names of these people have been secured, and the follow-up work is going on. We have added many names to our Sunday-school list, and the door will now be open for the pastor or another worker to enter the homes of these visitors with the Gospel. They will be glad for our interest in them. Not all of these families will be reached for our church, but we will have had a part in helping them along in life and in preparation for entrance into the full joy of the Lord.

Evangelism is more than just giving the good news about salvation. That is the first part, but the second part is giving the good news about living this life in preparation for that bountiful life in the presence of Christ. No pastor who is truly a pastor will ever forget that his task and that of the church is to shape the eternal destiny of souls according to the Word of God, and hence will evangelize door to door.

By REV. C. S. ZIMMERMAN



Pastor, Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio

school organization for their follow-up will set in motion a chain of evangelistic effort that is bound to produce results for our Lord. In this canvass you have opportunity of spending time with the occupants of the house, finding out their habits, their employment, and many times on the first contact you will find out their problems and heartaches. This is a much slower method than the first, but surely ought to follow the first.

The third method is the pastor going into the homes of those who are regular attenders of his church. There is nothing that binds a con-

ADVENTURE

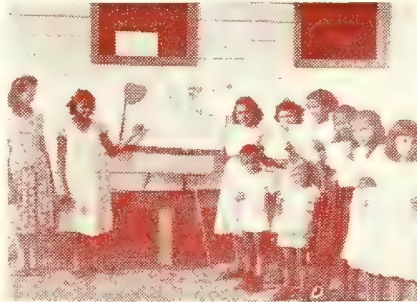
WITH UNCLE EDDIE IN A
BRAZILIAN BIBLE SCHOOL

Did you ever attend a daily vacation Bible school in November? I doubt it, because there in the States most of you boys and girls are attending school again in November, aren't you? Well, here in Brazil the boys and girls have vacation from October to February, and so in Macapa we have our vacation Bible school for them in November. We call it *Escola Biblica* in Portuguese.

We told all of the boys and girls in our Sunday school about this special school that we were going to have and then they told all of their friends to come. This was to be a school where you didn't have to study any books and it didn't cost anything to attend. You know why? Well, we use the Bible for all of our lessons and then give away papers to be colored, on which are Bible verses to be memorized. Then the last day they received little bags of candy.

Our Bible school started every afternoon at 3 o'clock and lasted till 5. The first afternoon we had about 50 boys and girls and most of them were new to us. But it didn't take us long to get acquainted and soon they were learning some of the same choruses that you know. One that

they learned real well was "A Porta e uma So." You know what that is? It's "One Door and Only One." This chorus is talking about the door to salvation, and those who are saved are on the inside and those who haven't accepted Christ as their Saviour are still on the outside. Of



Daily vacation Bible school, Macapa, Brazil, November 1953.

course we invited all of the children to accept Christ as their Saviour, as this was the purpose of our Bible school.

After singing choruses we divided the children into two classes. One class was for the older ones and the other class for the younger children. Two young Brazilian girls taught the

classes for us. They studied stories from the Bible about Daniel in the lions' den and also about the Apostle Paul when he was saved on the road to Damascus. Then too we had the story about the wordless book. Did you ever hear about this book without any words? That ought to be easy to read, don't you think? I'm sure that all of you know about this book. Each page is a different color and these different colors tell the wonderful story about Jesus and how He came to die for us on the cross. And everyone that accepts Jesus as his Saviour gets a new clean heart to take the place of the one that was full of sin. Everyone likes this story. If you have never heard it, ask your teacher to tell you about this wonderful book without words.

On Friday night we had a special meeting and invited all of the children to bring their mothers and fathers to attend. We had over 100 at this meeting and the boys and girls sang choruses with motions and said the verses that they had memorized. Afterward we showed pictures (slides) and then each child that attended regularly received a certificate. Wouldn't you like to attend a Bible school in our church?

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(Items in this column are compiled from reports of pastors and evangelists.)

Allentown, Pa.

We wish to first praise our wonderful Lord for His blessings upon the work here at Allentown. Rev. Clyde Landrum, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Uniontown, Pa., was the evangelist for our meeting Nov. 1-8. Two weeks of prayer and visitation were held leading up to the meeting.

A very fine spirit prevailed during the meeting, and the work was greatly helped and strengthened. Ten public decisions were made, five of them being first-time confessions. Three have been baptized and taken into the membership of the church.—*William Gray, pastor.*

There was a real spirit of expectancy among the Allentown people during this meeting, the result of prayer and visitation which preceded the meeting. Praise the Lord for the fine spirit of cooperation and fellowship among the congregation. Praise the Lord for real revival.—*Clyde K. Landrum, evangelist.*

Uniontown, Pa.

Rev. R. I. Humberd conducted a four-day Bible conference here Dec. 6-9. The messages of Brother Humberd were well-received and greatly blessed our people. There were two first-time decisions for Christ. There were new people from the community at every service.—*Clyde K. Landrum, pastor.*

Berrien Springs, Mich.

The most outstanding thing accomplished in this meeting was the uniting of the people and the pastor in the work of winning souls. Our evangelist, Bro. R. Paul Miller, left me with a corps of workers (Crusaders) who are willing to sacrifice their time and comfort to go out and win the lost for Christ.

God moved in a wonderful way to bring three complete families to himself. A total of nine confessions of Christ as Saviour were made, and

these were baptized Dec. 6. Besides this, nearly the whole membership (active) of our church renewed their faith in Christ in a public way. These numbered 12 in all. In another year, if this team can return, we should have a real harvest of souls.—*Robert W. Markley, pastor.*

Berrien Springs, Mich., will know that there is one group of Christians in town who care about the souls of men. The pastor, Bob Markley, is a humble, capable, sacrificing pastor and soul-winner. The church has been paying his rent, but he has earned the rest of his income in other ways. God is honoring his spirit. Berrien Springs is definitely growing today under the blessing of God.—*R. Paul Miller, evangelist.*

New Troy, Mich.

Team One of the Evangelistic Crusade finished a two-week campaign with a real manifestation of the moving of His Spirit in both His people and in the community among the lost. We can never represent in figures the victories that were won for Christ and His work in this field. The prayer room was filled every night with men and women praying for themselves, each other, and the lost. As a result there were 58 registered decisions for Christ, many of which were first-time decisions. There were 11 baptized and 16 taken into the membership of the church, the majority of which were young married couples.—*Richard Jackson, pastor.*

This is the fourth campaign the Lord has permitted me to hold in New Troy. In many ways it was the best. An excellent group of "Crusaders" was formed who are dedicated to reaching this entire community in visitation. Bro. Richard Jackson, the pastor, is doing an unusual work of unifying and building up the congregation. One high spot in this campaign is the way this church not only paid all their cost of revival, but gave \$250 toward helping other struggling churches in the Michigan District to have effective revival such as this.—*R. Paul Miller, evangelist.*

Lake Odessa, Mich.

Only one week of meetings with Team One is hardly time to experience any results, but we felt that it would be a time of revival for the

church and get them ready for a great meeting in April. We have had real spiritual blessing in this short meeting and feel that it was of the Lord that we were able to have Team One.

We did not have many outward decisions, but the time being so short we feel that the ones we had made the meeting worth while. It has done our hearts good to see some of our own members get behind the work with their whole hearts. We had four come out for rededication and three accepted the Lord for the first time.

We are praying for a great harvest of souls in April, the Lord tarrying, when the team will return for two weeks.—*Robert Griffith, pastor.*

Spokane, Wash.

The Sunday night of December 13 concluded a special emphasis on evangelism and revival in the First Brethren Church, Spokane, Wash., with Evangelist "Bob" Ashman.

The visible results of the two-week meeting were 28 first-time decisions from the Happy Hour children, many of whom attend other Sunday schools. Sixteen adults rededicated their lives and three adults are entering our membership from other churches, two by transfer from the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa., and one from a local Baptist church.

We hope to realize no less than a dozen new members from the results of this meeting.

Brother Ashman was faithful in preaching the Word and very effectively by his "gospel illustrations" which he presented in three high schools and twice as a guest over a local TV station. This was Brother Ashman's second meeting in less than nine months in this church.—*Wm. H. Schaffer, pastor.*

Jenners, Pa.

The Jenners Brethren Church is moving ahead for the Lord. In November the church took on a new face with a beautiful variegated shade of brick veneer. This new mission church is paying for the project, and at the present time is rejoicing in the fact that only a small amount is owed on the total job.

At the Christmas program a tree was decorated with gifts toward the brick veneer. A total of \$351 was received. Other large offerings have been raised during the fall which

have made possible the great victory of the completion of the brick work.

Pray with us that God will continue to bless and that soon we will be able to begin on our upper auditorium and finish it for the glory of our Lord.—*Victor S. Rogers, pastor.*

Clayton, Ohio

Our most recent meeting was conducted at Clayton, Ohio, December 6-13. This campaign was packed with the power of God at every service. The average attendance for the eight days was 117, with 194 at the Sunday-night service (this broke the previous high attendance record).

Bro. Clair Brickel, the pastor of the church, led the singing and arranged for excellent special music at each service. At one service the Gospel Mariners, a featured television quartet, gave a 20-minute program of gospel music.

There were five public decisions made: four for salvation and one for rededication.

We praise God for the testimony of this church.—*Bill Smith, evangelist.*

North English, Iowa

The Pleasant Grove Church has experienced a genuine revival. It was our privilege to have Crusade Team Two to conduct a two-week meeting in our midst. God used all three members of the team in a mighty way in song, music, and preaching. The convicting power of the Holy Spirit was evidenced in every service. There were 29 decisions for Christ, 9 of which were first-time confessions of faith. Then, too, we believe that many victories were won in the hearts of many, though they were not made known publicly. Praise God, both pastor and people have had an awakening here at Pleasant Grove.—*Clarence H. Lackey, pastor.*

Buena Vista, Va.

We thank the Lord for the blessed revival meeting at Buena Vista November 3-15. The interest during the two weeks proved that God was working at every service. We shall never forget the prayer meetings prior to each service—the men, the ladies, and the boys' club all met in separate groups each evening.

Bro. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor of

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Dallas Center, Ia.	Jan. 3-17.....	True Hunt.....	Crusade No. 2.
York, Pa.....	Jan. 3-17.....	Gerald Polman..	Crusade No. 1.
Altoona, Pa.....	Jan. 10-15.....	Mark Malles....	Miles Taber.
Covington, Ohio..	Jan. 17-31.....	James Young...	Bill Smith.
Chambersb'rg, Pa.			
(Pond Bank)...	Jan. 18-31.....	William Wiles...	Crusade No. 1.
Cedar Rapids, Ia..	Jan. 19-31.....	Richard Grant..	Crusade No. 2.
Seattle, Wash....	Jan. 20.....	Tom Hammers..	R. I. Humbert.
Sunnyside, Wash.	Jan. 24-29.....	Harold Painter..	R. I. Humbert.
Portland, Oreg...	Jan. 31-Feb. 3...	Vernon Harris..	R. I. Humbert.
Taos, N. Mex....	Feb. 7-14.....	Sam Horney....	Bill Smith.
Dayton, Ohio.....	Feb. 14-28.....	C. S. Zimmerm'n	
Berne, Ind.....	Feb. 2-21.....	Ord Gehman....	Crusade No. 2.
Roanoke, Va.....	Feb. 7-21.....	R. E. A. Miller..	Crusade No. 1.
Tracy, Calif.....	Feb. 14-17.....	Wm. Clough....	R. I. Humbert.
Portland, Oreg...	Feb. 15-28.....	Vernon Harris..	Michael Walsh.
Glendale, Calif...	Feb. 21.....	Chas. Und'rwood	R. I. Humbert.
San Bernardino,			
Calif.	Feb. 23-26.....	Lyle Marvin....	R. I. Humbert.

the church, led the singing, and Mrs. Lingenfelter played the piano, both of which added greatly to the meetings.

It was a pleasant surprise at one service to have nine carloads from Roanoke, Va., Clearbrook church, which is almost 60 miles away.

There were 10 public decisions during the campaign—1 first-time confession and 9 rededications.

We praise God for this meeting and for the spirit of revival in the church.—*Bill Smith, evangelist.*

Alexandria, Va.

From November 16 to 29 the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church experienced a revival long to be remembered. The keen interest from the beginning was an evidence that the Lord was going to bless.

There were 19 decisions made during the two weeks—7 for salvation and 8 for rededication—4 of whom joined the church. There was a baptismal service the last night of the campaign, with five candidates being baptized.—*Bill Smith, evangelist.*

Dayton, Ohio

Oct. 25-Nov. 8 were very precious weeks as we were engaged in an evangelistic campaign in the First Brethren Church. It was a real joy to team up with Rev. Wm. Steffler, who is greatly beloved by his people.

Thorough preparation had been

made for the meetings. The church was united for the task. The Holy Spirit was present in power. There were public decisions made in every service but one. There were 41 first-time confessions and 100 reaffirmations. We give thanks to the Lord for the many who came in tears.

This was the writer's fifth meeting in this church. We are expecting greater victories at Dayton when the church is moved to the new location.—*Archie L. Lynn, evangelist.*

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

One cold winter afternoon the philosopher, Thomas Carlyle, was sitting before the open fireplace in his library. The door opened and the new pastor of the local church entered the room. After Carlyle and the young minister had visited for a few minutes, the young man asked the great philosopher, "What do you think the parish needs most?" Carlyle, without any hesitancy, replied, "What this parish needs is a man who knows God otherwise than by hearsay?" And that is a pressing need in the whole world today!—*Long Beach Bulletin.*

ANOTHER SWITCH NEEDED

Everything in the modern home is controlled by switches except the children.—*Sunday School Times.*

In Memoriam

Names appear in this column only when sent in by pastor.

MRS. ROSA CAPRON, 65, was called home to her Lord Monday, December 7, 1953. Mrs. Capron and her husband, Harvey Capron, were faithful members of the First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., for many years, while rearing their family in that city. She with her husband moved to Escalon, Calif., near the home of their daughter, Mrs. Mildred Vaughn, in April 1953 and were received into the membership of the Brethren Christian Center, Modesto, Calif., where her fellowship was enjoyed until the time of her homegoing.—*Raymond W. Thompson, pastor.*

MRS. ROBERT (NELLIE) SIGG died at her home Nov. 29. Mrs. Sigg had served for many years as a deaconess in the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., and will be greatly missed.—*Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor.*

MRS. MOLLIE COY, 82, died at the home of her son near Greensburg, Pa., Dec. 3. Sister Coy was a member of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., for many years. One daughter, Mrs. Fred Thomas, is a member of this church.—*Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor.*

MRS. MINNIE KREITER departed to be with the Lord on Dec. 7. She was a charter member of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif., and was a deaconess for many years.—*Lewis Hohenstein, pastor.*

MR. CRAWFORD A. PARKS was called home to be with the Lord on Dec. 13. Having attended the morning worship service, he returned home and died at 3:20 p. m.—*Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor.*

MR. JAMES PERRY accepted Christ as his Saviour just a few days before his death on Dec. 10.—*Paul E. Dick, pastor.*

ELAINE SCOTT, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 20. Rev. John Neely officiated.—*John M. Aeby, pastor.*

MR. MAURICE THOMPSON departed to be with the Lord Dec. 15. He had had a very serious heart ailment for some years and died while being treated at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Brother Thompson had been a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach from 1937 to 1946, when he transferred his membership to another Brethren church. But in 1948 he returned his membership to Fifth and Cherry.

His fervent testimony as to his love for Christ will stand out in the memory of his many friends. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and of World War I. While in the hospital he was free to let other men know of his confidence and faith in Christ as his Saviour and Lord.—*Dr. C. W. Mayes, pastor.*

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"THE CROSS is not a compromise, but a substitution; not a cancellation, but a satisfaction; not a wiping off, but a wiping out in blood and agony and death."—*Dr. W. C. Robinson.*

TIME to me is so precious that with great difficulty can I steal one hour in eight days, either to satisfy myself or to gratify my friends.—*John Knox.*

ISN'T it strange that the fellow

that does the most kicking is usually the fellow that "hasn't a leg to stand on"?—*Long Beach Bulletin.*

THE BIBLE is a corridor between two eternities down which walks the Christ of God. His invisible steps echo through the Old Testament, but we meet Him face to face in the throne room of the New; and it is through Christ alone, crucified for me, that I have found forgiveness of sins and life eternal.—*The Dawn.*

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A MAN UNDER AUTHORITY, by Raymond H. Belton. Moody Press, 1953. Cloth. 256 pp. Price, \$2.75.

This Christian novel depicts the heart-rending experience of a pastor in a congregation in which, like the average congregation, there were the faithful and faithless. Determined to be a man after God's own heart, the Rev. David Messenger does that which is the least expected, the motivation being his absolute belief in the second coming of Jesus Christ. As a result of his firm conviction he accomplished astounding results for the Lord.

THREE SHALL BE ONE, by Francena Arnold. Moody Press, 1953. Cloth. 251 pp. Price, \$3.

This is a love story in which a husband and a wife have their happiness shadowed and nearly ruined by the influence of a mother-in-law. Both live in a bitter world of their own making. At that moment when the web of hate and tension is the greatest, the Third Person enters the home and the transformation is miraculous. A book you will enjoy.

THE TREASURY OF ALEXANDER WHYTE, edited by Ralph G. Turnbull. Revell and Co., 1953. Cloth. Price, \$2.50.

Constantly searching for new truths in God's Word, Alexander Whyte became one of the most famous of Scots preachers. With a firm conviction this impassioned spirit pioneered the way of truth, and thus led, as a pastor, his congregation in the depths of life in the risen Christ. The book contains a summary of sermons preached years ago that breathe of the spirit of evangelical Christianity.

MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF BIBLE LANDS, by Fred H. Wight. Moody Press, 1953. Cloth. 335 pp. Price, \$4.

Many mistaken notions have arisen with regard to interpretation of many Bible passages, simply because many manners and customs of Bible lands are not familiar to many Christians. This book is a fully documented text setting forth the habits of the people of Palestine, Syria, Babylonia, Egypt, and the Sinai Peninsula. This book would be especially valuable as a gift for your pastor.

PROTESTANT CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES, by Bernard Ramm. Moody Press, 1953. Cloth. 252 pp. Price, \$3.50.

Dr. Bernard Ramm, graduate of the University of Washington, received his Ph. D. at the University of Southern California, and is now professor at Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. This is the prize-winning book of the Moody Press textbook contest. In it one will find a scholarly defense of the cardinal truths of Christianity. With a keen grasp of philosophy and science, the author focuses his attention upon the philosophical and scientific reasons for the Christian faith. The book is especially fine for students and those in need of a stabilizer against the critical spirit of our present day.

THE UNWANTED LEGACY, by Carrie Myers Gruhn. Van Kampen Press, 1953. Cloth. 191 pp. Price, \$2.

This is the story of an old man who had a tremendous interest in music and literature. His only heirs were Corrine and her brothers. The only soul who had a common interest in the old man's love for music and literature was a college roommate of Corrine, Margaret Rutledge. At the death of the old man it was learned that he had disinherited Corrine and her brothers and left his entire estate to Margaret. The story becomes involved in a series of events from hatred to Christian growth and purpose.



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EDITORIALS

By Paul R. Bauman, Vice President

Are You Cultured?

Dr. Albert Edward Wiggam, well-known psychologist and columnist, quotes John Powys as saying that you are "not cultured unless you treat every human being as of deep and startling interest." Dr. Wiggam goes on to comment, "You may think of him merely as a bellboy, or executive, or bishop, but that doesn't tell you what he really is. You must look deeper." Yes, Dr. Wiggam, that is an interesting statement! But, if there is anyone in this world who should be interested above all others in what men about him really are—if there is anyone who should "treat every human being as of deep and startling interest"—that man is the Christian. He should be vitally concerned for the welfare and eternal destiny of every soul about him. Yet, how many are? If the number of Christian people who are really bearing their testimony to those about them is any indication, few are concerned. If the number of unsaved people who are being brought out to the services to hear the Gospel each week is any indication, few are interested. Considering the indifference on the part of so many Christian people today toward the matter of personal soul-winning, we may do well on the basis of Mr. Powys' statement to ask how many are even cultured!

Those Who Tarry by the Stuff

Did your church set a goal for offerings to be received during December and January for the ministry of Grace Theological Seminary and College? Is it greater than last year? Our school has been growing and every year is preparing a larger number of young people to serve Christ throughout the world. The school's need for funds this year is greater than ever before. If you have not made your gift to the annual offering, do so immediately. It will be an investment in the life of one who can go into the ministry or the mission field for you. Then in the day of Christ's appearing you will share equally in the reward, for the principle was divinely set forth many centuries ago: "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike" (I Sam. 30:24).

The Relation of Little Gifts to Large Ones

The seminary editor's family has for many years been intimately acquainted with one of America's best-known radio preachers. The cost of his broadcast runs into thousands of dollars each week. Once in my presence this man of God was asked if the financial burden of his broadcast was carried by several who were contributing large gifts regularly to the work. I was somewhat surprised to learn that the overwhelming majority of the gifts that paid for the broadcast amounted to a dollar or

a little more. Many little gifts have a way of becoming large amounts, and it is upon this principle that the seminary's Monthly Finance Plan has been established. Do you have a set of the envelopes for 1954? Will you plan this year to give something each month, even though the amount of your monthly gift may be small? God has blessed the Monthly Finance Plan, and He will continue to supply the needs at Grace through your faithfulness.

The Price of an Ordinary Sandwich

Recently your editor served as a chaperon for three couples from the college division of the school who went to see a game of ice hockey. The game and the task of being chaperon were both a pleasant experience, but it is not my purpose here to elaborate upon either. I was more impressed by something that followed the game. On the way home the group stopped for a bite to eat, and in conformity with the usual college custom of the day I ordered a hamburger sandwich and a malted milk. Both proved to be VERY ordinary. The so-called malt was little more than some sort of a mixture of tiny bubbles, most of which vanished in the mouth before they could be swallowed. The hamburger was but a mere speck of meat carefully hidden between the two slices of a bun. Those who know the editor can probably best imagine the measure of his disappointment. But, strange as it may seem, as I left the place my thoughts were not so much upon either the malted milk or the sandwich as they were upon something else. Each had cost the young people who paid for my check the sum of 25c. As I rode on to Winona Lake, the thought occurred to me: "Twenty-five cents! The price of an ordinary sandwich! This is the amount we are asking the people of the Brethren Church to give each week for the entire educational program of our National Fellowship." Yes, because many are not giving this much (25c a week or \$1 a month), many have been obliged to give more, and how we do praise God for them! Are you willing to give the price of an ordinary sandwich each week to prepare young men and women for Christian service? Think it over. Pray about it.

Notice to Pastors, Financial Secretaries, or Treasurers

If your church has failed to receive any of the supplies you ordered, whether annual offering envelopes, monthly plan packets of envelopes, bulletin covers, or letters, please notify us immediately. The mails during December were extremely heavy, and we have already learned that a shipment to one of our larger churches became lost, and another bundle was torn to pieces by accident. Let us know if you need more supplies; they will be on their way to you by return mail.

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Jail Visitation Bears Fruit

By Eva Godfrey and Rosella Cochran

Again we have seen the wonderful work of our infinite God in reaching out to men and women and saving them by His grace.

Last November the men in charge of the visitation work at the Warsaw County Jail asked us to visit a woman who was being detained in connection with the death of her husband. As we talked with her, she told us she was a Christian and had been a church member since she was 15 years of age. We left some tracts and a booklet with her and promised to visit again. However, we did not feel certain of her salvation, and many of our friends continued to pray with us concerning this. During that week God spoke to her through His Word, convicting her of the necessity for a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and Mrs. Mildred Miller became a "new creature" in Him.

Realizing her own inability to cope with her present situation, she allowed the Lord to have control of her life and God, in His faithfulness, fully met her need. She studied the Word diligently, and God gave her understanding concerning His great truths. In order that her experiences might be based on fact as well as feeling, we made use of our excellent course in Romans, and taught her the basic truths of sin, justification, and sanctification.

Since our God is able to help at all times, she received strength through the grueling days of the trial, even to the point of going to the witness stand and undergoing cross-examination which is not required by law. Through it all, God gave her assurance that His way was best, and she accepted the verdict of guilty of voluntary manslaughter, with the sentence of 2-21 years in prison,

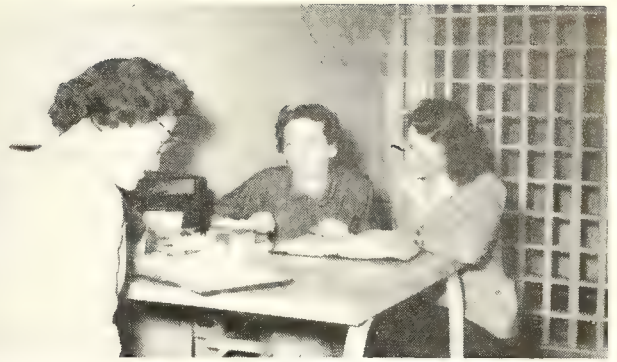
I FOUND FREEDOM IN PRISON

By Mildred Miller

I had always believed in God and believed that Jesus was crucified on the cross. But it wasn't until I came to know Jesus as my own personal Saviour that I understood why He was crucified. It took a sudden and unbelievable tragedy in my life to make me realize the true meaning of the grace of God—to know we are saved by that grace, and that salvation is dependent upon nothing we do but is rather a gift of God.

I had reached the point of utter despair and knew no one nor anything could help me. In the agony of my soul I cried out, "My God, my God, I am lost, and I can no longer go on! Come now and take me just as I am."

That is when I met Jesus Christ for the first time as a personal living friend—One who could take my troubles and sorrow and give me a new mind and a new life. I know now that there can be no fear in the future for me because I am in Christ Jesus.



Miss Cochran (left) and Miss Godfrey (right) study the Bible with Mrs. Miller in the Warsaw jail.

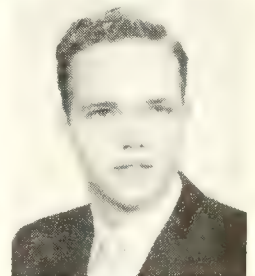
as God's will for her life, realizing that all things work together for good.

We learned many lessons from this experience, but the main one was this—God, in mercy, will save the one who comes to Him recognizing his need of a Saviour when the Word is given forth and supported by prayer. But we who give forth must recognize our dependence on Him.

Romans 8:28 is true, for some of Mrs. Miller's family were also saved through this experience and all will testify that the Lord seems more real than ever before. We believe that God has much in store for her in the study of His Word and witnessing to those in need about her. Pray that she will continue to rest upon God's sustaining power and guidance.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Several months ago pictures of the students enrolling in the college division of Grace Seminary appeared in the Herald. This month we present the pictures of 40 students who last September enrolled in the seminary division as members of the Junior (i. e., first-year) Class. Three should be added to the group: Randall Maycumber and Raymond Thoman, whose pictures were not available, and Walter McCoy, whose picture you see here. The 40 whose pictures appear on the cover are, from left to right: First row—



Walter McCoy

Arlie Andrews, Bruce Baker, Robert Brackett, Perry Britton, Edward Clark. Second row—Richard Coe, Brooks Dawson, John Evans, Max Fluke, David Frettinger. Third row—William Frettinger, John Gallagher, Eva Godfrey, Roy Hendershot, Dale Henry. Fourth row—Adrian Jeffers, Charles Johnson, Nickolas Kurtaneck, Lois Lee, Donald Locke. Fifth row—Raymond Lucas, Gerald Manuel, Donald Matheny, Norman McVey, Genevieve Miner. Sixth row—Charles Noffsinger, Godfrey Parker, Richard Placeway, James Quigley, William Ritchey. Seventh row—Robert Robinson, Samuel Rochester, Norman Rohrer, George Rupp, Russell Schelling. Eighth row—Forrest Schuhs, Evelyn Schumacher, Grant Shattuck, Arnold Stover, Robert Zimmer.

These young men and women are just a part of an investment in lives which is being made by the members of the Brethren Church. Pray for them.

A COMPARATIVE STUDY IN STATISTICS

By Dr. Alva J. McClain

About 15 years ago the Brethren churches in this country divided into two separate national conferences over issues of modernism, worldliness, legalism, and interference with congregational government. One group of churches took their conference to Ashland, Ohio, the location of Ashland College, which they supported. The other group of churches, composed largely of supporters of Grace Theological Seminary, continued their conference at Winona Lake, Ind., where they had been meeting for nearly 50 years. The Ashland conference uses the name, "General Conference of the Brethren Church."

The Winona Lake conference, desiring to avoid confusion in the public mind, adopted the name, "National Fellowship of Brethren Churches." Hereafter in this article I shall use the shortened names, "General Conference" and "National Fellowship."

While reading recently the annual statistical reports issued and published by these respective conferences, it occurred to me that a comparison of the figures might be of interest to our readers. And since the statistician of the Ashland General Conference has reviewed the progress of his group for the 11 years from 1942 to 1953, I shall do the same for the Winona National Fellowship.

FOR THE YEAR 1953

CHURCHES AND ATTENDANCE	GENERAL CONFERENCE	NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP
Total number of churches*	109	137
Total church membership	18,610	20,828
Average morning-worship attendance	7,658	14,479
Average evening-worship attendance	3,240	9,489
Average Sunday-school attendance	8,797	17,667
Average revival-meeting attendance	4,609	9,264
Average Bible-conference attendance	included above	4,696
Average midweek-prayer attendance	1,236	4,646
EXPENDITURES	GENERAL CONFERENCE	NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP
Local church expenses	\$507,645	\$1,279,000
Evangelistic and Bible conferences	14,790	44,838
Home and foreign missions	73,073	370,029
Total for all purposes	638,959	1,780,029
Per-capita expenditure	35.50	85.46
MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES	GENERAL CONFERENCE	NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP
Pastors	85	135
Foreign missionaries (from U. S. A.)	7	84
Other ministers	74	120

*Among the 109 churches reported by the Ashland General Conference there are included three which are affiliated with our own National Fellowship and pastored by our ministers. These are Johnstown First, Cone-maugh, and Summit Mills—all in Pennsylvania. Our report of 137 churches includes only those affiliated with the National Fellowship.

PROGRESS IN 11 YEARS

From 1942 to 1953 the Ashland General Conference had a net gain of 12 churches and 740 members. In the same time the Winona National Fellowship reported a net gain of 60 churches and 5,071 members. All 60 churches have been founded since the division.

From 1942 to 1953 the Ashland General Conference reported an increase in total expenditures from \$208,291 to \$638,959, an increase per member from \$12.55 to \$35.50.

In the same time the Winona National Fellowship reported an increase in total expenditures from \$459,262 to \$1,780,029, an increase per member from \$29.10 to \$85.46.

Perhaps the most fitting comment on all these figures is that, although we have many reasons to thank God for His undeserved blessings, there is little here for anyone to boast about. Let us determine by the grace of God to do better next year.

As the Pastor Sees Them

By Herman W. Koontz, Pastor, Winona Lake Brethren Church

Grace Students Worship

The second class period of the morning is over. Two hundred college and seminary students enter the beautiful chapel for the daily worship service. As all take their places a reverent attitude prevails. One never ceases to get a thrill as the students sing with feeling and enthusiasm such hymns as "Amazing Grace" and "To God Be the Glory." Every chapel period has its special spiritual blessings. Here the middler preaches his first sermon in a reverent church atmosphere. Outstanding church leaders present the missionary challenge or some other phase of the work of the church. The faculty members take turns in presenting timely messages. Then there is the weekly chapel period for praise and prayer, and many are the testimonies of both student body and faculty to the fact that God does answer prayer. The Lord Jesus Christ is ever exalted in these services and the students are drawn day by day closer to Him. Grace students receive in the chapel services those spiritual needs and blessings that no secular or liberal denominational school can ever give.

Grace Students Study

At the other end of the building from the chapel is the spacious library which stands for the intellectual requirements for Grace students even as the chapel stands for the spiritual needs and requirements. The future church leader must be mentally as well as spiritually equipped to hold his own before a well-trained but Godless world. Throughout the day and during evening hours students are in the library poring over their lesson assignments. The freshmen in the college are beginning to realize the demands that a school of this kind makes upon its students. Alongside of the first-year students are the seminary seniors who are diligently working to complete the first draft of their critical monographs before the deadline date. It is a critical time about the school when the seniors are writing their criticals. But this major piece of research into a portion of the Scripture to ascertain its true meaning, and to prove that this interpretation is the true one, is of great value to the students as one graduate of last spring testified to the writer after he had been in the active ministry for about six months. He said: "It would be good for every preacher, if he had the time, to prepare and write one critical every six months." His brief experience in the ministry had shown him the value of such exacting and painstaking study of the Word of God. Grace Seminary is training men to defend and proclaim the "faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Grace Students Do Practical Work

Over a period of more than four years the writer has seen a great expansion in the practical works department of the school. This putting into practice immediately what is learned in the school is as varied as the community will permit. Nearly 30 students are pastors of churches. More and more the churches of this part of the State are recognizing the spiritual worth of Grace

men and are calling them as student pastors. Work is being done weekly in Warsaw and Columbia City jails. Other jails are reached from time to time. Three hospitals and a nursing home have students visit them every week to do personal work from room to room. Street meetings are held when weather permits. Such a weekly meeting at a nearby town has developed into a church that will probably be organized into a Brethren church



Pastor Koontz in his study just off the seminary chapel talks with Roy Clark, of Buffalo, N. Y.

in the near future. Students are making door-to-door visitation efforts in Warsaw. Many have been reached in the same way in Winona Lake. In addition, students are teaching classes, leading singing in different churches, aiding in boys' clubs, teaching child evangelism classes, and working with churches in visitation programs. Hundreds of gospel tracts are given out in all of these efforts to reach people for Christ.

By combining in its program the spiritual, the intellectual, and the practical, this Brethren institution is training for the church a leadership that will keep the denomination true to the Bible and lead it in a program of growth both at home and in the foreign field. Grace Seminary and College, therefore, should have your daily prayers and sacrificial gifts.

THE CHURCH NEEDS A PURIFYING HOPE

"The church, turning away from the blessed and purifying hope of the Lord's coming, is fast becoming the nexus of a confederation of social and dramatic clubs, a house of merchandise, and a bureau of ecclesiastical amusements, in competition with the playhouse. The oyster, the strawberry, and ice cream are employed as indispensable to the life of the church. Gay and giddy butterfly saints seem to join it as a purveyor of Juvenal dramatics and vaudeville. They seem to expect the church to be a merry-go-round, and want Christianity set to music and dancing. Many a church is celebrating and boasting that should be fasting, confessing, and praying."—E. P. Marvin.

Christ's Decisive Knock

By Benjamin A. Hamilton

One rainy night an insurance agent called at a certain house. The man of the house was hesitant to answer. When he responded and found out who was calling, he angrily slammed the door. Foolish act, indeed, for the insurance representative simply wished to advise the man that an old, forgotten endowment policy had matured. The agent called to present a sum of \$1,000! Yet the man who ungraciously denied admission to the insurance agent was not as foolish as the men and women and children who ignore Christ's knock at their heart.

What About Christ's Knock?

According to Jesus' words in Revelation 3:20, if any person will open his heart's door to Christ that man or woman can have complete and full fellowship with the Son of God. Not only that, whoever acknowledges Christ's knock can have communion with God, unmarred and unbroken.

Men have a longing to know God. This yearning is sometimes expressed by means of idols—crude pictures of sinful man's conceptions of God. Sometimes this longing seeks gratification by giving huge sums of money to build libraries, hospitals, or help charities. Yet when Christ knocks at the heart of those people, they refuse to open their hearts to the only true Way to God—Jesus Christ.

What Answering Christ's Knock Means

As the insurance agent, mentioned before, would have given something greatly desired had he received a

favorable response, so Christ will give what the human heart really desires when Jesus' knock is answered. What Christ will give is abiding fellowship with himself and God the Father. Eating is one of the most intimate manifestations of real fellowship known. Enemies will not sup together.

If Christ's knock is answered, by swinging open the heart's door, you can have eternal life. This is obtained by belief in Jesus Christ who then cleanses with the blood shed at Calvary. For only Christ's blood takes away sin and its stain of guilt. Then supping with Jesus and feasting on the Word of God, you can have communion with God indeed. For then your fellowship is with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Alternative to Answering Christ's Knock

—is set forth in II Thessalonians 1:8-9. In verse 8 those "that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" are literally those who do not come in response to the knock of the Gospel on the heart's door. Then verse 9 states that such people will be punished by suffering a sentence of condemnation: "Everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord." This is not a present prospect. But it is an absolute promise of what is the alternative for those who stubbornly ignore Christ's knock at their heart's door. Whether the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ comes to you by preaching or personal testimony, it is assuredly Christ knocking at your heart. Don't forever lose out! Answer Christ's decisive knock now. Swing open your heart's door!

OUTLOOK FOR SECOND SEMESTER

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Registrar

A look into the files of the registrar indicates that there will be a small increase in the enrollment at the seminary as the second semester begins on January 22. There are not usually very many students who desire to begin their work in the school in the middle of the year. It is not considered the best time in most cases because many of the courses that are taught are largely a continuation of that which has been taught the first semester. It is just a bit difficult to break into the curriculum in the second semester. But it is by no means impossible, and some find it advantageous to do so.

It appears at this writing that there will be 10 new students when the new semester opens, 7 in the college division and 3 in the seminary. If these come, it will enable us to maintain, and probably slightly increase, the record enrollment of 217 of the fall semester. As is usual, several of those who enrolled last fall had to leave school for reasons of health and otherwise, and one or two will be completing their work at the end of the first semester. So it is probable that we will have about the same enrollment the second semester as the first. Be watching these pages for a definite report after registration day. At any rate, we are assured of a wonderful student body for the spring semester. A tremendous responsibility rests upon the staff of the school to

guide these young lives aright. We need the earnest prayers of all our readers that this responsibility may be faithfully discharged.

SEMINARY GIFTS FOR DECEMBER 1953

Akron, Ohio	\$717.72	Middlebranch, Ohio ...	\$10.00
Aleppo, Pa.	8.00	Mundy's Corner, Pa. ...	15.00
Alto, Mich.	16.00	New Troy, Mich.	17.00
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ..	7.00	Peru, Ind.	21.00
Ankenytown, Ohio ...	15.00	Portland, Oreg.	11.00
Beaver City, Nebr.	24.00	Rittman, Ohio	27.00
Berne, Ind.	2.00	San Diego, Calif.	40.05
Berrien Springs, Mich. .	6.00	Sidney, Ind.	13.00
Canton, Ohio	73.00	South Bend, Ind.	42.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa ...	20.00	Sterling, Ohio	28.00
Clay City, Ind.	119.00	Temple City, Calif.	25.00
Clayton, Ohio	51.00	Uniontown, Pa.	14.00
Covington, Va.	37.00	Washington, D. C.	
Dallas Center, Iowa ...	2.00	(Special)	17.40
Danville, Ohio	15.00	Waterloo, Iowa	138.15
Dayton, Ohio (First) ...	232.00	Waynesboro, Pa.	71.00
Dayton, Ohio (Beth.) ..	32.00	Whittier, Calif. (1st) ...	5.00
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riv.) .	129.25	Winchester, Va.	44.50
Everett, Pa.	10.00	Winona Lake, Ind.	815.35
Flora, Ind.	46.00	Winona Lake, Ind. (Spe-	
Fort Wayne, Ind.	165.50	cial)	31.07
Hagerstown, Md.	96.00		
Harrah, Wash.	16.00	Miscellaneous—	
Harrisburg, Pa.	14.05	Isolated Brethren	175.00
Johnstown, Pa. (First) .	20.00	Non-Brethren	573.60
Leon, Iowa	11.00	Home Missions Council	500.00
Limestone, Tenn.	4.00	Winona Lake Brethren	
Los Angeles, Calif. (1) .	45.00	Church (bldg. maint.)	500.00
Martinsburg, Pa.	43.00		
Meyersdale, Pa.	81.00	Total	\$5,191.64

LUTHER ON THE LORD'S COMING

"Ah! loving God, defer not thy coming. I wait impatiently the day when the spring shall return, when day and night shall be of equal length, and when Aurora shall be clear and bright. One day will come a thick black cloud out of which will issue three flashes of lightning, and a clap of thunder will be heard, and, in a moment, heaven and earth will be covered with confusion. The Lord be praised, who has taught us to sigh and yearn after that day. . . . I hope that day is not far off. Christ says: 'At that time, ye shall scarcely find faith on the earth.' If we make an account, we shall find that we have the Gospel now only in a corner. Asia and Africa have it not, the Gospel is not preached in Europe, in Greece, Italy, Hungary, Spain, France, England, or in Poland. And this little corner where it is, Saxony, will not hinder the coming of the last day of judgment. The predictions of the apocalypse are accomplished already, as far as the white horse. The world cannot stand long, perhaps a hundred years at the outside.

"When the Turk begins to decline, then the last day will be at hand, for then the testimony of the Scripture must be verified. The loving Lord will come, as the Scripture says: 'For thus saith the Lord of Hosts, yet a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth, and the sea and the dry land: and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come.' At the last there will be great alteration and commotion; and already there are great commotions among men. Never had the man of law so much occupation as now. There are vehement dissensions in our families, and discord in the church."—*Selected by Dr. Homer A. Kent from Luther's Table-Talk, Section 803.*

ROMAN CATHOLIC BLASPHEMY

The Pope has declared the beginning of a Marianna year. This means that the year is intended particularly for the worship of the Virgin Mary. Along with this the Catholic Church has reemphasized its belief in the sinlessness of Mary notwithstanding Mary's own statement in the Magnificat, to which the Catholics claim such devotion: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:46-47). Why did she call Him "my Saviour" if she was sinless? A sinless person does not need a Saviour! Such Roman Catholic doctrine is nothing less than pagan blasphemy! Little wonder it is that where Rome holds sway, the people are kept in abject poverty and ignorance.—P. B.

Which Version?

A critical evaluation of the Revised Standard Version, by 11 members of the faculty of Grace Theological Seminary. Forty pages of valuable information concerning the new translation of the Bible. Price, 15c a copy; 8 copies for \$1.00.



GRACE ALUMNUS NOW A CHAPLAIN



Grace Seminary alumni enter varied fields of service around the world. After his graduation in May of 1950, Lee Jenkins served as pastor of the Lake Odessa, Mich., Brethren Church. Lee had served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II, and largely as a result of a burden upon his heart for souls of untouched men in the service, he felt led to enter the chaplaincy. Upon his acceptance, he once more entered the service of his country, this time, however, to bind up the hearts of men. The above picture was taken last spring and shows a group of chaplain students on a field trip conducted at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. Brother Jenkins stands at the extreme right.

RABBI SAYS RSV IS NOT THE BIBLE

Rabbi Israel Bettan, professor of homiletics at Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio, was recently asked his opinion of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. In reply, Dr. Bettan said: "The Revised Standard Version is not a faithful translation, and in some places the revisers do violence to the original Hebrew. It is a good book on the Bible, but it is not the Bible."

When asked to compare the King James Version with various other translations, the rabbi said that of the English versions mentioned the King James Version was, in his opinion, the most faithful to the original. He stated further that his opinion had to do with the Hebrew text as a whole and not those passages causing the doctrinal controversies which have arisen between some Christian churches since the introduction of the Revised Standard Version.—*The Good Samaritan, October 1953.*

STARTLING FACTS!

One-half of the world's population of two billion four hundred million souls have never heard the name of Jesus. Each day 170,000 people die, more than 100,000 of whom know nothing whatsoever of Christ.

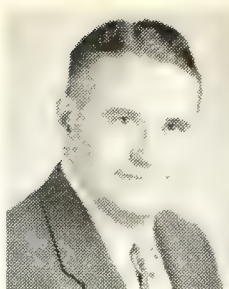
There are more than 2,000 languages spoken in the world, but the Bible has only been translated into 200 of them —*India's Challenge.*



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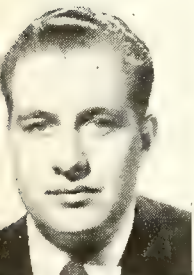
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GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE

JANUARY 25-28



Ward Tressler ('48)



Charles H. Ashman, Jr. ('50)



Glenn Smouse ('52)

Many weeks of prayer and careful planning have been directed toward making the third annual Grace Bible Conference the best yet. Sponsored by the Grace Seminary Alumni Association, the annual four-day conference will last from Monday, January 25, through Thursday, January 28, with all sessions being held in the Seminary building. A great feast of spiritual blessings and fellowship in the Lord has been planned for all those who attend; and already many have written to indicate their plans to come for one or more days of the conference. More than 600 conference programs have been sent forth, accompanied by an urgent appeal for prayer support from those who cannot possibly be with us during those days.

Each morning of the conference week, except Monday, will begin with a season of special prayer at 8:30 o'clock in the Prayer Tower, followed by the opening service at 9 o'clock. The daily program is outlined as follows—MONDAY, January 25: Key-note Address by *Reese A. Johnson*, '51 (1:30 p. m.); Evening Message by *Ivan H. French*, '53 (7:30 p. m.). TUESDAY, January 26: Devotional Message by *Kenneth R. Marken*, '50 (9:30 a. m.); Expository Message by *Russell M. Ward*, '46 (10:30 a. m.); Paper on "Home Missions" by *Lester E. Pifer*, '47 (1:30 p. m.), followed by an Open Forum discussion of the paper led by Dr. *Alva J. McClain*. Evening Message by *Charles H. Ashman, Jr.*, '50 (7:30 p. m.). The song leader for the day will be *Gerald Polman*, '46.

WEDNESDAY, January 27, will begin with a Devotional Message by *J. Ward Tressler*, '48 (9 a. m.), followed by an Expository Message by *S. Wayne Beaver*, '43 (10:30 a. m.). At the afternoon session, a Paper on "The Army Chaplain" will be read by *Gordon F. Cook*, '44 (1:30 p. m.), with the Open Forum being led by Dr. *Paul R. Bauman*, '34. At 5:30 p. m., an Alumni Fellowship Supper will be held in the seminary cafeteria and lower auditorium, followed by a color-slide lecture on the Holy Land by *R. Wayne Snider*, '53, in the newly decorated lounge. The graduate division of the seminary has been invited to participate in this supper, and tickets are on sale for \$1. The day's activities will conclude with the Evening Message by *Ord Gehman*, '35 (7:30 p. m.). The song leader for Wednesday is to be *Russell Ward*, '46.

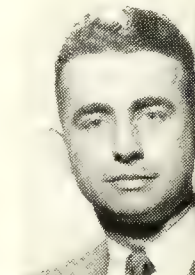
THURSDAY, January 28—Devotional Message by *Clair E. Brickel*, '52 (9 a. m.) and an Expository Message by *Glenn E. Smouse*, '52 (10:30 a. m.). In the afternoon, a Paper on "The Sunday School" will be read by *James G. Dixon, Jr.*, '47 (1:30 p. m.), with the Open Forum led by Dr. *Herman A. Hoyt*, '35. The Evening Message will be brought by *Wesley Haller*, '51, with *Robert Ashman*, '36, as song leader for the day.

Each afternoon from 3 to 4, an Alumni Business Meeting will be held in the rear of the chapel. These meetings will be open for all regular and associate members of the Alumni Association. All alumni and friends are encouraged to stay for the Annual Day of Prayer, which has been scheduled for Friday, January 29. We feel

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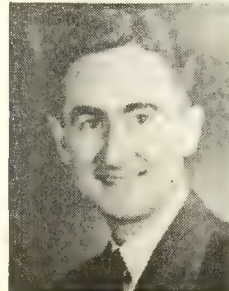
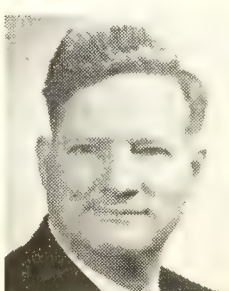
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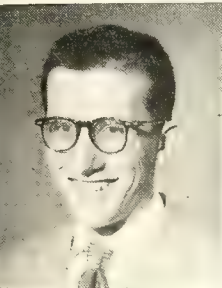


Servants and Fellowservants

By Leonard Meznar, Seminary Senior

"And he called ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13).

Grace Seminary is a servant-training school; the Lord of the servants is Jesus Christ. But the fact that we are in training does not mean that service is yet a future thing.



Leonard Meznar

Five servants set out to do business for their Lord on a Sunday in November. Under the direction of the Practical Works Department of Grace Seminary these young men were evangelizing the nearby town of Warsaw. Like the 70 of old, these went from door to door with tract and testimony proclaiming Christ. When the afternoon's work was done they had many interesting things to tell of persons who had been reached: for example, one fine young girl who had made a first-time public profession of Christ. Other Sundays have seen other decisions for the Lord; besides, Christian residents have been blessed and stirred.

Yes, Grace Seminary is a training school for Jesus Christ, but it is more. God has made it a fruitful branch through the soul-winning it encourages the students to do. Inspired and filled in the classrooms during the week, the students go out to bear fruit on the week ends.

At this time of the annual seminary offering we look to you friends of Grace Seminary, our fellow servants, to pray and give that our servant-training may go on, that we may do great business till He comes.

LIBRARIAN KEEPS BUSY



Few people realize the tremendous amount of work that is required for the building and maintenance of a library. In the picture above we see Mrs. Ben Hamilton, librarian at Grace Theological Seminary, using an electric pencil to mark the catalog number on a new volume. She and Mr. Hamilton have recently cataloged 3,000 volumes.

STUDENT CHORUS AT GRACE



On December 18, just before the beginning of the vacation period, a lovely program of Christmas music was presented in the seminary chapel by the student chorus-choir, under the direction of Donald Ogden, instructor in music. The top picture shows Mr. Ogden directing the choir. Center—The entire group taking part, including instrumentalists Dick and Robert Messner. Lower—The quartet, composed of Warren Jacobs, Robert Zimmer, Vernon Buller, and Robert Robinson. Grace Seminary and College now has the finest array of musical talent in its history and looks forward to the expansion of its music department next year.

GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE

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that the Grace Bible Conference will be a wonderful preparation for that tremendously important time of heart-searching, praise, and intercession. GOD alone knows our desperate spiritual need, and only HE can meet it, as we open our hearts to Him.

Accommodations for those who attend the conference will be provided, as far as possible, by members of the faculty, student body, and local church. If you have not done so already, then plan now to attend this spiritual feast of good things, and let us know of your approximate time of arrival; but above all, hold us up faithfully before the throne of grace, that God's richest blessings in Christ Jesus might be poured out upon this conference, for the glory of His name!

The Brethren Missionary Herald

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HOPEWELL, PA. Recent speakers at the Grace Brethren Church (Yellow Creek) were Mr. Irwin Miller, senior at Grace Theological Seminary; Rev. Roy Snyder, missionary on furlough from French Equatorial Africa and son of Rev. Sheldon Snyder, pastor of the church; and Mr. John Ritchey, who plans to enter Grace Seminary next semester.

CHEYENNE, WYO. Rev. Sam Horney, former pastor of the First Brethren Church, will conduct a week of meetings here beginning January 24. Rev. Tom Inman is interim pastor.

DENVER, COLO. A new attendance record was set Dec. 20 at the Grace Brethren Church with 133 present, when the Sunday-school Christmas program was presented. Each class gave a special offering to be used to "improve the Lord's house" and the offering amounted to about \$100.

SOUTH GATE, CALIF. The new auditorium being built at the First Brethren Church is expected to be finished by the last of March. Alfred Dodds is pastor. Rev. Sam Horney was recently guest speaker here.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Mr. George Myers, of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, left Jan. 17, via plane, for Lima, Peru, to work with the R. G. LeTourneau missionary party at the headwaters of the Amazon. Gene Farrell is pastor of the Cherry Valley church.

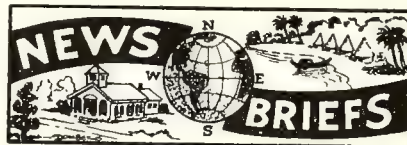
PHILADELPHIA, PA. The Sunday school of the First Brethren Church showed a 11.5% gain in 1953 over 1952, and a 51% gain over the first year the church was located at their new site. John M. Aeby is pastor.

NEW YORK, N. Y. March 5 has been set by the American Council

of Christian Churches as the World Day of Prayer. Special programs may be secured by writing 15 Park Row, New York 38, N. Y.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. The Grace Brethren Church recently had 249 present for the communion service. Bernard Schneider is the pastor. (Editor—From a membership of 300 this is a commendable record. We will have reason to praise God when 5/6 of the members of the Brethren denomination attend the communion service.)

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Brethren Missionary Herald this week salutes Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, for forwarding to the office at Winona Lake the neatest church bulletins of the month. Second recognition goes to Rev. Richard L. Burch, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.



NEW YORK, N. Y. Rev. and Mrs. Don Bishop are scheduled to leave here on March 12 for Argentina. Their visas have been granted.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. One dozen Christmas baskets were distributed to families in the community of the First Brethren Church. Dr. W. A. Ogden is the pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The order blanks for the next quarter have been mailed to all churches, and secretaries are sincerely requested to return them as early as possible. This actually means a saving of money to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, and better service to the churches. With your co-operation, orders will reach your churches by March 15 or before. Thank you.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO. The Sunday school of the Grace Brethren Church had the highest average of her history the last quarter of 1953. Richard L. Burch is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The third annual Grace Bible Conference will be sponsored by the Grace Seminary Alumni Association and conducted at Grace Seminary January 25-28.

LA VERNE, CALIF. According to word received by Rev. Marvin Goodman, Jr., the French government has denied visas to Rev. and Mrs. Goodman. Prayer is requested that the Lord's will might be done in this regard.

M'BAIKI, F. E. AFRICA. Rev. William (Bill) Samarin is seriously ill, and doctors have ordered him to take a six-weeks rest. The actual cause of the illness is unknown.

BOZOU, F. E. AFRICA. Dr. and Mrs. Harold Mason arrived here on Jan. 7 to take up their medical work.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The Torrey Memorial Bible Conference will be conducted Jan. 17-24 in the First Brethren Church. Dr. Charles Mayes is the pastor.

BERNE, IND. A combined WMC-Laymen family night fellowship was held Jan. 5. Miss Martha Burkhalter, 36 years a missionary in India, showed pictures. A three-act skit on the Family Devotional Period was presented. Copies of skit may be secured from Rev. Ord Gehman, Berne, Ind.

ROANOKE, VA. The Ghent Brethren Church was host to the Southeast District youth rally Jan. 1-2. Fifty-five young people registered for the rally. Coadvisors for the youth program of the district are Rev. Paul Mohler, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Covington, Va., and Rev. Carl Miller, pastor of the Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. Rev. Robert Miller was host pastor.

PORTIS, KANS. The First Brethren Church and community honored Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Kettell on their silver wedding anniversary. Their wedding was solemnized 25 years ago in Roanoke, Va., following graduation from Moody Bible Institute. Rev. Kettell became pastor of the Portis church in Dec. 1951.

CHICAGO, ILL. The Evangelical Press Association convention will be held here January 26-28 at the Midland Hotel. Most of the contributing editors of the Brethren Missionary Herald will be in attendance at this convention.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. There have been 48 decisions the first week of the meetings under the leadership of Crusade Team No. 2. Twenty of these have been first-time confessions. Rev. True Hunt is pastor.

Five Minutes With Your Herald Editor

C-Bomb

Near that geographic point where the Columbia and Yakima rivers converge at Hanover, Wash., lies a 600-square-mile tract of ground in the center of which is dwarfed a giant factory building. That factory is the heart of the atomic program of America, for there is "born" the plutonium used to manufacture the A-bomb and the H-bomb.

Of the dreadful A-bomb and the so-called H-(hell) bomb we have read much. But now there echoes from the scientific research laboratory the theory of a C-bomb. This bomb would be the most dreaded of the three.

Dr. Louis N. Ridenour, University of Illinois physicist and special assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, theorizes that the cobalt bomb would be the most dangerous of all. In theory, the hydrogen weapon would be encased in a cobalt shell, and after detonation the cobalt would form a radioactive dust which would be carried by the wind or water from place to place. This cobalt dust loses only half its radioactive potential in from five to fifty years. Such dust could prove to be national suicide to the nation that develops it.

What a conundrum! In one laboratory scientists employ radioactive atoms in the treatment of cancer that man might live; while in another laboratory scientists study the atom as a potential killer.

With all our scientific progression, man continues to retrogress spiritually. This has been man's course since that day when our first parents turned from the grace of God. Indeed—worse things are ahead! Man will kill and continue to kill; but praise God, before the devastation reaches its zenith, God shall intervene and begin His judgment of man and sin. Thank God, the believer has the promise that before that judgment begins our Lord will cry, "Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter" (Rev. 4:1).

Arnold R. Kriegbaum

LeCoque, a Catholic, claimed that the King James Version of the Bible was contrary to the tenets of their religion. An injunction was therefore filed against the Gideons, International, to prohibit them the privilege of distributing Bibles in the public schools of Rutherford, N. J.

Last month the New Jersey supreme court reached a unanimous decision and ruled that the King James Version of the Bible is a sectarian book and dare not be distributed in the public schools of New Jersey.

Little did our Christian forefathers speculate that after braving the dangers of oceans and entering an uncivilized country, the day would come when it would be unlawful to read or distribute the Bible in the public schools of this nation. The first schools in this land were established by God-fearing, God-loving men and women who believed the Bible to be the very Word of God. This nation was founded upon the Bible.

The fact is that the ruling is not against a version, but against God's Word. Man in his carnal state hates God and His Word. This hatred is ingrained in the hearts of men. The fruit of such hatred is death—eternal death.

Evangelistic Methods Perturb Catholics

Rev. Julius Armijo Suarez, professor of philosophy at the Catholic University in Quito, Ecuador, declared recently at Loyola University in New Orleans that a Protestant-owned radio station in Quito has the strongest wavelength there and that radios are being given to the Indians so they might listen. This Catholic priest declared that the station broadcasts Protestant propaganda all day long without interruption for commercial advertising because enough money is sent from the United States to finance the project.

In addition to this, the priest was perturbed that schools and colleges were being established, and tuition of the students is being paid by "various sects" in the United States. This, declared the priest, is a great temptation to poor Catholic parents.

The very fact that the priest is perturbed is evidence that this evangelistic effort is accomplishing its purpose. One never complains except when the shoe is tight.

Heart Trouble

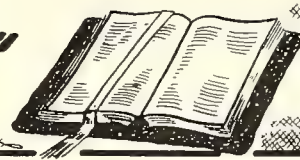
America's No. 1 killer is heart disease. In the United States there are 10,000,000 men and women suffering from some form of heart trouble. According to Newsweek, 771,000 deaths during 1952 were the result of heart or blood disorders.

Dr. Jackson A. Smith, psychiatrist of Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, Tex., affirms that more than half of the people who consult their doctors for cardiac symptoms have no sign of heart trouble at all, but are merely suffering from what doctors call "Anxiety Heart Disease." An anxious heart is but the result of fear and develops an imaginary heart disease. Acute tension in business, social or marital relationships gives the patient the symptoms of heart trouble. Frightening sensations such as rapid heartbeat and chest discomfort, pulsation of the head and throat, breathlessness, deep sighing, and other symptoms are usually nothing more than an anxious heart.

It would be well for every Christian suffering from an "anxious heart" to read and reread Philipians 4:6-7 (ASV). "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."

New Jersey Court Rules on Bible

Early in 1952, two men, Mr. Bernard Tudor, a Jew, and Mr. Ralph



Wayward Feet

By Rev. Glenn O'Neal, Pastor, First Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

"Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love." This testimony of the hymnwriter could be the testimony of all who, though having dedicated their lives to the Lord and His service, find a tendency to wander from the pathway of blessing and usefulness.

The Lord recognized our weakness as He sat at supper with the 12 disciples and during the supper He "laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded" (John 13: 4b-5).

Thus He provides an object lesson of God's method of remedying the problem of wayward, soiled feet.

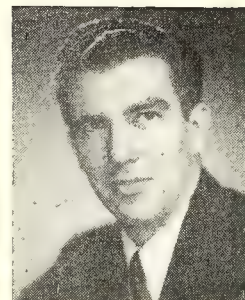
I. *An Object Lesson in Our Need for Cleansing.*

The feet, which are daily in contact with the world, are constantly in need of cleansing. It is true that

we have been cleansed once and for all by the blood of Christ, but who will not admit that since we are still living in the world we are subject to the defilements of it. We are exposed to filthy language, obscene pictures, irksome people, and distracting pursuits. Each of us, as we come to the end of the day, surely need to recognize the privilege and duty of coming to the Lord and saying, "Lord, cleanse this defiled life that I might be pure and sweet for Thy glory."

The purpose of this cleansing is clearly defined by the Lord when He said to Peter, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me" (John 13:8). Except for this cleansing, we can have no part with Him as far as fellowship is concerned. A dark cloud of unconfessed, uncleansed sin can hide the smile of God and produce only the gloom of estrangement and defeat.

Except for this cleansing, there can be no "part" with Christ in His great program of reaching a lost world for himself. Christ can only



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use pure vessels to most effectively pour out the water of life to thirsty souls.

II. *An Object Lesson in the Method of Cleansing.*

The method is simply—we submit and He cleanses. How many of us are like Peter, who held back, refusing to permit the Lord to cleanse his soiled life.

Our excuses are: "I'm too ashamed of my sin to go to the Lord with it." "I've confessed it so many times before that it's time I work it out for myself." But the Lord is pleased when we cast our helpless, soiled lives into His hands for cleansing, admitting our inability to do it ourselves. In spite of all our excuses, His promise still remains, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

The Lord, knowing our tendency to forget, commanded us to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14). Every time we obey this command, we are not only submitting for the cleansing, but recognizing the responsibility to help one another in the purifying of our daily lives. As we recognize and take advantage of the symbol as well as the reality of God's method of cleansing, it should be our testimony that the departures from the path of pleasing God have been less frequent and more temporary. "Lord, keep my feet today on the path of pleasing Thee."



"INTO THE DEPTHS"



STORMING THE KINGDOM

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force" (Matt. 11:12).

This bold announcement of violence, with the kingdom of heaven as its object, has drawn many expositors' attention to this passage of Scripture. As might well be expected, in the search for its exact meaning, a wide variety of opinions have been expressed. Some have gone far afield and have suggested that subtle implications are contained herein, but it seems certain that the correct meaning is a simple one and can be seen by a clear understanding of the context and by catching the spirit of the events which so characterized the days in which the words of this verse were written. Almost always the force of argument concerning difficult passages of Scripture increases or diminishes in accordance with how nearly the context surrounding it supports or rejects a chosen view. This case is no exception.



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In order to briefly set forth what the various interpretations of this passage consists of, it may be said that there are about three main schools of thought. Two groups are composed of those who regard the Greek verb *biazetai* (translated "suffereth violence" in the AV) as being a passive form. The third group holds that it is a middle form. Greek grammar would allow either. The first of the above-mentioned views will be called the "hostile reception view" and those who are of this mind understand the English translation "suffereth violence" to be in a hostile sense, and view our Lord as meaning that the kingdom is assailed violently by unbelieving, disaffected men who do what they can to prevent its progress. The second view will be called the "friendly reception view."

A larger number lean toward this idea and they see the kingdom of heaven being stormed by masses of enthusiastic applicants for entry, the extraordinary energy exhibited being of a friendly or favorable nature. A third group have taken what might be called the "forcible introduction view" and they contend that the kingdom in some way forcibly introduces itself.

It is believed that the correct interpretation is not to be found within the restricted limits of any one of the above ideas, but that each of them contribute elements to a well-balanced view. Consider for a moment the important background of the problem. Jesus had presided over the dispersion of the Twelve and they were pursuing their designated ministry. John, because of his fearless preaching, was cast into a dungeon. Bewildered, he sent a message of doubt to Jesus, who answered him effectively with Old Testament prophecy. Jesus also vigorously defended John and tenderly admonished him. Think of the whirlpool of confusion which caused even the great John to stumble. There was the bona fide offer of the kingdom with Christ as its head. On the one hand there was a powerful movement of human souls toward God; on the other, evil and blinded men resisted and fought against it. Publicans, sinners, harlots, the scum of society—this was the kind who in greatest numbers were pressing into the kingdom, and it was to the astonishment and disgust of the "respectable," "religious" people. Preconceived notions of what the kingdom of heaven would consist were being shattered. Jewish expectation had molded specifications that were brilliant and idealistic. What was expected could not be reconciled with what actually appeared. This was source of John's doubt. Indications were already present of Satanic hatred that was soon to resolve itself into the crucifixion of the "King of the Jews." It is extremely likely

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that Jesus had such conditions as these in mind when He spoke the words of our text.

Jonathan Edwards once wrote, "A great deal of noise and tumult, confusion and uproar, darkness mixed with light and evil with good, is always to be expected in the beginning of something very glorious in the state of things in human society or the church of God."

In the seventh chapter of Luke we find the same story being related as in Matthew 11. Beginning with verse 29, at the same place in the story that Matthew refers to the violence in connection with the kingdom, these words appear. Note them carefully. "And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John, but the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him" (Luke 7:29-30). In Matthew Jesus says "the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence." In the same setting, Luke sets up a scene depicting the low class in society justifying God by heeding the ministry of John, while the ruling class, whose prerogative it was to accept or reject the offered kingdom, were rejecting the counsel of God.

It was therefore appropriate to refer to the kingdom of heaven as having experienced violence. It resulted from the manner in which the men of Israel responded to the teaching about this kingdom which was being offered to them. Enthusiastic, eager acceptance was the attitude of many, while haughty, high-minded rejection was that of others. Paradoxically, the low sinner classes were receiving the attention of the King. Preconceived notions of the kingdom were being shattered. Because of these circumstances of energy and violence, those entering the kingdom appeared to be doing so by force.

Could it be said that the kingdom of heaven still "suffereth violence"?

MOMENTS on the MOUNT

A Christian's Undoing

PSALM 1:1

As long as a Christian is in this world, he must be constantly on his guard. The saved and the wicked are together in this life, and unless the Christian has a definite plan of conduct—a set standard of life—he will find himself influenced by “the way of the ungodly.” God pictures for us the progressive encroachment “the way of the ungodly” can make in our lives through an innocent beginning. He points out in Psalm 1:1 the three steps that can culminate in a Christian's undoing.

We should not “walk in the counsel of the ungodly.” Literally, these “ungodly” are those that are “loosed from God.” Not necessarily a person branded by society as an evil person. This one may be accepted in the best of the local community's circles. This “ungodly” person is one who hates the discipline of God's Word. He is one who scorns the correction he knows God's standard would make on his manner of life. Saved people are not to “walk” with this sort. We are not to be associated with them day by day in a chosen fellowship. We are not to put our shoulder to theirs and make their program ours. Right here is the fertile source of transgressions that become our undoing.

How harmless is the effect of affiliation in programs with those who are not of godly convictions? Of course we do not put our stamp of approval on their moral life when we work with them for community betterment. One hastens to say that the project we work together on is in keeping with the teaching of the Scriptures. Perhaps you may be able to satisfy your slight qualms of conscience by such an interpretation,

but if you do, you are in conflict with Psalm 1:1. We know that there is no such thing as one Scripture conflicting with another. Anything appearing as a conflict merely suggests that we had better back-check. Perhaps some personal feeling has entered into our knowledge—is it not possible that we could have been biased? The conflict will have to be accounted for in us—no part of God's Word conflicts with any other part.

It is the seemingly innocent thing that yokes us with “the ungodly” in our walk and lays the foundation for the sin that can be our undoing. In



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such a walk there will be offered free “counsel.” God says to beware of this counsel that comes from the logic of a civilization whose morality is easily discernible because of its degraded level. This logic reeks of the pit. It says that a lie is bad only when caught. Stealing is not evil if not apprehended. Immorality is only bad when the disgrace comes. How well in keeping with this logic is the Kinsey report on the “Sexual Behavior of the Female.” Girls are reporting to their spiritual counselors that from this report they were led to believe that science had cared for all the former danger involved in promiscuity—only to their regret. We are told that to be opposed to the former standard of morals is to

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be old-fashioned. The price God exacts for sin is old-fashioned, too, but we must admit that “the way of the transgressor is hard.”

The next step is to “stand in the way of sinners.” These “sinners” have as their mode of life coarse sin. Here we find people whose lusts were desires of the flesh which have passed into action. This is the place we might find ourselves if we begin by taking counsel from the “ungodly.” Surely now we should see the downward progression. It should be evident that we are no longer in tune with our heavenly Father. This is the place where a Christian finds satisfaction in the place where he is “standing.”

The final level is to “sit in the seat of the scornful.” The scornful are those who openly deride Christian obligations. They argue for wickedness. Because it is common they feel vindicated, for everybody is supposedly doing it! The beginnings of the Christian's undoing were modest, but here the issues are plain. The way is full of wickedness, and it is chosen regardless.

Only the new birth gives one power to withdraw from such society. No turned leaf, no skillful use of one's own power, will help here. The very first steps of walking with the ungodly were in opposition to the will of God for His children. Ever since then, the way has been away from God. The only way back is through the power of God's indwelling Spirit. The Christian must confess and forsake his sinful walk and then stand and sit by the means of the grace God has provided. The one who is unconcerned about his walk as a Christian will not be a victorious child of God, and might even be just a professor. Remember Christian, God says the undoing began with the innocent ties while still on the higher level.

AKRON, OHIO, DEDICATION

By Pastor Harold H. Etling

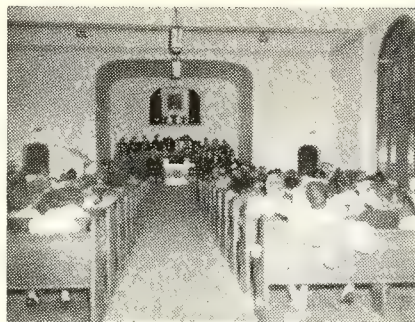
Sunday, December 20, 1953 saw another milestone passed in the history of the First Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio, when the new \$80,000 addition was dedicated. Large crowds were present in each of the three services during the day. The new addition enlarged the auditorium of the church to a seating capacity of more than 500. Painted in a light green, with a gray carpet covering the floor and scarlet red draperies the auditorium is a beautiful place of worship. The building was made even more beautiful for the dedication by the 15 poinsettias which were used for decorations.

In addition to the auditorium there is a large basement room which will be used for the junior department of the Sunday school which now numbers 80 in enrollment, a new classroom for the young married people which has more than 50 enrolled, and the third floor which will house the intermediate department with five classes and an auditorium that will seat 100. Large Sunday-school office, and a pastor's study, in addition to the Charles Turner Memorial library occupy the north wing of the main floor. All in all it is a spacious building that will house the Sunday school and church with provision for many newcomers who are now moving into the community.

The dedication services were held during the afternoon with Dr. Herman A. Hoyt as the speaker. In addition, Brethren Kenneth Ashman, Wooster, Ohio; E. M. Lewis, Middlebranch, Ohio; Richard Burch, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Lester Pifer, representing the Brethren Home Missions Council; R. E. Gingrich, former pastor and president of the Akron Bible Institute; David Pluck, and Milo Williams shared the program. The Honorable R. M. Bird, Christian mayor of the city of Akron, offered the afternoon prayer and brought a personal testimony to the saving power of Christ in his own life.

At the conclusion of the day, the pastor baptized 11 persons, including a family of 5.

The building indebtedness is approximately \$35,000 on this dedication day, but our God, who has



Interior of Auditorium



Rev. Harold Etling and Dr. Raymond Gingrich



*Dr. Hoyt Preaching
Seated (l. to r.)—Rev. Richard Burch, Hon. R. M. Bird, Rev. Kenneth Ashman.*



Exterior of Akron Church, With New Addition Seen at Rear

already supplied our needs to the present moment, has given us the promise to continue to supply every need. Praise His holy name!

ALIBIS

A writer in the Chicago Daily News recently showed the ridiculous reasons some people give for not going to church by merely substituting the word "movies" for the word "church" in their excuses.

I'm out of the habit of going to the movies. I'd better not go tonight.

I have not been to the movies for so long the walls would fall in if I should go.

I know a man who has gone to the movies for years and he is no better than I am.

There are as many good people outside the movies as inside.

Too many hypocrites attend the movies.

I stay away from the movies because of the kind of folk who support them. I wouldn't sit in the same room with Mr. So-and-So.

I don't like the people in charge of the movies.

I stay away from the movies because I went when I was a child.

I need new clothes before I can go to the movies.

I have a friend visiting me and I don't know whether he likes the movies or not, and I never meddle with a man's private opinions.

I don't go to the movies because the directors never call on me.

I don't go to the movies because when I went the last time not a soul spoke to me.—*Selected.*

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NORTHERN OHIO MEN MEET FOR AFTERNOON RALLY



Men who attended the Northern Ohio District Laymen's meeting in Wooster are shown at the top. At the right the men are shown enjoying a "snack" prepared by the ladies.



The Northern Ohio District laymen met at the Wooster, Ohio, First Brethren Church on Sunday, December 13, for an afternoon rally. Rev. John Dilling, pastor of the Canton church, was the speaker for the 2:30 service. The ladies of the Wooster church provided a lunch in

the evening, and Dr. L. L. Grubb, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, was the speaker, following the lunch. There were 78 men from the district present, and they remained for the evening service, at which Dr. Grubb also was the speaker.

This Is An Editorial?

I'm thinking out loud again! I'm interested in the page for laymen that is published once a month in the Herald. You are now reading it. I would like to know who else besides you will read it. If I am to judge by the response that has been received to appeals for articles of interest, news items, and notes of praise from laymen—I repeat, if I am to judge how many readers we have by the response to these appeals, well, they are mighty few. Last month we delayed publication of our page because we wanted to print an appeal from President Cooper to the laymen about our projects and goals. The resultant delay has caused the interval of time between publication of the last page and this one to be narrowed to two weeks. The thing that is bothering me is that *only one* communication has come to us in that time concerning the work of the laymen. Were it not for the pictures and story of the rally at Wooster, Ohio, which were furnished by Dr. L. L. Grubb, we would have precious little material for a page. Well . . . I started out with an idea as to how to cure this problem, but now I've reached the end of the page and as I don't want to continue on another page, I'll have to stop.

National Fellowship OF Brethren Laymen

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

Men of the First Brethren Church, LONG BEACH, CALIF., held their Brotherhood Christmas Banquet in December and heard Dr. Harold Lindsell, dean of Fuller Seminary, and the Old Fashioned Revival Hour Choir. At the January meeting of the Brotherhood the speaker was Elgar A. Rubright, of Syracuse, N. Y., a Christian business man associated with the Easy Washing Machine Company. Music was furnished by the Brethren High School Male Quartet. . . . CONEMAUGH, PA., men met on January 5 at the home of "Bud" Anthony. "Cy" Hunt is president. . . . Men at FREMONT, OHIO, helped the boys club to gather toys, repair them, and send them to Winona Lake, Ind., at Christmas-time for distribution to the children of seminary students. . . . EAST DISTRICT men met at Altoona, Pa. December 17. . . . NEW TROY, MICH., Men's Fellowship had charge of the Watch Night service this year. . . . The annual banquet of the Christian Business Men was held in the WASHINGTON, D. C., church January 8. Dr. James Bennett, the lawyer who defended Harry Rimmer in his famous trial, was the speaker. . . . WHITTIER, CALIF., men met on January 12 and heard Gillette Vandegrift, missionary on furlough from India, speak. A ham dinner was served. . . . From the bulletin of the LONG BEACH, CALIF., Second Church: "Men's Fellowship Thursday Nite (Jan. 7) with Dr. BQ (Bible Quiz) answering your questions and Dr. Sweeton singing and playing his violin." . . . Treasurer Walter Hoy tells us that several laymen from First Brethren, DAYTON, OHIO, are going to Troy, Ohio, on January 21 to help start a laymen's fellowship.

TREASURER'S DECEMBER REPORT

(Send all offerings to Bro. Walter Hoy
409 Leland Ave., Dayton, Ohio.)

Board of Evangelism (\$3,000)	\$142.3
Student Aid (\$1,000)	3.0
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General Expense Fund (\$500)	0.0

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*"Hast thou entered into the treasures
of the snow?"*

Summary of Moderator's Address, Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches, Roanoke, Va.

The theme for the Ninth Annual Conference of the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches is "Walk to Please God." These words are found in I Thessalonians 4:1, where the Apostle Paul exhorts the faithful group of Christians at Thessalonica to please God in their daily walk: "Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more."

In almost every instance in the Word of God where we find a reference to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to take us out of the sin and darkness of this world, we find also an exhortation for the Christian to walk to please God. As the Apostle John puts it in I John 2:28, we are to "abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." In I Thessalonians 4, Paul is leading up to the truth concerning the doctrine of the glorious appearing of our Saviour, and he does so by first of all giving the exhortation to practical Christian living, exhorting the Thessalonians to "walk to please God."

I believe the Apostle Paul has here outlined for us various ways in which we Christians should "walk to please God."

I. A SEPARATED WALK.

The walk that is pleasing to God is a walk of separation. In verses 3 to 5 the apostle is speaking of God's will that believers should walk in separation from all that is vile and immoral, from the lasciviousness and licentiousness which had characterized many of them while still unsaved. It is God's will that believers should walk in purity; that they should look upon the body as devoted to Him. "That everyone of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God."

And even though we are removed in time 1,900 years, this exhortation is still of great importance. In this day in which we live there is always the temptation to lower the Christian standard in regard to things that are immoral and unclean. The filth and immorality which we once objected to on the movie house screen, and therefore as Christians refrained from attending the theater; are now flashed into our homes by the way of television. The newspapers and magazines of today are constantly appealing to the sinful nature in man. The old "adversary, the devil as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour," but the child of God is exhorted by the Apostle Paul to "walk to please God."

Not only are we to be a separated people in regard to the sins of immorality; not only are we to be separated from the vile and degrading conditions which are about us on every hand; but the true believer is to separate

himself from the sinful conditions found within the organized church of our day.

Modernism within the church is no longer subtle but brazenly open. No longer does it weave like a snake, but as a prancing horse it comes boldly before the Christian. Fence-straddling is a thing of the past. Today a man must be on the side of the conservative, fundamental teachings of the Word of God, else he is on the side of those who would tear from our very hands the true teachings of God's Word.

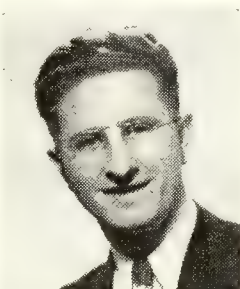
But not only is modernism within the churches. It is found within most of the theological seminaries and colleges of our day. A paper which comes to my desk regularly gave the following results of a survey of a theological seminary serving a Protestant denomination which counts its members in the millions. The survey disclosed that 6 percent of the theological students do not believe in God, 34 percent believe death forever terminates all existence, less than 50 percent believe in Christ as Saviour, 30 percent regard Him merely as a great ethical teacher, 49 percent do not believe Christianity is superior to other religions, 54 percent believe God is synonymous with all that exists. While this is the result of a survey of one theological seminary, it bespeaks the truth about many. How thankful we of the Brethren Church should be that we have our own Grace Theological Seminary, and our own Grace College, which this year branches out into a full four-year liberal arts college.

Is the Brethren Church glad for such institutions as these? Do we of the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches really appreciate our educational institutions? I think not—if our giving is any indication of our appreciation. In our district statistician's report for the year 1952 it is revealed that \$2,000 was contributed to our educational facilities. Less than \$1.20 per member was given Grace Seminary to carry on her great work of training our future workers in the Brethren Church. If we do not support our own schools with our prayers and our gifts, we have no right to expect others to support them.

Not only should we pray and give for the support of Grace College and Seminary, but we of the Brethren Church should urge our own young people to attend these institutions which we know are not infested with the hornets of modernism. Recently, speaking with one of the field secretaries of one of the large independent faith missions, I was asked where I had received my theological training. As I told him I was a graduate of Grace Theological Seminary at Winona Lake, Ind., it brought a feeling of real joy to my heart to hear him say, "Brother, that is one of the few fundamental seminaries in this country today." Beloved, if you are walking separate from the apostate conditions in this land today you have no choice but to give full support to our Grace Brethren schools.

II. A LOVING WALK.

Further, Paul says, the walk which is pleasing to God is a loving walk. Verses 6 through 10 speak of the love



Rev. John Burns

we are to have one for another, especially verses 9 and 10. "But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more" (I Thess. 4:9-10).

The church at Thessalonica must have had much interest in district and home missions of its day. Notice Paul commends them for what they have done "toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia." I don't know what all was included in their efforts to help their brethren in Macedonia, but I do believe the Thessalonian church had a part in establishing new churches in that area.

Home missions, which is the grown brother of district missions, was forced to cut their operating budget this year because the members of the Brethren Church did not meet the financial goal. The Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches contributed \$6,346, or \$3.96 per member to home missions during the past year. When we realize the vast importance of the district and home missions to the future of the Brethren Church we wonder why it is so many of us are sleeping on the job. God has given to the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches and to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches some of the greatest opportunities of all time. From every corner of these United States there comes the call for Brethren churches.

Concerning the Jew, Paul said, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." The Word of God teaches that we Christians have a responsibility of sending the Gospel to Israel, and even promises blessings no end for so doing. During the year 1952 the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches spent \$2,455, or \$1.53 per member to reach the Jew for Christ.

Our Foreign Missionary Society informs us that in order for them to maintain the present missionary force of 87 missionaries on the five fields—Africa, Argentina, France, Brazil, and Baja California, Mexico—it is necessary that every member of the Brethren Church give \$12 per year. To increase our missionary family by sending out candidates who are already approved for the field, \$15 per member is needed. According to the report of the statistician for the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches for the past year, only \$7,564 was given for foreign missions, or a per-member contribution of \$4.72.

Up in the city of Toronto, Canada, is a church known as the People's Church, pastored by Dr. Oswald J. Smith. For the year 1953 this one church has a missionary budget of \$200,000. When I think of this one church I wonder if we of the Brethren Church are not losing our missionary vision. One church giving more to missions than the entire Brethren Church together. An evangelist who recently held a meeting in the Johnson City Brethren Church came to us directly from a meeting in the People's Church. We were talking about that church and their missionary program, and he said, "Brother Burns, they think more of missions they they do of their own sanctuary. The pews are old and dilapidated, the church rug is worn in places, Dr. Smith's office is far from modern, and the entire church building could stand renovating." Imagine giving upwards of \$200,000 to foreign missions when their own church could stand

renovating. No wonder God has so signally blessed the People's Church of Toronto, Canada. I believe the Lord has the same blessing in store for every church of the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches if we are willing to follow His bidding and go "into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

III. AN HONEST WALK.

And finally, the apostle points to the third and last walk which is pleasing to God. This is an honest walk, as we read in verse 12: "That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without." If the Christian is to "walk to please God," then his walk must be an honest walk, or, as we have it in the American Standard Version, he must "walk becomingly toward them that are without." Are we of the Southeast Fellowship walking as becometh Christians? This means to walk (and live) as a child of God, not just on Sunday, but also on the other six days of the week. Hypocrisy is that which weakens the testimony of the church of Jesus Christ and if there are such in the churches of our Fellowship, we can be sure that our testimony will be impaired.

Paul says that the walk which pleases God is an honest walk which is becoming to the Christian.

In I Corinthians 7:17 we read: "But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called everyone, so let him walk." Beloved, God has called you and me into the Brethren Church, therefore we should walk accordingly.

In this matter of "walking becomingly" there is a certain amount of loyalty which should be expressed to the Brethren Church. I am not unmindful that our loyalty should be to Christ, neither am I speaking of a loyalty which would put the church before our blessed Lord and Master. But if the Brethren Church is the instrument through which we serve our Saviour, then we should be loyal to the Brethren Church.

If you are a member of the Brethren Church you are expected to attend the services of your church regularly. This is the least which can be asked of a member. But as I look at the report of our statistician for the past year I find that our attendance at the morning worship service was only 71 percent of our reported membership. Attendance at the evening service was only 51 percent. The midweek prayer service, which should be the powerhouse of the church, was attended by only 26 percent of our membership, and the communion service by only 30 percent. Beloved, where are the members of the Brethren Church at service time? Could it be that we are carrying too many deadheads on our church rolls? If so, we are due for either a good housecleaning or, better still, a good visitation program to win back those straying members.

When a church member is found at home on Sunday morning, reading the paper, cooking the dinner, or whatever the excuse might be, he is not "walking becomingly" to those who are without. When the company, or the television, or the school PTA, or other activities keep the church member from the worship services on Sunday and Wednesday evening, that individual is not "walking as becometh" a Christian. He is not "walking to please God."

Further, regarding the honest walk of the believer, the Apostle Paul says in Ephesians 4:1: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy

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WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR THE BRETHREN CHURCH?

By REV. RUSSELL WILLIAMS

Summary of Moderator's Address, Northwest Fellowship of Brethren Churches, Portland, Oreg., July 9, 1953

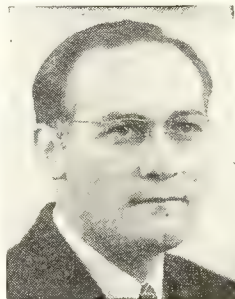
"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20).

Jesus said, "If ye love me, ye will keep my word." We are not saved by obedience nor kept saved by obedience, but the only way to a joyous, overflowing, victorious Christian life is by doing the full will of Christ.

Jesus did not say, "Go ye, until it becomes unpopular." If it were true that we could grow faster if we ignored these commands we are still obligated to obey, for, after all, which is more important, obedience or growth?

The Brethren Church may have been hindered by lack of vision, by lack of aggressive propagation of the Lord's work, by failure to obey all of Christ's commands, but it has never been hindered by triune immersion or feet washing or doing anything else that Christ has specifically commanded. In fact, just the opposite would be true.

I have always believed this, but this year I decided to back up my knowledge with facts. I sent out a questionnaire. As a result, I have information from all but 20 churches.



Rev. Russell Williams

I. WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

For a good many years we have been worse than the proverbial Rip Van Winkle. Today we have 139 Brethren churches. At least 79 of our 139 churches have either started or completely reorganized in the past 25 years and there has been at least one new church started each year since 1938. If our present trend continues through the '50s we ought to have at least 60 new churches starting in the decade of the '50s. If we do not have at least that many we are still asleep.

According to the best information I have at present, there were only five new churches started in the 25 years before 1928. Of those started in the past 25 years, 10 have been started or completely reorganized without any mission help, and one which was originally started as a mission church during that period was reorganized without mission help. Of these 11 churches, only 3 had a mission offering which totaled over \$1,000 for the year 1952 and 1 gave as little as \$26 for missions. Except for the 3 churches mentioned, \$10 was high per-capita mission giving.

On the other hand, only three of the churches which started as mission churches gave a mission offering of less than \$10 per member, and in most cases, regardless of how small the church, their total mission offering went well over the \$1,000 mark. Even so, we have not begun to reach the limits of our giving.

Another rather interesting observation in this respect is that for the most part the older, established churches which have no building debt are not giving proportionally for missions as much as the new churches. It is my observation from Scripture and from history that these churches would be blessed numerically and spiritually by bringing forth a new work as a part of the old. For the Scripture, read the first four verses of Acts, chapter 8. As for the other, there are many incidents on record where a church has mothered a new work out of their own, and as far as I know in every case the older work was blessed.

The new churches are not only missionary churches, they are growing churches. Some of our larger churches such as Mansfield, Ohio; Hagerstown, Md.; North Riverdale, Dayton, Ohio; are among these new churches.

One evidence of interest in a field is the average age of those who are in the field. Generally the older the average age, the less interest in the field. In Washington State the average age of schoolteachers at the present time is 45. In the Brethren Church, the average age of pastors is 33, and there is only one pastor over 60. Many of these pastors have come from other denominations into the Brethren Church.

From all of the evidence, our Brethren doctrines need not and are not hindering our growth.

II. WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

Jesus said, "The field is white unto the harvest." If it was true in His day, it is even more true today.

The Brethren Church is faced with white harvest fields in other lands. Our fields in Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Baja California, France, and Honolulu all are in need of more workers. Then there is Germany and Japan as well as other fields into which we might enter today. Tomorrow may be too late.

Here in our own Northwest we have a harvest field which is dead ripe unto the harvest. In the past 10 years the Lutheran Church has started 13 new churches in the city of Seattle alone. About a year ago the Catholic Church set aside two million dollars and the Presbyterian Church is expecting to spend a million dollars in missionary expansion in Seattle.

The View Ridge Brethren Church is what we hope may be the first of several Brethren churches in Seattle. Yet even this is only a beginning. Unless we want to find ourselves with too little too late right now we also

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ought to be starting churches in Tacoma, Everett, Bremerton, Olympia, Ephrata, the Columbia basin, and the tri-cities in Washington as well as such cities as Salem, Eugene, and The Dalles, in Oregon.

Today it is possible to enter these fields even though the cost may be great. Tomorrow may be too late.

II. WHAT OF THE OBSTACLES?

As far as the foreign field is concerned, the Brethren Church is held back by just one thing. That one thing is money. For the past two years, even with an expanded offering, the foreign missionary society has been spending more than they have received. There are fields to enter, there are workers to go, but unless we enlarge our vision of foreign-mission giving, many of these fields may be closed to the Gospel forever.

The work in America is also held back by the same cause. There is almost no limit to the cities the Brethren Church could enter today if there were funds available.

Actually, there are just two reasons for a lack of funds in the Brethren Church. The first is that many in the church are failing to honor the Lord by returning at least a tithe of their income to Him. The time to begin tithing is when you are young.

Basically the reason people do not tithe is lack of faith and selfishness. I challenge anyone to find one place where we are counseled to make ours while we can or even lay up for a rainy day. Our Lord's command is that we are never to put the making of a living in a place of such importance that we crowd out Jesus Christ from first place in our plans.

The second reason for this lack is the dissipation of our giving. Independent and (so-called) faith groups are always anxious to enter Brethren pulpits and solicit funds from Brethren people. Some of these are spiritual frauds and we ought to make a very careful check on any cause before we support it.

Even those who preach the Word do not give the Brethren Church the same consideration they like to receive from the Brethren Church. While they are anxious to enter Brethren churches and solicit funds from Brethren people, they in no wise strengthen the Brethren work nor are Brethren missionaries welcome in their pulpits. A church which sponsored a missionary conference wanted to put missionaries in every church in the area, but would not permit Brethren missionaries to speak at their conference; and a certain school which draws heavily from Brethren funds spent a week ridiculing the practice of feet washing in radio broadcasts while going through the Gospel of John.

If an orphan is in need you may help it, but if it is your own child you are under obligation to care for it. "He that careth not for his own house is worse than an infidel." Might we not apply this in the Brethren Church? Our own missionary enterprises are our children. These outside interests are orphans. Brethren people cannot afford to support other works at the expense of their own or give to outside interests and leave their own languishing and in need.

This dissipation in our giving will lead to a dissipation of our workers. Unless the funds are available to send out workers in preparation they are going to be forced to turn to other organizations. They in turn will draw support from Brethren people and that will lead to an even greater dissipation of our giving.

Strangely enough, while there are many in prepara-

tion for missionary work in other lands, there is an actual shortage of pastors in the homeland. We must confess that we become just a little weary with men who profess to be Brethren and train for the Brethren ministry, then go out to teach in this school or that seminary or some other work simply because it seems to have a little more glamour or outward results.

Perhaps one reason for this condition is the indifference within the church. Let us put it this way. If every member were present in every service, it would not be long until we would have a continuous revival and souls would be saved. We recognize there are things which are unavoidable, but we wonder if Christian people only stayed at home when it was unavoidable; if they were as faithful to their Lord as they are to their business or their job, if we would not have many more in every service than we do. If the Christians were always there, it would not be long until the unsaved would be interested and souls would be saved. Your presence or absence may make the difference between eternal life and eternal death for someone else.

CONCLUSION.

We are in big business, important business, and we must give it the place of importance it deserves in our plans.

May God give each of us a vision of what he would do through the Brethren Church and lay a burden upon our hearts to put the work of Jesus Christ through the Brethren Church first in our plans, our prayers, our time, and our gifts. As we do, Christ will be exalted and we will know the full blessing of the Lord.

—CORRECTION—

National Conference Dates

1954—August 23-29

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

1955—August 10-17

PORTLAND, OREGON

1956—August 20-26

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

Correction—Change Annual

Page 27—Under "Fifth Business Session," the fourth paragraph should read:

"Motion prevailed that conference dates for 1956 be set at August 20-26."

CLYDE K. LANDRUM, *Secretary,*
National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Summary of Moderator's Address, Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches, Rittman, Ohio, April 21, 1953

As we turn back the pages of history to the day of Pentecost, perhaps we may become puffed up and elated over the apparent prosperity of the church in our day. However, on the basis of the number of people now populating the world in comparison with the figures of that day, the church has not gained, but lost! And that statement is made, not on the basis of organization, but organism which is contained in the true body of Christ. Of course if we were to consider the number of people that have their names upon the rollbooks of various denominations, the picture would be different. But we are speaking of the true church, the body of Christ, or the bride. Now the reason for this is the failure to comply with the Scriptural command given by our Lord in Acts 1:8. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."



Rev. Edward Lewis

The theme for our district conference this year is "Witnesses for Christ." We like to think of the last words spoken by friends and relatives before they depart from this life, as precious words. Furthermore, we like to comply with any suggestion or request implied in those final words. What then should command our attention and obedience more than the last words of our precious Lord before He departed from this earth. In Acts 1:8 we have the command.

I. *The first word that meets our eye is "Ye."*

First of all, the primary interest would naturally be to those individuals located geographically at that very place. They received it as such, for the apostles were looking forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit. Each one received it as being for himself. However, I am inclined to believe that some of them did more about it than others.

In the second place, it was also to the group. There is power where all are gathered together with one thought and one mind. This was proved on the day of Pentecost.

Then, too, this was specifically for them in many respects, for that day and age. A new church was starting and power was needed. But it is also needed for this day and age. We need power and strength. If it could be said of the church of Ephesus, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love," and we know the zeal of those living in that day, what about us today?

II. *Notice the next two words, "shall be."*

The Lord Jesus said, "Ye shall be." Perhaps you have only associated this verse with missionaries, preachers, and so-called full-time workers. Perhaps you have said, as did Moses, "I am slow of speech." It may be that

you have used other excuses, but this verse says, "Ye shall be." When Jesus spoke to a poor fisherman with little or perhaps no formal education, He didn't say, "Follow me and get all the education necessary first, and then I will make you a fisher of men." He said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." When Jehovah spoke to Moses, God said, "I will be with your mouth." "Ye shall be." Now the only condition I can see is when the Holy Ghost is come upon you. Romans 8:9 makes it very clear that every born-again believer has the Holy Ghost.

III. *What "shall ye be?"*

The next word is "witnesses." That word is extremely interesting. In the original language, the word *martures* is used. You will recognize it as the root from which we get our word for "martyr." So then a witness is more than one who merely attests to the fact of the happening. He or she is a martyr for Christ. With the exception of the Apostle John, tradition tells us that all the apostles died as martyrs. Even in the case of the beloved Apostle John, he was said to have been thrown into a vat of oil, but miraculously escaped death. I recently read an article which stated that the Mau Maus, a fanatical group in Africa, were persecuting the native Christians and many have now become martyrs. This account went on to say that in spite of persecution, the Christian church was growing faster there than in most places. Do we need to be literally persecuted again? Are we witnesses? I believe the Brethren Church is the most Biblical church on the face of the globe, else I would not be a preacher in one of its churches, yet why has our growth been stunted? May I suggest failure to comply with this verse.

IV. *This part is extremely important—"unto me."*

The Greek puts it, "Ye shall be to me, witnesses." We may be loyal and believe in the Brethren Church and its doctrines and tenets, but He didn't say we were to be witnesses to the Brethren Church, but "unto me." The reason we find so many people in the Brethren Church that are seemingly unsaved, is due to the fact that many have witnessed unto the church and not unto Christ. We are not seeking to populate our churches with people, but with Christians. Let us be witnesses unto Him. It was said some years ago a certain preacher in preparing his message went to prayer, and somehow or another the Lord asked him, "Whom are you preaching?" He started to answer by saying, "The Bible," but the question came back, "Not what, but whom?" It is said that he wept bitterly and went into the pulpit that week and preached Christ and souls were saved. You can witness to the Bible, but omit Jesus Christ. Let us determine to be "witnesses unto Christ."

V. *And the witnessing is to be first of all in Jerusalem.*

Or within the confines of our own homes. Strange, how we can be willing to go to some stranger or some

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PROGRESS—PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

By REV. LYLE W. MARVIN

Summary of Moderator's Address, Forty-Third Annual California District Conference of Brethren Churches, Long Beach, Calif., August 1, 1953

It is a distinct honor and privilege to fulfill my duty to you as moderator in directing your attention to the work of our district as we meet to do business for the Lord. For several weeks now we have been reviewing the progress of our California District churches during the past year, and can sum up our past, present, and future as follows:

We Can Praise God for Progress in the Past.

The past year in the California District of Brethren Churches reveals that we have cause to rejoice. There are two new churches in this year's list of cooperating churches. Our hearts are always gladdened when another church has survived the dangers of infancy and is recognized as a new cooperating unit. Several of the established churches have shown lively signs of progress in the things of God. One Sunday school won an outstanding award in a contest with other Sunday schools from all over the nation. Another church secured land for the establishment of a new church and day school. A former pastor in this district pioneered a new field in an adjoining State, and the work has all indications of being a recognized outpost in the district. Our National Board of Evangelism successfully proved a field near Los Angeles.



Rev. Lyle Marvin

We do humbly give honor and praise to our Lord for these victories, and no doubt there are many more, but perhaps it would be more profitable for us to look upon some of our failures. One such failure is our small growth in attendance. The average attendance at the Sunday-morning services showed an increase of only 345. Dividing this by the 27 churches in the district, we find that each church gained only 13 in its average. With the steady influx of people in our communities that are potential attendants, this gain is woefully short of what it should have been. We must *occupy* till our Lord comes. This calls for an earnest endeavor on the part of each one, from the pastor on down. Our average increase over 1952 was less than 2 for the Sunday-evening services, which was still worse.

Our Sunday schools increased only 600 in all 27 churches. Over a year's time the midweek prayer service increased only 40. Fourteen of these 27 churches changed pastors during the past year. One cannot help but wonder as to whether this is the will of God. Has man relegated the seeking of the Lord's will above all else?

We Should Earnestly Pray for Progress in the Present.

The work and program of our Lord must progress. There are many opportunities which will assure that progress. Obedience to the commands of Scripture is ample ground to expect the blessing of God on any labor for Him. Note that it is the individual Christian that is admonished in Mark 16:15, II Corinthians 6:17, and Galatians 6:2 to earnestly endeavor to obey the

Lord. God judges the individual—He rewards the individual—hence we are thinking of individual obedience. A church obeys only as the individual obeys. No evil can be smothered with an avalanche of legislation any more than we can perpetuate virtue by embalming it in a well-worded statute. There is no such thing as mass production of morals, and by the same token, we can never produce better spiritual conditions on a legislative assembly line. The means of providing a better record for next year's conference is not a sheaf of motions threshed out and passed upon the 1953 conference floor, but an unselfish obedience to the Word of God on the part of the individual members of the Brethren Church.

In the estimation of your moderator, no district effort is in as sad a state of affairs as our district missions program. Each year now, and for several years, we have witnessed an action similar to this: a budget is presented for conference action which entails a per-capita gift from all churches in the district, and receives a unanimous vote of approval. Then, at the close of the year, the mission board's books show that a mere one-third to one-half of the churches manifested any inclination to stand behind their vote on that budget. One would conclude from the voting *last year* that all were favorable, but at the finish of the year the records reveal that this effort seems to be in disfavor with about half of the churches. I do not believe that this is the true picture, but there is something in back of this reluctance to support the program of this board. It may be that the recommendation of the district mission board will solve this problem.

Together with new churches we need *praying* churches to earnestly endeavor for progress. Every moderator in the last 15 years has made such a plea as this. This year's plea may not accomplish any more than those of the past, but it is my duty to make it. None can say that the apostolic church was not successful, so we turn to it for an example. In Acts 2:42 we are told that the first church continued steadfastly in the apostles's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. Need we stress the point that here is the formula for a thriving church? The increased wisdom of today tempts us to use that wisdom instead of using the arm of God. When we *really* believe that a burdened heart crying out to Almighty God moves the arm of God, then, and not till then, will we see the power of God through prayer.

We Can Stand on God's Promises for Progress in the Future.

We praised God for progress in the past. We said to obey God is needful for progress in the present. And lastly, we must *trust* God and His promises for progress in the future. Your moderator makes the following recommendations:

1. The establishment of a Brethren lay leaders' training school. We are in dire need of trained Sunday-school superintendents, trained counselors, and trained

young people's leaders. This need is growing in proportion to the increasing number of young people attending our churches. How often the church finds a man willing to take a position in church leadership but is unable to do a good job because of lack of training. Our present summer camp arrangement, of a three-weeks period, offers this following program, which will allow for such a school: during the first week of camp, by restricting campers to the 10th grade and up, we could care for approximately 75 lay leaders and prospective lay leaders. There are ample facilities to include a leaders' training school during this opening week of camp at the regular camp rate, which is nominal. The impetus of having trained leaders would be felt throughout every department of our church. No stretch of imagination is needed to conceive what this would mean to the pastors, and the lasting results that could be garnered.

2. The establishment of a Grace Seminary and Grace College on the west coast. In recent years several good seminaries have been opened here on the west coast. This is no attempt to belittle them in any way. I have several friends who have gone to these schools, and through their acquaintance I have come to respect these schools for their sound teaching. I know of no modernistic taint or any other heresy among them. Now when a choice between a school nearby and one 2,500 miles away is to be made, the expense involved, and the uncertainties, often are the deciding factors in choosing a local school. Having a seminary as the Brethren Church does have in Grace Seminary—one that is second to none—it is highly beneficial to our church that our pastors be trained there. For there is no better school for a prospective *Brethren pastor* to attend than a *Brethren seminary*. It may be readily noted that other denominations have their seminaries and colleges strategically located throughout the land. They saw the advantage of such a plan and we should too.

3. A concerted effort by our pastors to train our people in Brethrenism. This year at camp a course in Brethren beliefs and practices was taught to the seniors and the junior-high campers. The reaction to this course was a revelation. Because of these responses, several adults were contacted. In the ensuing discussions, it was forcibly brought out that the teaching received by these young people was unknown by many adults. Our Brethren doctrines afford a most fertile ground for practical Christian training. We must not lose sight of the fact that although salvation is a gift, and comes to us by grace, there is also the life of obedience that must follow. "Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby we know that we are in him" (I John 2:5). Obedience to the ordinances laid down by our Lord is a basic means of furthering obedience to the remainder of the Word. Such an attitude of obedience could well produce one who would attend the Sunday and midweek services faithfully.

Let me remind you, in closing, that we need not be downhearted nor forlorn. There is ample reason to rejoice. It is true we have failed in the past—perhaps we are not as obedient as we might be—but this we can change if we so purpose. In our future is God. He said He was going to prepare a place for us and then come again to receive us, that where He is, there we might be also. Until that day arrives, we have vineyards to keep. Let us be about the King's business.

other town or some other country, but miss Jerusalem? The story is told of a young man that wanted to go to Africa as a missionary and the Lord never seemed to open the door. One day he began to work in his home and to deal with his family and it was then that all the doors opened. We should not expect to expand until we are witnesses "in Jerusalem" or at home.

And then in "all Judea." I would like to think of this as our State if I might. I am told that our district mission work in Northern Ohio is the smallest of any district in the country. Why? Failure to comply with Acts 1:8, "witnesses in Judea." The Word declares: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." God help us to have a vision of the State of Ohio, which I believe is white unto harvest.

And then in "Samaria." Samaria we could liken to the whole of the United States. Let's not feel too proud of our home-mission giving. Some of you are to be commended. But beloved, we haven't touched the "Solid South," and the big cities of New York and Chicago have no Brethren churches. If we are to be "witnesses in Samaria," we must evangelize these cities for Christ.

And then, unto "the uttermost parts of the earth." Africa, Argentina, Brazil, France, Mexico, yes, but let's not stop there, with Japan beckoning and India with its millions perishing, and last year alone in China over a million lives went out into a Christless eternity.

May I recommend as moderator of the 1953 conference for Northern Ohio, that we determine, by the grace of God, to do something about our failure to comply with Acts 1:8.

"WALK TO PLEASE GOD"

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of the vocation wherewith ye are called." The vocation spoken of here is our calling to a life of Christian service. Many times we speak of the calling of a man to the ministry, or to the evangelistic field, or of one who has received a call from God to full-time service on the mission field. Too often we get the erroneous idea that God only calls men and women to full-time Christian service as a pastor, evangelist, or as a missionary. Beloved, every one of us who has named the name of Christ, has been called into "full-time Christian service." We have all been called into the service of the King of kings and therefore we should all be faithful servants of Christ.

When Christ spoke the words of Acts 1:8, He was not only speaking to the 12 apostles, but also to the others who were present at that time. And these words come down to us today from the lips of Christ: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." It is just as much the business of the laymen and laywomen in the church to witness to the lost as it is for the pastor. We must be willing to let the world see that it is the desire and determination of the members of the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches to "walk to please God."



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NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA—A daughter, Joan Marie, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Lackey Dec. 29. She weighed 6 lb., 14 oz. Rev. Lackey is the pastor of the Pleasant Grove Brethren Church.

WOOSTER, OHIO—The First Brethren Church not only maintains a 100% subscription list to the Brethren Missionary Herald, but also includes the local libraries. (Go thou and do likewise.—Editor.) Rev. Kenneth Ashman is pastor.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA—The Grace Brethren Church has established a "parsonage fund" with the intent of purchasing a parsonage in the near future. Rev. Richard Grant is pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Mr. Phil Saint, gospel artist, conducted a service in the Grace Brethren Church on Jan. 7. Russell Weber is pastor.

BEAUMONT, CALIF.—Mr. Art Attwell, well-known Christian trumpeter, was guest speaker at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. Rev. Gene Farrell is pastor.

ELKHART, IND.—The Grace Brethren Church has voted to purchase property for their new church. Lowell Hoyt is the pastor.

LATHROP, CALIF.—Rev. Wm. Clough, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Tracy, Calif., was guest speaker at the California District of Brethren Churches (Ashland) on Jan. 6.

WATERLOO, IOWA—Eighty-five attended the midweek prayer service at the Grace Brethren Church on the last Wednesday of the old year. Rev. Richard DeArmey is the pastor.

ROANOKE, VA.—The Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches held its first overnight youth rally for 1954 at the Ghent Brethren Church Jan. 1-2. Rev. Edward Bowman, pastor of the Mountain View Brethren Church, Hollins, Va., was the

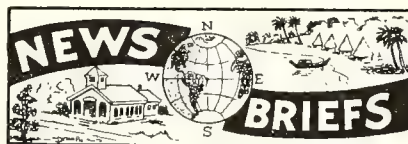
speaker. Rev. Robert Miller is pastor of the host church.

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C.—Chaplain Lee Jenkins (USN) is now ministering to some 1,000 officers and men at this Marine base. Prayer for this needy ministry is requested.

LA VERNE, CALIF.—Rev. Marvin Goodman, Sr., director of child evangelism in India, was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church. Victor Meyers is the pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA.—The "Bob" Wells Evangelistic Party conducted a service at the First Brethren Church on Jan. 10. Clyde Landrum is the pastor.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA.—The Pleasant Grove Brethren Church gave their pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Lackey, the amount for the down payment on a new 1954 Chevrolet automobile. A new baby girl arrived one day; the next day a new car was parked in front of the parsonage. "Quite an exciting time," writes Rev. Lackey.



SPECIAL—Attention, pastors. Many deaths recorded in church bulletins do not give sufficient information to place in the "In Memoriam" column of the Brethren Missionary Herald. Unless the item is properly circled, and sufficient material is given, the death will not be reported in the Herald. We try to report only those who are members of the Brethren Church. Full information will be much appreciated.

SPECIAL—Rev. R. I. Humbert will speak at the following places: Feb. 23, the Bible Institute of Los Angeles; Mar. 14, Arizona Bible Institute; Mar. 12, American Prophetic League.

SPOKANE, WASH.—Rev. Wm. Schaffer, pastor of the First Brethren Church, has resigned.

KITTANNING, PA.—The Sunday school of the First Brethren Church has made such progress that the Sunday-school superintendent has suggested that the church consider the building of a Sunday-school annex. Walter Jordan is the superintendent. Rev. Gordon Bracker has recently resigned as pastor, and will

become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church at Fremont, Ohio, on Jan. 31. The WMC honored Mrs. Bracker with a personal shower.

LISTIE, PA.—The Listie Brethren Church has voted to organize a Sunday school near Stoystown, Pa. At the present time a children's class is being conducted on Tuesday nights and there has been an average attendance of 60. A tape recorder has been purchased to be used in connection with the church radio program, "The Voice of Victory." John Burns is the pastor.

LEESBURG, IND.—Another Sunday-school record was broken at the Leesburg Brethren Church on Jan. 3 when 155 were present. There were 11 decisions for the two Sundays, Jan. 3 and 10. Nathan Meyer is the pastor.

LEAMERSVILLE, PA.—A Jewish Bible conference was held Jan. 17-20 at the Leamersville Brethren Church, with Rev. Lester Pifer, assistant field secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council as the speaker. Rev. Robert Crees is the pastor.

CHICO, CALIF.—A home-mission workshop for all home-mission pastors on the west coast will be conducted here Feb. 23-25. The workshop is being conducted by the Brethren Home Missions Council.

NEW TROY, MICH.—The ministers of the Michigan District Conference of Brethren Churches met here Monday, Jan. 11. An evening service for the public was conducted by the ministers with Rev. Earl Funderburg, pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich., delivering the message. Richard Jackson was host pastor.

SPECIAL—Remember that February 28 is offering day in our brotherhood for the Board of Evangelism and the work of the Evangelistic Crusade.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA—With three nights yet to go, there have been 79 decisions for Christ. Of these, 39 were first-time confessions. Crusade Team No. 2 is conducting the campaign. True Hunt is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—At a business meeting on Jan. 13, the Winona Lake Brethren Church called Bro. Don Ogden to be music director, and authorized the trustees to investigate the availability of property, looking toward the building of a church. Herman Koontz is pastor.

OUR MODERATOR SPEAKS

By Rev. J. L. Gingrich, Sterling, Ohio

Moderator, National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

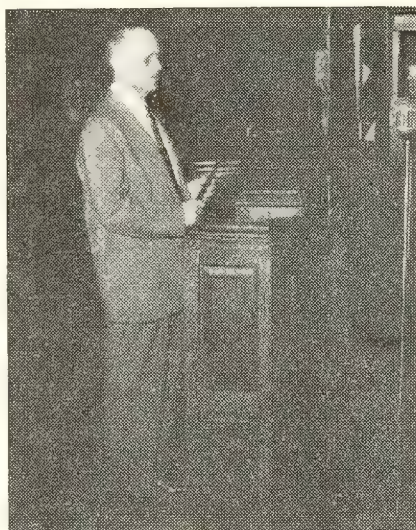
It is a well-established fact that God is the creator, sustainer, and sovereign of the earth; thus, logic demands that the earth belongs to Him. God's ownership extends, however, not only to things, but also to US. We, as human beings endowed with personality, are the choicest part of His creation. To possess us is His greatest satisfaction. We are endowed with personality, and personality does not really belong to any other being apart from free and voluntary self-giving yield- edness. Paul by letters and by his example challenged Christians to hold their lives available to God.

In Romans 12:1-8 Paul is inspired to exhort Christians to yield their selves to God. The "therefore" in verse 1 is a very important word. It directly connects the reader to all the facts of preceding chapters. In view of the departure of humanity from the worship of their Creator (chapter 1); in view of the universal guilt resting upon all men (chapters 2 and 3); in view of the capacity of faith (chapter 4); in view of the abundance of God's grace (chapter 5); in view of the new life resulting from separation from sin and through following Christ (chapter 6); in view of the life of victory over sin made possible through Christ (chapters 7-8); in view of the application of the Gospel to all who believe, regardless of race (chapters 9-11); and in view of the redeeming "mercies of God," brethren are exhorted to present their lives (bodies) a living sacrifice to God. It seems to me that in Christian stewardship the most essential sacrifice is surrender of our bodies to the Lord Jesus. Every preacher much prefers to see bodies in the pews. God also needs our bodies in His program.

Stewardship in Giving

In II Corinthians 8:3-5, Paul wrote of Christian stewardship as it involves "substance." Paul was receiving gifts for the needy Christians at Jerusalem. The response of

the Macedonians was a willingness to go beyond ability. A TRUE Christian is grieved if he is denied the privilege of giving to the Lord's work and His needy saints. The implication of their plea was that if they did not give they would lose a measure of fellowship. After all, there is a very close connection between one's giving and his spiritual life or health. "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first GAVE



Moderator Joseph L. Gingrich

THEIR OWN SELVES TO THE LORD." Here is the crux of the whole program of Christian stewardship. Christian giving begins with giving one's self to Christ the Lord. The Lord, however, is giving himself for men, and the logical consequence is that we who devote ourselves to Him are directed to minister to our fellow men according to His will.

Stewardship in Service

In Christian stewardship an essential element to consider is that of SERVICE. In Philippians 2:25-30 we have the record of one "Epaphroditus, my brother and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants" (vs. 25). In verse 26 we

read that probably through overwork in caring for Paul, Epaphroditus was sick. Here is a young man who LOVED and therefore served and longed for his fellow Christians. Epaphroditus had come to comfort Paul during his imprisonment. You will also note in verse 30 that perhaps the greatest reason that Epaphroditus was sick "nigh unto death" (i. e., half killed himself) was to try "to supply your lack of service toward me" (Paul). Perhaps never in the history of the church has it been more true that every church is composed of 100% willing stewards—50% (and that's high) may be willing to work, and the other 50% (and that's low) are willing to let others do all the work. These latter are the ones who complain that a select few want to "run everything." Just why is it that so many YOUNG PEOPLE are so slow and reluctant to follow the example of Epaphroditus? Read his story again and apply those details to your service. How do you rate?

Stewardship in 1954

Now that we have stepped across the threshold of a new year, may we not launch out into the deep in giving first of all ourselves, our substance (tithes), and our service through the church to Him. A good many years before our present trend, the Greeks produced a coin on which instead of stamping the face of a ruler they produced the likeness of a submissive ox. On one side of the ox was an altar, symbolic of worship and sacrifice. On the other side of the ox was a plow, suggestive of the fact that if the master of the ox chose to put him to work he could hitch him to the plow, but if it were his will to let the ox be a sacrifice he would be found standing near the altar. The above spirit of dedication should be the standard for every Christian in his relationship toward stewardship. We will give ourselves this year to God and His church to be used as it pleaseth Him.

Yours for a great year in stewardship within our favored denomination in 1954.

A HEART SOULS!

EVANGELISM

IT IS THE REAL THING THAT COUNTS!

By Evangelist R. Paul Miller
Crusade Team No. 1

In the Hagerstown campaign, one night during the invitation, a man walked deliberately down the aisle. After I had taken his confession, he asked, "May I speak a word to the people?" I said, "Yes."

He began: "I have been a church member all my life. I have lived deeply in sin all that time. Yet in all that time no one ever spoke to me about my sinful life. No sermon I ever heard brought any conviction to my heart. Five nights ago I heard about this meeting and came here. That first night I knew that God was here and was speaking to my heart. I knew I was a sinner. I knew right then I needed Christ as my Saviour. The next day at work I stopped and lifted my heart to God and received Christ into my heart."

"I was swept with joy at once. I



Evangelist R. Paul Miller

CRUSADE TEAM NO. 2 FACES BUSY SCHEDULE



Evangelist Walter Lepp, Pianist Charles Bergerson, and Song Leader Frank Coffin, face the following schedule in the next few weeks: February 23-March 7—Camden, Ohio; March 9-21—Osceola, Ind.; March 28-April 11—Philadelphia (Third) Pa.; April 13-25—Philadelphia (First), Pa.

could hardly wait to get home to tell my wife what I had done. My home life had been sad. My little girl used to run away when I would come home from work. Now she watches for me to turn the corner and runs to jump into my arms. My wife meets me with a new light in her eyes. We read the Bible and pray every day now."

Three nights later, at the invitation, another fine-looking man and wife came forward among others. I said to him, "What have you come for, friend?" He said, "I want what that fellow right over there has. He said he has accepted Christ. I want God to do for me what He did for Him. That's what I need." And, folks, God did just that!

The transformed life of the Chris-

tian is the most powerful appeal to the sinner in this world. The world needs to see transformed lives—lives with the evidence of the Spirit of God in them—more than it needs education, or money, or great sermons.

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INTO THE HEIGHTS

PROPHECY

The Message to Sardis

(REVELATION 3:1-6)

By Rev. Ord Gehman

Pastor, Bethel Brethren Church,
Berne, Ind.

We turn our attention to the message by the Spirit of God to the fifth of these churches so addressed in the book before us. A marked decline in spiritual sensitivity has been noticed in the messages before us. The deadening effect of sin and compromise with the world has been taking its toll among the membership of the professing church.

Sardis, the capital of ancient Lydia, was a thriving city about 30 miles southeast of Thyatira. It had lost most of its former glory but was still noted throughout the entire region for its wealth and wickedness. Wealth and wickedness seem to go hand in hand in every age, and the visible church is in no way exempt from the ravages of this combination. Wealth and a virile spiritual life generally make poor companions.

The church at Sardis seems to have been very definitely affected by the surroundings in which it found itself. Instead of using this as an opportunity for a vital testimony for Christ, they had fallen victim to the situation.

Sardis was an exceedingly active church. They were engaged in a great religious program. But the tragedy of their activity lay in the fact that they were dead spiritually—so dead that they received the Lord's stern rebuke: "I have not found thy works perfect before God" (vs. 2b). Along with this rebuke comes a stirring appeal: "Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent" (vs. 3a). God has always sought to encourage His children to greater spiritual accomplishments by appealing to that which is ahead in the glory. He also alludes to the joys they had once known. The church

at Sardis had evidently known better days spiritually. The messenger suggests that they "strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die" (vs. 2a). This is not a warning to the individual believer, but is a warning to the body of professing believers, adherents to the church at Sardis. Some have suggested this message as a definite proof of the loss of an individual's salvation. But just the opposite is true. Even in the realm of the visible church there are those who are not born again. It is they who fall prey to the environment in which they dwell, and seriously endanger the testimony of those who are truly God's children.

This great truth is illustrated in the teaching of Christ regarding the "treasure hid in a field" (vs. 44) in the parables of Matthew 13. The church is that treasure hidden away in the world (the field) and the man (Christ) sold everything He had to buy that field. Christ loved the world to such an extent that He was willing to purchase redemption for the whole world in order that those of His choice might be saved. I John 2:2 tells us that Christ's blood is the

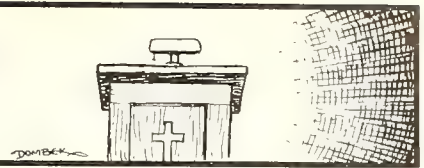
propitiation for the sins of the whole world, yet we know that all men are not going to be saved because of their refusal to accept Christ as Saviour.

The warning to the church at Sardis, "Be watchful," seems to come as a result of a serious character deficiency in the inhabitants of Sardis. Twice in their history the stronghold of the city had fallen into enemy hands as a result of the lack of careful watchfulness on the part of its defenders. The city had been conquered and pillaged in 549 B. C. by Croesus, and again in 218 B. C. under the conquests of Antiochus the Great. Its citizens had had firsthand experience as a result of the lack of vigilance. If that be true politically and economically, how much more solemn is the truth as far as spiritual things are concerned!

From the dispensational standpoint, the church at Sardis stands as representative of the period of the Reformation activity. The church was busy in a great religious program and had wealth aplenty, but was dead spiritually. Out of this spiritual decadence comes the cry to the God of heaven for a pure church which shall have power with the world of unsaved men. Only the testimony of a vital Christian experience will be able to do anything as far as reaching a lost sinner for the glory of God.

There is one bright spot of hope in the midst of this situation. There are a few, even in the midst of this spiritual adultery, which have not defiled their garments of righteousness with the commonly accepted worldly practices even in the church. Such as those are worthy of the Lord, and they are promised that they shall walk with Him in white, for time and eternity (cf. Tit. 2:10b-13; I John 3:1-3).





WHAT MAKES A GREAT CHURCH?

By Rev. Edward D. Bowman, Pastor, Mountain View Brethren Church, Hollins, Va.

It seems to me there are many people in the world today who do not understand God's purpose in the church. Some are of the opinion that a great church is one where membership is large or where there may be a good deal of social activity. But this does not make a great church.

The Word of God, in Acts, pictures to us God's estimation of a great church. Here is found God's program and pattern for His church. If any group of believers in this day will follow God's pattern, they will have a great church. They will have a continuous spirit of revival in their midst. This will result in the salvation of lost souls, for a revived church is a soul-winning church.

There are several things which make a great church.

I. A great church is one where *all are saved*.

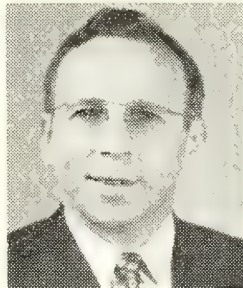
The church had its birth on the Day of Pentecost. On that day the Holy Spirit came upon every believer who was assembled in the upper room in Jerusalem. According to the account given in Acts 1:12-15, the 120 were men and women who not only believed in Christ, but they were also living holy lives. Surely every one of them had experienced the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ. Upon the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached a sermon which centered around the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As a result of his flaming message, delivered in the power of the Holy Ghost, about 3,000 souls were saved. These were baptized and added to the church (Acts 2:41).

Again, in Acts 2:47 we read, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be [were being] saved." This was the work of the Holy Spirit convicting men of sin and bringing them to repentance. Only as they experienced the new

birth, were they inducted or received into the church. No wonder there was such power in the church in her early days. Later, as some unsaved people gained entrance into the membership of the church there was the loss of power and blessing.

II. A great church is one where *all are praying*.

"These *all* continued with one accord in prayer" (Acts 1:14). "And when they had *prayed* . . ." (Acts 4:31). The early church moved forward on her knees. No wonder the spirit of revival burned in the hearts



Rev. Edward Bowman

of God's people. They were praying Christians who knew how to release God's power and move His mighty arm. No church today can be great unless it is a praying church. The same God who heard the cry of His children in the first century hears the cry of His people today.

Today, our entire denomination needs a revival of prayer fellowship. We need to be of one accord, of one mind, of one spirit, of one heart in prayer, seeking the guidance and blessing of the Lord upon His work. We will never see great and mighty things done through the power of the Spirit until our hearts are burdened in prayer for the Lord's work. Cold, indifferent, lukewarm prayers from the lips of God's people accomplish nothing. But where every child of God in the church is pouring his

or her heart out in fervent prayer, the Lord is bound to do great things for His own glory and praise. A great church is a praying church.

III. A great church is one where *all are filled with the Holy Spirit*.

In Acts 2:4 we read: "And they were *all* filled with the Holy Ghost." "And they were *all* filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31b). Men who were chosen to do the work of the Lord in the church were Spirit-filled men (Acts 6:3). Today, the only person God can use to do His work with power and effectiveness is a Spirit-filled believer. Fleshly, carnal church members are a weight and hindrance to the Lord's work. Oh, how the church needs Spirit-filled members whose lives are unconditionally surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christian friend, are you filled with the Spirit of God? If not, why not? It is God's plan for your life that you be filled with the Spirit. If you are not filled with Him, then you are filled with self. Your unconfessed sin robs you of God's power and blessing. Read Ephesians 4:25-32; 5:18.

IV. A great church is one where *all are of one accord*.

"These *all* continued with one accord" (Acts 1:14). "They were *all* with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1). Here is the great secret of revival. Where God's people are living in perfect harmony with God and each other there will be rich blessings flowing upon them from the Lord. Where there is genuine revival there cannot be friction and confusion among believers. Jealousy, backbiting, criticism of one another, and the absence of love will hinder the Holy Spirit from sending revival. D. L. Moody once said, "I never knew a church with discord to have revival."

OUR RESPONSIBILITY?

In a recent national conference of educators it was generally agreed that "religion is an important part of the American way of life, but that religion cannot be taught in the public schools of our country." They therefore are recommending that "the churches and homes accept the responsibility to give to the boys and girls of our country an adequate religious background that will make them good citizens of a world of neighbors."

As I read this report, which came to my desk only a few days ago, I could not help but ask the question, "Are we accepting our responsibility?" Long before secular educators came to this conclusion, God gave to the home and church the responsibility of giving to our children an adequate and abiding knowledge of God and His plan of salvation. To a large degree the homes of America have left God out of the picture. This makes it more imperative than ever that *our Sunday schools* accept the challenge and the responsibility.

DIRECTOR ASSUMES DUTIES



Harold H. Etling, former pastor of the Akron church, assumed his new duties in relation to the National Sunday School Board as of January 1, 1954. He will be traveling among the churches of our fellowship, assisting in the work of the Sunday schools, and directing in conferences, workshops, and conventions in local churches and district conferences. Your National Sunday School Board is now urging you to help us by your prayers, your gifts, and your cooperation.

Remember, we stand ready at any and all times to do our best to help you with your local Sunday-school problems.

We are at the very beginning of another new year. This is our year of opportunity. This is the year to enlarge, to evangelize, to train more Christian workers to be obedient to Christ's last great commission.

Remember there will be no growth; there will be no evangelism; there will be no success in Sunday school unless we pray about our responsibility, we plan to meet our responsibility, we prepare to act upon our responsibility, we put our plans and preparation into *action!*

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THAT SIX-POINT SYSTEM

Many of our churches have already adopted the six-point system for their Sunday schools, and are finding it pays dividends. Others are asking questions about it, in order that they may be fully informed. The advantages of the six-point system are:

First, it provides the teacher with the information necessary to follow up absentees, visitors, and prospective members of the class.

Second, it provides the teacher a record of his pupil's habits in regard to the things of the Lord and of His church, thus helping the teacher to know the needs of the pupil. For example, whether the pupil needs help in his devotional life may be indicated by his regularity or irregularity of Bible reading.

Third, it provides a check for the pupil upon his own life. Every time the pupil fills out his individual record slip, he is reminded of the importance of the six points. The system calls attention to tardiness to Sunday school and irregularity in attendance.

Fourth, it shows up the strong points of the class and school as well as the weak spots. Officers and teachers are made aware of the needs



and are compelled to correct the weaknesses and build for a stronger, more efficient Sunday school.

If your church and school have not yet tried the six-point plan, we urge you to give it consideration and trial. We believe it will transform your school as well as individual lives in their Sunday-school habits.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

The executive committee of the National Sunday School Board met in session at Akron, Ohio, January 6-7 to make plans for the future of the work of Sunday schools in our Brethren churches. Uppermost in the planning was the matter of our Second National Sunday School Convention which will convene at Winona Lake, Ind., for a two-day session, August 22-23, 1954; and the national program for the year 1954-55.

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NOW IS THE HOUR—

To set the dates and make all plans necessary for a spring session of the teacher training program in your church and Sunday school;

To begin planning for your daily vacation Bible school;

To make final plans for your Easter program.

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REMEMBER OUR SLOGAN—
"Build Brethren Churches Through Better Brethren Sunday Schools!"



NEWS from the CHURCHES

Wooster, Ohio

The annual meeting of the First Brethren Church was held on Jan. 12. Reports disclosed that the average attendance for the morning services was 238 and for the evening service 149. The present membership is 223, or 29 new members.

Rev. Kenneth Ashman was extended a call for another year.

The income for the year 1953 was \$32,045.18, of which amount \$6,468.76 was given to missions.—*Rev. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.*

Martinsburg, W. Va.

For the past four and one-half years God has given me the privilege of ministering the Word in Martinsburg, W. Va. What a unique blessing it has been to see the Rosemont Brethren Church become established as a potent testimony among the people of this city.

We stand amazed at the grace of our Lord. During the past four and one-half years God has erected a building, beautiful in its simplicity, for less than 70 percent of its estimated value; increased the membership of the church by 200 percent; increased the attendances and offerings nearly 300 percent; added approximately 155 souls to "the body of Christ" through first-time public decisions in the church services; established a weekly radio broadcast; and wrought many other wonderful works for the glory of His dear Son. All of these blessings, I believe, have come in answer to the earnest prayers of God's people here.

But now the present pastor and his family feel called of God to new fields of service. Hence, it is necessary that I resign as pastor of the Rosemont Brethren Church, effective April 1, 1954, in order to assume the pastorate of the First Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio.—*Rev. M. L. Myers, pastor.*

Tracy, Calif.

The annual treasurer's report shows that about \$12,000 passed through the treasury of the First Brethren Church during 1953 for the spread of the Gospel. This exceeded

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Waynesboro, Pa.	Jan. 24-Feb. 7...	Dennis Holliday.	Hal Webb.
Portland, Oreg.	Jan. 31-Feb. 3...	Vernon Harris..	R. I. Humbert.
Berne, Ind.	Feb. 2-21.....	Ord Gehman....	Crusade No. 2.
Taos, N. Mex.	Feb. 7-14.....	Sam Horney....	Bill Smith.
Roanoke, Va.	Feb. 7-21.....	R. E. A. Miller..	Crusade No. 1.
Tracy, Calif.	Feb. 14-17.....	Wm. Clough....	R. I. Humbert.
Dayton, Ohio.	Feb. 14-28.....	C. S. Zimmerm'n	
Portland, Oreg.	Feb. 15-28.....	Vernon Harris..	Michael Walsh.
Glendale, Calif.	Feb. 21.....	Chas. Und'rwood	R. I. Humbert.
San Bernardino, Calif.	Feb. 23-26.....	Lyle Marvin....	R. I. Humbert.
Conemaugh, Pa.	Feb. 24-27.....	Stanley Hauser.	A. R. Kriegbaum.

all previous records. A Hammond organ was purchased and dedicated, and the mortgage on the church was paid. A Sunday-school attendance goal has been set at "204 for '54."

Rev. R. I. Humbert and Rev. Ralph

Colburn will hold conferences for us during February.

The Tracy Ministerial Association elected me president for the year 1954.—*Rev. Wm. (Bill) Clough, pastor.*

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You Are Sick

By

REV. ROBERT D. CREES

"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD"

By Rev. Jack Green, Director, Young Russian Christian Association

"The Lord is my shepherd." Where was it found? "Where is it?" wept Mary Rogoff. "Surely someone knows where it is." This heart-rending longing came from the lips and heart of a 50-year-old grandmother as she looked down at a few-weeks-old granddaughter that had just departed from an exceeding cold and unfriendly world.

Mary Rogoff lives in Guadalupe, the Russian colony in Mexico where we of the Young Russian Christian Association are starting to build a work. For years Mary alone has defied the Russian Molokan culture and church to minister to the needs of the poor Indians and Mexican people around her who come to her one-room adobe hospital for help, physical and material. Mary has been friendless and an outcast simply because she dares to befriend those outside the "chosen Molokan people." The racial, linguistic, and religious superiority has been so accentuated in these people that even one of their own who dares to break the unwritten law of "mingling" is taboo.

Mary has worked alone for years, getting little to compensate for her work of love. One son was a heavy drinker; a favorite son was killed; two daughters are living with Mexican men in the hills having mere hovels for homes. Even Mary's husband chooses the blessings of the Russian church rather than sympathize too much with his wife.

Not only has Mary served her fellow man but has practically made a livelihood for the entire family by operating a little gas station and cafe. Besides, she helps to plow the fields. All this with the help of only Pancho, an old Mexican who gets his board for what little service he can render, and Juanito, Mr. Rogoff's 15-year-old orphaned nephew. When Juanito was three years old his father sold him to an Indian for a bottle of wine. Were it not for Mary Rogoff, who rescued him a year later, Juanito would have grown as one of the wild deer or goats that flee the mountain lions through the

ragged San Pedro Martir Mountains. Mary has been both father and mother to Juanito for these 12 years.

About a week before Christmas Mary rode horseback through the night to an adobe hut to deliver a baby that should have been delivered three days before. The birth was a successful one and Mary was indeed happy, but there was nothing in which to wrap the baby or to make padding for the mother. Mary removed one of her few dresses and tore it into usable sizes and rode back to her little hospital just in time to deliver her own granddaughter. When I was there to take supplies a week before Christmas, Mary told me: "She is a beautiful baby, with smooth olive Mexican skin, but blond hair and blue eyes of his Russian mother."

I had gone only a few days when the grandchild died. Mary had tried hard to save the infant, but they had called her too late. The daughter stood by in helpless desperation while the father, typical of Mexican Catholics, called in his friends and started to drink. Mary was beside herself in spite of her many experiences in sadness and frustrations. A funeral! Who would care for the funeral? The Russian elders only recently had refused to allow her daughters to participate in the Molokan form prayer in the church and they would not come to say a prayer over the tiny body that lay cold in the lamplight, because the child was half Mexican. Mary's great mother heart was rent. Who then would pray? Women are nothing in the Molokan culture, and besides, who was she—an outcast!

As her large, calloused hands tacked an old satin slip in the appreciate coffin her mind was busy at work. Where to turn—the Scriptures, of course. But Mary knew no Scripture—yes, there was one, how did it go? "The Lord is my shepherd . . ." Yes, but what was the rest of it, and where was it found? Try though she would, Mary could not remember, or perhaps she had never known and there was none to

ask. So beside a lonely little grave stood a lonely little group of people, a drunken young Mexican father, a hysterical wayward Russian girl, but more alone than they all—valiant Mary Rogoff.

But Mary had been alone before; in fact, she was alone three years ago when, with tender, loving hands, she tried to piece together the mangled body of her son in a coffin. That was her sorrow of sorrows. Mary doesn't know the Scripture, but her heart must cry with the prophet, "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow."

So as Mary shoveled in the earth she paused, kneeled, and simply prayed, "The Lord is my shepherd."

Will you pray with me for Mary? Does she know the Lord? It is difficult to say. I personally believe she does. But she has had no opportunity to learn of the Lord. She does not know Him as a burden bearer and as a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Pray too that the work we have started may not suffer because of insufficient funds to build and to support the workers for the field.

In Memoriam

MRS. WILLETTA IRENE SMITH, now with the Lord whom she loved and served, was born at Bloomfield, Ohio, March 8, 1898, the daughter of Cyrus and Mary Wilson Hogsett. She chose nursing as an early life work, being a graduate of Akron City Hospital. On January 19, 1935, she became the beloved wife of Bro. John Smith. Dee Smith was her only child.

Due to extended illness in the home, Sister Smith had opportunity to listen to several broadcasts of the Gospel. It was through this ministry that she learned to know Christ as her Saviour. Her conversion was blessed and vitalizing. She became a member of the First Brethren Church of Wooster, where she joyfully worshiped and served. Her baptism was on March 31, 1946.

On Christmas Day 1953 she was "loosed away upward." We have confidence to believe that she is now with the blessed Saviour whom she loved and adored. Our sister will be much missed at her church and among her many loved ones. May the Holy Spirit bring comfort to our hearts.—Pastor Kenneth Ashman.

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Foreign Mission Number

The Brethren Missionary Herald



—Courtesy Ministère de la France d'Outre-Mer

Women of Oubangui-Chari - Victims of Pagan Superstition

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman, Recording Secretary
The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church

"O HOW LOVE I THY LAW!" (PSA. 119:97)

Those who have handled the Bible used by the late C. H. Spurgeon, gospel preacher extraordinary, have read these notations which indicate the secret of his successful preaching:

"C. H. Spurgeon, 1856.

"The lamp of my study—

"The light is bright as ever, 1861.

"Oh, that mine eyes were more open, 1864.

"Being worn to pieces, rebound 1870—the lantern mended and the light as joyous to mine eyes as ever."

May every pastor find in the Word of God a "study lamp" and a "light joyous."

One for One

"DESTRUCTIVISM"

One of the nation's leading law enforcement agents recently coined a new word to describe the current wave of teen-age vandalism—"destructivism." He declared that for no reason at all the youth have a mania to see things destroyed, dismantled, disrupted. They pull plumbing out of unfinished homes, start driverless cars down busy streets, make gasoline torches out of expensive shrubbery. In Chicago alone the annual school budget calls for \$400,000 to repair student vandalism.

The term "destructivism" may well describe the result of this growing mania, but a better word to reveal its cause would be "Satanism." This same law officer, noting the extensive damage being done, confessed that he was "greatly amazed." He needn't be so shocked. The Apostle Paul wrote long ago that these conditions would exist. He declared that those who refuse to retain God in their knowledge are given over to a reprobate mind, being filled with maliciousness, insolence, disobedience, all of which causes them to be inventors of evil things with destruction and misery in their ways. "Destructivism" is simply the manifestation of uncontrolled satanic natures.

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"PEACE OF MIND"

These are the days of peace offensives, peace workshops, peace declamations. Obviously, people are seeking security and peace. Our President has reflected this desire in recent recommendations to the Congress—

enlarged social security benefits, price supports for farmers and small business, increased governmental assistance in medical and hospital expense.

Recently, Wanamaker's store in Philadelphia advertised a book entitled, "Peace of Mind" (Lippman). Within one and one-half hours after the opening of the doors the next morning all of their supply, 800 copies, was exhausted. It is reported that many of the purchasers were Jewish people. Jew and gentile alike are seeking for stability and security. Peter wasn't writing a "peace declamation" when he penned his first epistle. However, in his concluding statement he revealed the true way of such peace of soul and mind—"Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus."

One for One

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH IT?

The humorous story told recently in our church by the lawyer, James Bennett, has a good point. While riding with a friend, they observed a dog chasing the engine of a train, barking lustily and even nipping at the speeding wheels. Mr. Bennett's friend asked, "Now what do you suppose that fool dog would do with that engine if he did catch it?"

Before we laugh at the dog we would do well to consider "what fools we mortals be." With the dog it's a pastime, but with us this chasing of the uncontrollable, the undesirable, the unnecessary, has become a passion. It appears to this writer that we are spending a great deal of time chasing engines—time better spent in burying spiritual bones for future use in time of need, scratching away spiritual fleas to make us purer and more holy, routing out spiritual thieves who would rob us and our own of the treasures of a Spirit-filled life of faith and trust.

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"THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND"

The lately produced new version of the Bible (RSV) is now being supported with commentaries, prayer-books, quarterlies, and hymnals. The whole situation reminds us of the telephone operator who set the office clock each noon by the sounding of the town whistle, only to discover that the man who was calling her each morning at 11:50, asking the time, was the man who blew the whistle—he wanted to be sure and have the

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right time. Truer words were never written—"The blind leading the blind."

One for One

"ON OUR KNEES—ON THEIR FEET"

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Gideons has a unique slogan that we might do well to apply to our foreign missionary endeavors. They say: "The Auxiliaries on their knees to keep the Gideons on their feet." We have never talked to a missionary yet who failed to ask for definite prayer support. Prayer is our most effective arm of support for them. We might adopt a similar slogan—"The home church on her knees to keep the foreign church on her feet." The wave of hat and kerchief to the missionary and his wife as they sail from these shores could well be interpreted to say, "Brethren, pray for us."

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A MISSIONARY MEMORIAL

When Sister Irene Smith, of our congregation, was "loosed away upward" the family requested no flowers. One simple basket presented by husband and son graced the service. Those who desired to present floral tributes were invited to place the money in a missionary memorial fund instead. As a result, a gift of \$100 is being presented to the African mission field. How fitting to know that souls will blossom in newness of life in glory, grafted by faith into the "Living Vine." Indeed, this is better than the expenditure of funds in the purchase of flowers, cut from the stock of life, but to wither and die.

One for One

THANK YOU, BROTHER ASHMAN

The recording secretary of our Foreign Missionary Society, Bro. Kenneth Ashman, has submitted the editorials for this issue. "Thank you, and may the Lord continue to bless your ministry for Him."—R. E. R.

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WILL IT BE "MISSIONS" OR "MUNITIONS"?

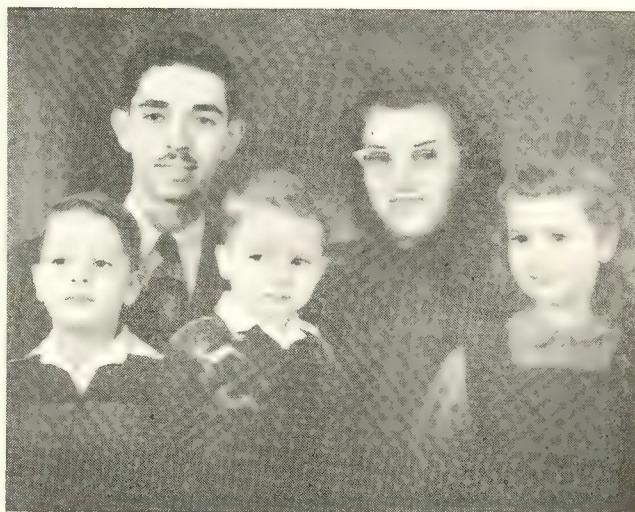
This month of February begins the four-months period of special emphasis on Brethren foreign missions. Praise the Lord for what has been accomplished. As for the future, the needs are staggering and the opportunities are unlimited.

The following editorial, quoted from The Voice, should speak volumes to each reader and cause us all to pray and give as never before.

"MISSIONS VS. MUNITIONS—The race for world supremacy is undoubtedly between MUNITIONS, the fruit of hate, and MISSIONS, the fruit of love. Billions are being fed to MUNITIONS, yet the hope of the world is undoubtedly in MISSIONS, to which scant attention is being paid.

"The mad hate race of the nations puts shame upon the Christian church of its lethargy and indifference in winning men to Christ by the preaching of the Gospel in

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN FRANCE



**Rev. and Mrs. P. Fredrick Fogle,
Victor, Neal, and Beckie**

all the world. The aggressor nations are those which have repudiated true Christianity and which are worshipping the gods of force and hate.

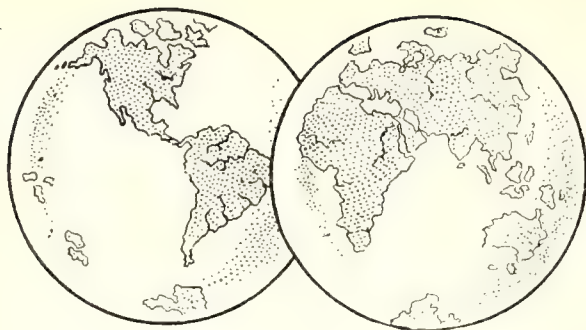
"The church faces right now one of the greatest challenges of her career. Her mission is missions. The open door of unprecedented opportunity bids her leave her contentment and ease and strike out upon the highway of worldwide evangelism. Missionary giving must no longer be the "beggar's portion." We cannot evangelize the world on "leftovers." Missions must be put foremost and no longer remain an afterthought. Our chief responsibility is to bear witness for Christ out to the ends of the earth."

One for One

CHRISTIANITY IN EGYPT'S SCHOOLS

Courses in Christianity will be introduced soon in the government-run schools of staunchly Moslem Egypt. Bible lessons and Christian ethics will be taught to Christian students by regular government-paid instructors. The move is the latest of several steps taken by President Mohammed Naguib's military regime to eliminate religious discrimination. In the past, only Islam has been taught in the government schools. Under the new policy, all Christian students will receive Christian instruction during the same periods when Moslem pupils are studying their own religion.—*The Alliance Weekly*.

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FIELD

NEWS

FLASHES

AFRICA—

—Field Council report indicates unlimited challenges and opportunities. A report will be given after consideration by the board of trustees at the midyear meeting.

—Miss Edith Geske is now located at Bozoum, where she is serving as secretary to the field superintendent. Praise the Lord for her physical improvement.

—The Lester Kennedy family moves to M'Baiki, and the Samarin family moves to Bellevue.

—The C. B. Sheldon family plans for furlough in April.

ARGENTINA—

—Don Bishops expect to sail March 12 from New York for Argentina. They will be located at Rio Cuarto.

—The Carson Rottler family moves to Villa Mercedes.

—National believers accept full responsibility for much of the work.

—Missionaries plan for expansion.

BRAZIL—

—The Barnards arrived at Belem, Brazil, on January 16, for a visit with the missionaries and a survey of the field.

BAJA CALIFORNIA—

—The Roy Howard family is now located at the new property in Calexico, Calif., and caring for improvement of the property.

—The Walter Haag family remains at San Ysidro, Calif., working out from there.

—National leadership is needed desperately for the Baja California work.

FRANCE—

—This field is most difficult. The Fogle family deserves your utmost in prayer.

—Visas for the Goodman family refused.

HONOLULU—

—Grace Chapel sent \$115.83 as a home-mission offering. Praise the Lord!

—Record attendance in Sunday school on January 3—58.

—Began evening church services on January 10 with 19 present.

—Permission granted by authorities for location of Grace Chapel.

**OUR GOAL—ONE FOR ONE—A FOREIGN MISSIONARY FOR
EVERY PASTOR AT HOME**

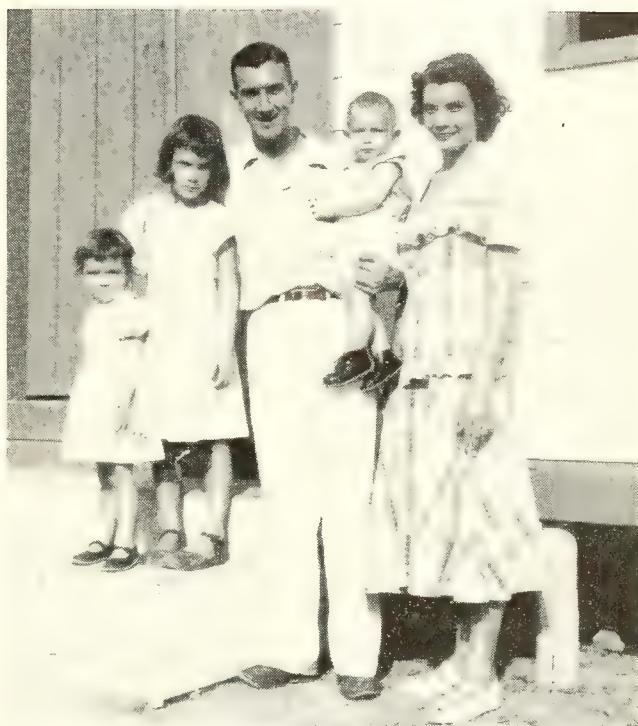
Greetings From Macapa Once Again!

We are all fine here except for a few minor colds and so on. We have been plenty busy here for the last few weeks. First we had a week of vacation Bible school for the children here in Macapa and then we had a week over in Mazagao. It was lots of work but well worth the effort in the end. We had about 50 children the first day here in Macapa and the average attendance was approximately 35. The two girls who teach regularly in our Sunday school were teachers for the vacation Bible school, too. We used the child evangelism material in Portuguese. The older children studied the series, "Growing the Bible Way," and the younger ones had the "Wordless Book" series. The children really liked the stories with flannelgraph and then we had verses of Scripture in Portuguese for them to color. We were able to reach many new children in the community and we trust that it will mean many born-again believers in the future.

On Friday night we had a special service for the parents and over 100 came out. The children sang choruses and recited verses which they had learned. Then, after a short message by one of the young men, I showed colored slides. Needless to say, we had a good time and the Lord blessed.

The following week we made the trip to Mazagao by motorboat. The two girls went along to teach and one of the older men went to help out in the meetings. We had children's meetings in the afternoon and preaching at night. The attendance was excellent, over 100 each night. In all we had eight first-time confessions of faith—all of these decisions were made by men. We would appreciate prayer for the work here in Macapa as well as Mazagao. We need trained national workers to carry on the work. Should the Lord tarry, I am sure we will have a fine group of churches here in this country.

—The Edward Millers.



Rev. and Mrs. Edward Miller, Jeanette, Carol Ann, and "Eddie Boy."

THE INFLUENCE OF A TRACT

A young Frenchman who had been wounded at the siege of St. Quentin was languishing on a pallet in the hospital, when a tract that lay on the coverlet caught his eye. He read it and was converted to God by it. You may see the monument of that man standing with a Bible in his hand before the Church of the Consistory in Paris. He is known in history as Admiral Coligny, the leader of the Reformation in France.

But the tract had not finished its work. It was read by Coligny's nurse, a "Sister of Mercy," who penitently placed it in the hands of the lady abbess, and she, too, was converted by it. She fled from France to the Palatinate, where she met a young Hollander and became his wife. The influence which she had upon that man reached out into the reformation of the entire continent of Europe, for he was William of Orange. "How far yon candle threw its beam!" Who knows what the power of a tract may be?—*The Evangel.*

One for One

What are churches for, but to make missionaries?

What is education for, but to train them?

What is commerce for, but to send them?

What is life itself for, but to fulfill the purpose of missions, the enthroning of Jesus Christ in the hearts of men?—A. H. Strong.



DVBS at Macapa, Brazil, November 1953.

CHANGES IN AFRICA, TOO!



Lester Kennedy

By Lester W. Kennedy, M'Baiki, Africa

As you see from the address above, there have been some changing of pastorates this side of the ocean also. The change for us will take place sometime around the last of January and the first of February. (The Lester Kennedy family is moving from Bellevue to M'Baiki.) Having never seen M'Baiki we are looking forward with great enthusiasm to our work there in jungle land. Circumstances centering around this move are many, but we feel we are solely led of the Lord and He is leading us very definitely to the green paradise of M'Baiki. Next to the Lord's leading and presence in sending us forth to Africa, this move has been of like inward peace and confidence, crowned with real joy in going on with Him.

The climate here in Africa is changing from being rainy and cool to the so-called dry and hot season. As of now, we see how it is in dry-season time, for we haven't had rain for months. Consequently the lawns are drying up and are just brown patches. The grasslands are but fields of rolling, dry, tall, coarse grass. Here and there fires have been made so as to protect the villages from the great forest fires that will be started soon, thus giving the land a black, brown, and dull-white blanket—hard on the eyesight.

Hot in Africa? If you could peek into our room one of these nights soon, you would find most of the shutters closed and the Kennedy family huddling under one or two blankets. Cold? Why, I thought it would frost. They say to give it time and it will be as hot as an oven.

The climate in the church some places is dry and cold and in others green with fruits for Christ. The dryness is very sparsely placed—in going through most of the Bellevue district I have found a real note of praise and thanksgiving unto God. The leaders and lay are eager to know the Word of God more fully and to go on with Christ unto a deeper walk with their Lord, who has truly bought them out of the slave market of all kinds of heathen vices and superstition.

At one conference (native), after I had spoken, a few of the leaders came and inquired concerning verses I had not touched upon fully in the sermon. They have a deep yearning to know more fully the true Word, because many "words" are entering into the Dark Continent only to deepen it blacker into sin.

I wish you could have been with me New Year's Eve as we had our watch-night service from 6 to 8 p. m. We started the service with songs of praise and rejoicing, after which there was a word of prayer and a portion of Scripture read. Then came the time of joy to my heart—for more than an hour and a half I listened to one after another of the brethren in Christ stand to their feet, in a dimly lighted church, and tell of the goodness of God to them in the past year. I could not see their

facial expressions, neither could I understand all of them, for they spoke in their native village tongue, but I could understand their notes of sorrow and sadness because of circumstances of the past. Always, however, they began and ended on the glorious major note of praise to the great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Oh, how your hearts would bend in sorrow with them but not to stay there, for they, like us, have found their confidence in the God of their salvation. As they would express that confidence and thankfulness in words, your heart, like mine, would vibrate loudly and enthusiastically—praise be unto God who has called these souls out of darkness into His glorious liberty in Christ Jesus.

But, friend, what share have you had in helping God bring such joy to these dear benighted souls? Would your heart beat faintly, so faintly, that even you could hardly detect its throb? Why? Is it that you have not helped until it hurt in prayers, in gifts, in life; or is your heart even now throbbing with major notes of praise because of the share you were able to have in sending the "Good News" to this thirsty land of Africa?

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THE VALUE OF A SOUL

Think of the value of just one soul. For one may be many. Andrew brought Simon—just one. But that one was many, for, under God, Simon brought 3,000 in one day. Joel Stratton, a waiter in a restaurant, brought John Gough to Christ. Ezra Kimball, a Sunday-school teacher, brought Moody to Christ—just one man. But that one was many, for Moody rocked two continents toward God.

But why say more? Just one digit is valuable in the multiplication table and one letter in the alphabet; far more valuable is the conviction of the value of just one soul in God's sight.—R. G. Lee.

One for One

CHRISTMAS AT BELLEVUE

The natives had a nice program at Christmas, with shepherds, wise men, and so on. Folks from all the nearby little chapels came in and each of them had some part in the service. We began to think we wouldn't even get through in time for dinner. But it surely did seem good to us who remember when we first came here and not a soul knew about Christmas because they didn't know Christ had come. We praise Him that there are now many redeemed ones here.

—Mrs. C. B. Sheldon.

REPORT OF GIFTS

To the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church—July 1, 1953, to December 31, 1953

ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Baltimore, Md.	\$4.00
Chambersburg, Pa.	12.00
Hagerstown, Md.	146.00
Harrisburg, Pa.	111.50
Martinsburg, W. Va.	50.35
Philadelphia, Pa. (First) ..	100.00
Seven Fountains, Va.	3.50
Washington, D. C.	164.50
Waynesboro, Pa.	43.00
York, Pa.	46.85

681.70

Bible Brethren Church, Baltimore, Md.

Bishop Funds	\$4.00
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Grace Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pa.

Bishop Funds	\$12.00
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Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

General Fund	\$10.00
Bishop Funds	41.00
Rottler Funds	95.00

\$146.00

Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

Bishop Funds	\$111.50
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Rosemont Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va.

General Fund	\$40.35
Bishop Funds	10.00

\$50.35

First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

General Fund	\$100.00
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Trinity Brethren Church, Seven Fountains, Va.

Africa-Bekoro-BYF Project	\$3.50
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First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C.

General Fund	\$64.50
Geske Funds	100.00

\$164.50

First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa.

Bishop Funds	\$43.00
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Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa.

General Fund	\$33.45
Ruth Snyder Funds	13.40

\$46.85

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Artesia, Calif.	\$56.35
Bellflower, Calif.	18.00
Compton, Calif.	12.00
Fillmore, Calif.	39.50
Glendale, Calif.	57.03
La Verne, Calif.	217.50
Long Beach, Calif. (First) ..	3,321.28
Los Angeles, Calif. (First) ..	50.00
Los Angeles, Calif. (Second) ..	40.67
Los Angeles, Calif. (Third) ..	435.60
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	33.59
Paramount, Calif.	19.00
Phoenix, Ariz.	16.00
San Bernardino, Calif.	15.00
San Diego, Calif.	5.00
Seal Beach, Calif.	10.00
South Gate, Calif.	10.00
South Pasadena, Calif.	17.00
South San Gabriel, Calif.	10.00
Temple City, Calif.	14.00
Tracy, Calif.	33.50
Whittier, Calif. (First)	188.61
California District	369.00

5,043.63

Carson Avenue Brethren Church, Artesia, Calif.

Africa Leper Fund	\$14.35
Bishop Funds	17.00
Goodman Funds	10.00
Teeter Funds	15.00

\$56.35

First Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.

Bishop Funds	\$18.00
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First Brethren Church, Compton, Calif.

Balzer Funds	\$12.00
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First Brethren Church, Fillmore, Calif.

Altig Funds	\$15.00
Bishop Funds	15.50

\$30.50

First Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif.

Balzer Funds	\$32.78
Bishop Funds	15.75
Teeter Funds	8.50

\$57.03

First Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif.

General Fund	\$10.00
Africa Special Fund	124.50
Bishop Funds	58.00
E. Miller Funds	25.00

\$217.50

First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

General Fund	\$2,527.79
Africa General Fund	42.00
Africa Leper Fund	37.25
Africa Special Fund	10.00
Argentina General Fund	5.00
Brazil Special Fund	185.29
Altig Funds	5.00
Balzer Funds	15.00
Bishop Funds	58.35
Goodman Funds	5.00
Haag Funds	60.00
Samarin Funds	75.00
Zielasko Funds	295.60

\$3,321.28

First Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

General Fund	\$30.00
Altig Funds	15.00
Balzer Funds	5.00

\$50.00

Second Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Brazil Special Fund	\$19.67
Balzer Funds	10.00
Bishop Funds	4.00
Teeter Funds	7.00

\$40.67

Third Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

General Fund	\$27.80
Brazil General Fund	380.00
Burk Funds	27.80

\$435.60

La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.

Bishop Funds	\$18.00
Roy Snyder Funds	15.59

\$33.59

Paramount Brethren Church, Paramount, Calif.

Bishop Funds	\$9.00
Goodman Funds	10.00

\$19.00

First Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Bishop Funds	\$16.00
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Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church, San Bernardino, Calif.

Bishop Funds	\$15.00
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First Brethren Church, San Diego, Calif.

Baja California General Fund	\$5.00
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First Brethren Church, Seal Beach, Calif.

Balzer Funds	\$10.00
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First Brethren Church, South Gate, Calif.

General Fund	\$30.00
Altig Funds	3.50
Bishop Funds	40.50

\$74.00

Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif.

Bishop Funds	\$17.00
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Grace Brethren Church, South San Gabriel, Calif.

Altig Funds	\$10.00
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Temple City Brethren Church, Temple City, Calif.

Bishop Funds	\$14.00
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First Brethren Church, Tracy, Calif.

Bishop Funds	\$33.50
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First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

General Fund	\$88.61
Baja Calif. General Fund	100.00

\$188.61

California District

General Fund	\$210.00
Baja Calif. General Fund	26.00
Baja Calif. Special Fund	10.00
Balzer Funds	23.00
Garber Funds	30.00
Goodman Funds	10.00
Kliever Funds	20.00
Samarin Funds	40.00

\$369.00

EAST DISTRICT

Aleppo, Pa.	\$11.00
Altoona, Pa. (First)	37.32
Conemaugh, Pa. (Mundy's Corner) ..	29.00
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	10.00
Everett, Pa.	32.90
Grafton, W. Va.	21.00
Hopewell, Pa.	20.50
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	99.00
Leamersville, Pa.	81.25
Listie, Pa.	30.00
Martinsburg, Pa.	770.06
Meyersdale, Pa.	7.00
Summit Mills, Pa.	27.55
Uniontown, Pa.	56.84
East District	158.00

1,391.36

Aleppo Brethren Church, Aleppo, Pa.

Teeter Funds	\$11.00
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First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.

Bishop Funds	\$28.00
Nielsen Funds	9.32

\$37.32

Pike Brethren Church (Mundy's Corner), Conemaugh, Pa.

Bishop Funds	\$19.00
Teeter Funds	10.00

\$29.00

Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Dunning Funds	\$10.00
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Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.

Roy Snyder Funds	\$10.20
Ruth Snyder Funds	17.70
Teeter Funds	5.00

\$32.90

First Brethren Church, Grafton, W. Va.

Ruth Snyder Funds	\$21.00
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Grace Brethren Church (Yellow Creek), Hopewell, Pa.

Special for Missionary Residence	\$5.00
Nielsen Funds	15.50

\$20.50

First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

General Fund	\$15.00
Bishop Funds	44.00
Teeter Funds	40.00

\$99.00

**Leamersville Brethren Church,
Duncansville, Pa.**

Special for Missionary	
Residence	\$7.00
Bishop Funds	53.00
Nielsen Funds	21.25
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	\$81.25

Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.

Bishop Funds	\$30.00
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First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

E. Miller Funds	\$50.00
Sumey Funds	720.00
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Meyersdale Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

General Fund	\$5.00
Ruth Snyder Funds	2.00
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**Summit Mills Brethren Church,
Meyersdale, Pa.**

Ruth Snyder Funds	\$15.80
Sumey Funds	11.75
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	\$27.55

First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.

Bishop Funds	\$24.50
Ruth Snyder Funds	5.55
Sumey Funds	26.79
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	\$56.84

East District

General Fund	\$25.00
Roy Snyder Funds	50.00
Ruth Snyder Funds	83.00
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	\$158.00

INDIANA DISTRICT

Berne, Ind.	\$23.00
Clay City, Ind.	310.00
Claypool, Ind.	11.74
Flora, Ind.	33.00
Fort Wayne, Ind.	20.00
Leesburg, Ind.	10.00
Osceola, Ind.	1,062.17
Peru, Ind.	45.10
Sharpville, Ind.	7.00
Sidney, Ind.	20.00
South Bend, Ind.	86.09
Wheaton, Ill.	15.00
Winona Lake, Ind.	62.00
Indiana District	250.21
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Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.

Bishop Funds	\$23.00
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First Brethren Church, Clay City, Ind.

General Fund	\$300.00
Churchill Funds	5.00
Munn Funds	5.00
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	\$310.00

Claypool Brethren Mission, Claypool, Ind.

General Fund	\$1.74
Foster Funds	10.00
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	\$11.74

Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind.

Bishop Funds	\$33.00
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First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

General Fund	\$20.00
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Leesburg Brethren Church, Leesburg, Ind.

Bishop Funds	\$10.00
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Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind.

General Fund	\$1,000.00
Brazil General Fund	62.17
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	\$1,062.17

Peru Brethren Church, Peru, Ind.

General Fund	\$3.08
Bishop Funds	27.50
Foster Funds	14.52
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	\$45.10

Grace Brethren Church, Sharpville, Ind.

Foster Funds	\$7.00
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Sidney Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind.

General Fund	\$10.00
Sumey Funds	10.00
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	\$20.00

**Sunnymede Brethren Church,
South Bend, Ind.**

General Fund	\$48.00
Bishop Funds	12.00
Burk Funds	19.50
Zielasko Funds	6.59
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	\$86.09

Grace Brethren Church, Wheaton, Ill.

Bishop Funds	\$15.00
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**Winona Lake Brethren Church,
Winona Lake, Ind.**

General Fund	\$40.00
Africa-Bekoro-BYF	
Project	20.00
Bishop Funds	2.00
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	\$62.00

Indiana District

General Fund	\$50.00
Burk Funds	9.00
Foster Funds	143.42
Munn Funds	3.00
Nielsen Funds	43.79
Roy Snyder Funds	1.00
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	\$250.21

IOWA DISTRICT

Cedar Rapids	\$14.00
Dallas Center	23.00
Garwin	9.64
Leon	26.78
North English	9.10
Waterloo	18.50
Iowa District	29.00
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Grace Brethren Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Roy Snyder Funds	\$14.00
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First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa

Bishop Funds	\$23.00
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Carlton Brethren Church, Garwin, Iowa

Roy Snyder Funds	\$9.64
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Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa

General Fund	\$10.00
Roy Snyder Funds	16.78
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	\$26.78

**Pleasant Grove Brethren Church,
North English, Iowa**

Roy Snyder Funds	\$9.10
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Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa

Nielsen Funds	\$18.50
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Iowa District

E. Myers Funds	\$25.00
Zielasko Funds	4.00
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	\$29.00

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Alto	\$30.00
Berrien Springs	11.50
Lake Odessa	22.00
New Troy	10.50
Michigan District	49.05
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Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich.

Foster Funds	\$30.00
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**Grace Brethren Church,
Berrien Springs, Mich.**

General Fund	\$10.00
Bishop Funds	1.50
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	\$11.50

Grace Brethren Church, Lake Odessa, Mich.

Bishop Funds	\$22.00
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New Troy Brethren Church, New Troy, Mich.

Foster Funds	\$10.50
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Michigan District

General Fund	\$40.00
Africa-Bekoro-BYF	
Project	6.05
Teeter Funds	3.00
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	\$49.05

MIDWEST DISTRICT

Beaver City, Nebr.	\$49.17
Cheyenne, Wyo.	13.23
Cordillera, N. Mex.	3.30
Denver, Colo.	29.70
Portis, Kans.	73.11
Taos, N. Mex.	4.00
Midwest District	75.19
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	247.00

Grace Brethren Church, Beaver City, Nebr.

Roy Snyder Funds	\$49.17
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First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Roy Snyder Funds	\$13.23
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**Cordillera Brethren Church,
Cordillera, N. Mex.**

Bishop Funds	\$3.30
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Grace Brethren Church, Denver, Colo.

Altig Funds	\$29.00
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First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans

Cone Funds	\$29.54
Nielsen Funds	43.47
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	\$73.11

Canon Brethren Church, Taos, N. Mex.

Bishop Funds	\$4.00
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Midwest District

Africa General Fund	\$26.00
Argentina General Fund	27.19
Baja Calif. General Fund	7.00
Rottler Funds	15.00
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	\$75.19

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Akron	\$22.00
Ankenytown	75.00
Ashland	271.90
Canton	13.00
Cleveland	37.06
Fremont	109.00
Homerville	5.00
Middlebranch	31.00
Rittman	54.60
Wooster	175.36
Northern Ohio District	190.04
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First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio

Teeter Funds	\$22.00
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First Brethren Church, Ankenytown, Ohio

General Fund	\$75.00
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**West Tenth Street Brethren Church,
Ashland, Ohio**

Bishop Funds	\$233.40
Teeter Funds	38.50
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	\$271.90

First Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio

Teeter Funds	\$13.00
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First Brethren Church, Cleveland, Ohio

General Fund	\$7.02
Bishop Funds	8.00
C. Taber Funds	22.04
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	\$37.06

Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio

General Fund	\$25.00
Bishop Funds	34.00
Roy Snyder Funds	50.00
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	\$109.00

**West Homer Brethren Church,
Homerville, Ohio**

Bishop Funds	\$5.00
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First Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio

Bishop Funds	\$31.00
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<i>First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio</i>		SOUTHEAST DISTRICT		<i>Bethany Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio</i>	
Bishop Funds	\$54.60	Hollins, Va.	\$9.38	General Fund	\$34.84
<i>First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio</i>		Johnson City, Tenn.	8.59	Foster Funds	19.46
Africa-Bekoro-BYF		Limestone, Tenn.	81.60		\$54.30
Project	\$5.00	Radford, Va.	16.00	<i>First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio</i>	
Africa Special Fund ...	16.86	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	110.13	General Fund	\$25.00
Argentina Special Fund	2.00	Southeast District	151.29	<i>North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio</i>	
Altig Funds	54.25		376.99	General Fund	\$60.39
Roy Snyder Funds	97.25			Bishop Funds	67.07
	\$175.36	<i>Mountain View Brethren Church, Hollins, Va.</i>		Foster Funds	19.28
<i>Northern Ohio District</i>		Ruth Snyder Funds	\$9.38		\$146.74
Africa Special Fund ...	\$58.00	<i>Johnson City Brethren Church, Johnson City, Tenn.</i>		<i>Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio</i>	
Special for Missionary Residence	132.04	Ruth Snyder Funds	\$8.59	Bishop Funds	\$10.00
	\$190.04	<i>Vernon Brethren Church, Limestone, Tenn.</i>		<i>First Brethren Church, Sidney, Ohio</i>	
NORTHWEST DISTRICT		General Fund	\$36.00	Bishop Funds	\$6.00
Albany, Oreg.	\$61.91	Bishop Funds	35.00	<i>Grace Brethren Church, Troy, Ohio</i>	
Harrah, Wash.	10.00	Ruth Snyder Funds ...	10.60	Bishop Funds	\$22.00
Portland, Oreg.	25.00		\$81.60	<i>Sampleville Brethren Mission, West Alexandria, Ohio</i>	
Salem, Oreg.	26.00	<i>Fairlawn Brethren Church, Radford, Va.</i>		Foster Funds	\$11.00
Seattle, Wash.	47.48	General Fund	\$5.00	Nielsen Funds	16.54
Sunnyside, Wash.	629.25	Ruth Snyder Funds ...	11.00		\$27.54
Yakima, Wash.	47.50		\$16.00	<i>Southern Ohio District</i>	
Northwest District	113.00	<i>Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.</i>		Foster Funds	\$38.46
	960.14	Africa Special Fund ...	\$75.00	MISCELLANEOUS	
<i>Grace Brethren Church, Albany, Oreg.</i>		Ruth Snyder Funds ...	35.13	National Miscellaneous	\$136.50
Africa-Bekoro-BYF			\$110.13	National SMM	2,157.84
Project	\$7.00	<i>Southeast District</i>		National WMC	2,633.91
Africa Leper Fund	7.00	General Fund	\$25.00		4,928.25
Bishop Funds	31.45	L. Kennedy Funds	71.99	<i>National Miscellaneous</i>	
Roy Snyder Funds	16.46	Ruth Snyder Funds ...	54.30	General Fund	\$85.00
	\$61.91		\$151.29	Africa Special Fund	4.50
<i>Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash.</i>		SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT		Argentina General Fund	10.00
Bishop Funds	\$10.00	Camden, Ohio	\$0.75	Baja Calif. General Fund	4.00
<i>Grace Brethren Church, Portland, Oreg.</i>		Clayhole, Ky.	10.61	Bishop Funds	15.00
Altig Funds	\$25.00	Clayton, Ohio	125.67	M. Kennedy Funds	3.00
<i>Salem Bible Class, Salem, Oreg.</i>		Covington, Ohio	38.02	Mason Funds	10.00
Bishop Funds	\$16.00	Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)	54.30	Ruth Snyder Funds ...	5.00
Roy Snyder Funds	10.00	Dayton, Ohio (First)	25.00		\$136.50
	\$26.00	Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale)	146.74	<i>National Sisterhood of Mary and Martha</i>	
<i>View Ridge Brethren Church, Seattle, Wash.</i>		Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	10.00	Education of Missionary Children	\$458.01
Altig Funds	\$13.40	Sidney, Ohio	6.00	Munn Funds	1,699.83
Bishop Funds	34.08	Troy, Ohio	22.00		\$2,157.84
	\$47.48	West Alexandria, Ohio	27.54	<i>National Women's Missionary Council</i>	
<i>First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.</i>		Southern Ohio District	38.46	Africa Leper Fund	\$111.82
General Fund	\$288.64		505.09	Argentina Special Fund	1,246.30
Brazil Special Fund ...	18.35	<i>First Brethren Church, Camden, Ohio</i>		France Special Fund ...	1,246.29
Altig Funds	75.07	Africa Special Fund	\$0.75	Wagner Funds	29.50
Bishop Funds	180.51	<i>Clayhole Brethren Church, Clayhole, Ky.</i>			\$2,633.91
Dunning Funds	10.00	General Fund	\$10.61		17,326.50
Roy Snyder Funds	56.68	<i>First Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio</i>			150.00
	\$629.25	General Fund	\$24.00	<i>Gifts Outside the F. M. S.</i>	
<i>Grace Brethren Church, Yakima, Wash.</i>		Africa Leper Fund	59.07	Total Gifts	17,476.50
Bishop Funds	\$47.50	Bishop Funds	19.00	Homer A. Kent, treasurer.	
<i>Northwest District</i>		Nielsen Funds	23.60	Ruth E. Reddick, financial secretary.	
Altig Funds	\$3.00	<i>First Brethren Church, Covington, Ohio</i>			
Bishop Funds	100.00	General Fund	\$48.82		
Roy Snyder Funds	10.00	Geske Funds	14.20		
	\$113.00	Nielsen Funds	5.00		
			\$38.02		

THE LADDER

Roger W. Babson, the famous financier and statistician, tells of a visit to the President of the Argentine Republic. Says he:

"One day we sat in his sun parlor looking out over the river. Suddenly he turned to me and said: 'Mr. Babson, I have been wondering why it is that South America, with all its great natural advantages, is so far behind North America, notwithstanding that South America was settled before North America.'

"Then he went on to tell how the forests of South America had 286 trees that could be found in no book of botany. He told me about many ranches that had thousands of acres of alfalfa in one block. He mentioned the mines of iron, coal, copper, silver, gold; all

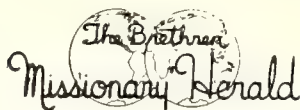
those great rivers with waterpower which rivals Niagara's.

"Why is it, with all these natural resources, South America is so far behind North America?" he repeated.

"Those of you who have been there know the reason. But being a guest, I said: 'Mr. President, what do you think is the reason?'

"He replied thoughtfully, 'I have come to this conclusion. South America was settled by the Spanish who came in search of gold, but North America was settled by the Pilgrim Fathers who went there in search of God.'

"Then," concluded Mr. Babson, applying the lesson, "let us as American citizens never kick down the ladder by which we climb up. Let us never forget the foundation upon which all permanent prosperity is based."—*Moody Monthly*.



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WINONA LAKE, IND.—Pastors and Sunday-school superintendents are requested to check as to whether your Sunday-school order for the next quarter has been mailed to the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. If not, send it at once, please!

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—A district Brethren youth rally was held at the First Brethren Church on Friday, Jan. 15, with Rev. Ralph Colburn as the speaker. Dr. Charles W. Mayes is the pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF.—Tuesday night has been set aside for "visitation" by the men of the First Brethren Church. Lewis Hohenstein is the pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF.—Miss Nancy Mae arrived in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Victor Meyers on Jan. 7, weighing 5 lb., 15 oz. Congratulations.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF.—The new building of the Temple City Brethren Church will be dedicated on Sunday, Feb. 28. Leo Polman is the pastor.

CRESTLINE, CALIF.—A snow conference was held here Jan. 29-30 by the young people of the Temple City Brethren Church. Rev. Ralph Colburn was the speaker.

AKRON, OHIO—Rev. Leon Myers has accepted the call to become the pastor of the First Brethren Church here. Full details in Jan. 30 issue of Herald.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—Evangelist Ted Place, of Detroit, Mich., was guest speaker at the Sunnymede Brethren Church on Jan. 17. W. Russell Ogden is the pastor.

GLENDAL, CALIF.—A snow conference was held at Tahquitz Pines Jan. 22-24. Charles Underwood is the pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—Rev. James Hammer, pastor of the First Breth-

ren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind., will be the evangelist at the Patterson Park Brethren Church Feb. 14-28. C. S. Zimmerman is the pastor.

YORK, PA.—Rev. Gerald Polman, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was guest speaker at the Red Lion Youth for Christ on Jan. 23.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—The building permit has been granted to the First Brethren Church and construction of the first-floor auditorium is to begin at an early date. R. M. Ward is the pastor.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA.—The new building of the Vicksburg Brethren Church has been completed. The former building was destroyed by fire. Dean I. Walter is the pastor.

MARTINSBURG, PA.—An overnight district youth rally will be held here on Feb. 12-13. Gerald W. Teeter will be the host pastor.

KITTANNING, PA.—A new public-address system and remote radio equipment was dedicated at the First Brethren Church recently.



FREMONT, OHIO—Rev. Gordon Bracker began his ministry at the Grace Brethren Church here on Jan. 31. Rev. Bracker's new address is 526 Howland St.

CONEMAUGH, PA.—Rev. Edward Lewis conducted a Bible conference at the Conemaugh Brethren Church Jan. 20-24. Stanley Hauser is the pastor.

KITTANNING, PA.—The Daily Leader-Times, in a story published Jan. 23, reports the acceptance of a call to the First Brethren Church by Rev. William H. Schaffer, who plans to leave Spokane, Wash., on March 22.

DAYTON, OHIO—Mr. Harry Saulnier, director of the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, was guest speaker at the North Riverdale Brethren Church Jan. 27. Mason Cooper, president of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, will be the guest speaker on Feb. 28. Clyde Balyo is the pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—The Hagerstown Bible Institute begins its spring term on Feb. 11. The faculty includes Rev. M. Leon Myers, Rev. William Wiles, and Rev. Russell H. Weber.

CANTON, OHIO—Mr. Robert Schultz, of Altoona, Pa., was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church. John Dilling is the pastor. Mr. Schultz is going as a missionary to the Indians of the Union of South Africa.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Mr. Howard Vulgamore, principal of the Christian Day School and assistant pastor of the First Brethren Church, was ordained to the Christian ministry on Jan. 3. Dr. C. W. Mayes, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., was speaker. Rev. Glenn O'Neal, pastor of the First Brethren Church here, was assisted by other pastors of the district in the ordination service.

WOOSTER, OHIO—Dr. Frank Torrey, of Lancaster, Pa., will be the speaker at a Jewish mission rally on May 7, in the First Brethren Church. Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman is the pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO—Additional property has been purchased by the West Tenth Street Brethren Church. The new property is a lot on the southeast corner of the present church property. Rev. Miles Taber is the pastor.

YAKIMA, WASH.—A meeting of the Brethren ministers of Washington and Oregon was held here Jan. 7-8. Rev. Russell Williams was the host pastor.

ALTOONA, PA.—There were nine decisions of surrender to the Lord during the Bible conference conducted by Rev. Miles Taber in the First Brethren Church. Rev. Mark Malles is the pastor.

TIPP CITY, OHIO—Mrs. Walter J. Barnhart went to be with the Lord on Jan. 25 at the age of 77. Her husband is a retired Brethren minister. They were married 52 years.

ROANOKE, VA.—Anyone desiring to book meetings with Rev. Archie Lynn should contact him by writing 1822 Windsor Ave., Raleigh Court, Roanoke, Va.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—The Brethren Day School of the First Brethren Church will be needing teachers this fall. Those interested please contact Rev. Glenn O'Neal, 2400 West 85th St., Inglewood, Calif.

INTO THE HEIGHTS

PROPHECY

Come Up Hither

"Come up hither . . . a throne was set in heaven . . . and out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings" (Rev. 4:1-10).

All through the Bible the clear teaching is that there will come an end to this present age in which we are living. There will follow an age in which God's kingdom will be on earth, and His will be done here as it is in heaven. This complete change will take place at the second coming of Christ.

In between this present and the new age there will come a short period of terrible judgments upon this God-defying and God-forsaking world which will clear the earth for the Lord to take over. The very first thing that will happen when that day of judgment comes will be the "come up hither" into the Lord's presence, of all believers, either out of their graves or out of this world if they are then alive. Then will come the storm of judgment as signified by the "lightnings and thunderings" which were the first thing John saw coming from the throne in heaven.

Of course, the world does not believe that anything like that will ever happen. People are saying: "All things continue as they were . . ." (II Pet. 3:4). They reason, "Nothing has happened yet, and nothing will happen."

A certain cartoon appeared some time ago in one of our magazines. A man had fallen out of the 64th-story window in one of the skyscrapers in New York. A man on the 24th floor happened to see the falling man as he passed his open window on the way down. The falling and doomed man waved at the amazed onlooker and smilingly called: "Nothing has happened yet." But, something was certainly going to happen. Just as certain will something happen to this world one of these days when the end of this age has come and Christ returns.

It may start as a day like any other day. The sun will rise on time. Men will get out of bed as usual, shave, drink their coffee as on other mornings. They will drive their cars or ride the bus to work as on other days. Some will get up with a grouch, some with a hangover. Farmers will get out their tractors to work in the field. Businessmen will hurry on to their stores. Kids will be walking to school with a book under one arm and a baseball in the gloved hand. Trains will start their runs on schedule. Buses will depart for distant cities. Ships will be crossing the oceans filled with expectant travelers. Planes and stratocruisers will shoot across the heavens. Lawyers will cross over to the courthouses to plead their cases. Fashionable women will hurry downtown to try on fashionable clothes.

Speculators will scheme on how to double their money without honest work. Well-dressed crooks will plan to sell some gullible people some nonexistent oil wells. Some people will be starting on their long-looked-for vacations. Telephone lines will tingle with morning gossip and hot business deals. Some men will use the phone to arrange for a secret meeting with a secret woman. The banks will be open for business. Racehorses will be groomed for the afternoon races. Bookies will mark down bets from the usual suckers. The bars in drinking houses will be polished and ready for their willing victims. Doctors will prescribe another dose of pills. Television shows will be on, radios will give forth the latest hits and the last-minute news. Scientists will be looking through their microscopes, preparing some new means of destruction or some new way of saving a life. College professors will leave for their classrooms to teach the latest theories of the universe. Some people will start the day with prayer. Some will

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start the day with cursing. In some homes there will be a fight before breakfast is over.

Yes, it will seem a day like any other day of the thousands of days that are past. And yet, it will be a day of days, like unto that seemingly ordinary day long ago when the angels announced: "Unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." That was seemingly an ordinary day when the God of the universe hung on a cross and shouted: "It is finished."

Suddenly it will happen! It may be that some great earthquake will shake the earth! It may be that some fiend will suddenly set off the pent-up powers man is supposed to be storing up for destructive purposes, in the A-bomb, or H-bomb, or C-bomb! I do not know whether some great outside phenomenon will accompany it, but I do know that such a day is coming. The Lord's trump will sound, and His own will hear His voice, and they will answer the summons of the Lord to "come up hither." The church will meet the Lord in the air. The Holy Spirit, too, will go back to heaven. The day of grace will be over. The day of the Lord will have begun. Antichrist will start his conquests, and the judgments of the great tribulation will be on for those who remain upon the earth.

Dear reader, what would happen to you if that day should come now? Would you be with those who will go to meet their Lord because they are ready for His coming? Only those who have been washed in the blood of the Lamb will meet Him then. Christian friend, keep ever before you the promise of His coming. Do not be led away from His fellowship by anything that the world or the Devil may offer you.

The Futility of Opposing God's Anointed

A STUDY OF THE SECOND PSALM

The occasion out of which the Second Psalm arose is uncertain. Various conjectures have been given, such as David's conquest of the confederacy of the Philistines, Syrians, Phoenicians, and others as recorded in II Samuel 5 (Clarke, Lange, et al.). But the uncertainty still remains. The authorship is also in question among the various schools of commentators. Some attribute it to the pen of Solomon (Ewald), others to Isaiah or Hezekiah (Delitzsch), while others insist that David is its author. The weight of evidence seems to favor the latter, especially in view of the fact that it is so attributed in Acts 4:25-26.

Psalm 2 may be thought of as a historical-prophetical psalm. We may first read from the historical viewpoint, with an eye to the literal David. Many of the expressions take on color and significance against the background of David's accession to the throne of Israel amidst the rebellion and conspiracies that swirled around him. As God's anointed, however, he ascended the throne and wielded the scepter of power for 40 illustrious years, overcoming opposition and consolidating the 12 tribes into a unified kingdom. Nevertheless, the diction is too high and exaggerated to be limited to the historical Davidic kingdom. Hence, we must reread the psalm from the prophetical viewpoint, with an eye to the spiritual David. Immediately a throb of expectancy pulsates through our soul as our attention is directed from the type (David) to the great Antitype (Jesus Christ). The coloring which appeared too bold and glaring for the historical king of Israel no longer appears so against the background of the ultimate triumph of God's Anointed over the tu-

multuous nations conspiring against Him.

The Second Psalm has for its theme "The Futility of Opposing God's Anointed" (Acts 4:25-26). Even while the nations rush about in riotous rage, taking counsel against God's Son, God, in calm serenity, enthrones His Messiah according to predetermined decree.

The literary structure of the psalm is beautiful. It consists of four strophes of three stanzas each. Our outline below follows this poetical construction.

I. THE CONSPIRACY OF THE NATIONS (vss. 1-3).

Three primary scenes unfold in this connection. We observe:

1. *The agitation produced by the conspirators* (vs. 1). Here the psalmist declares in graphic terms the tumultuous resentment (*rage*) smoldering in the collective breast of the peoples. Jew and gentile (Acts 4:27), as they meditate and devise (*imagine*) evil and riotous conspiracies against the Lord and against His Anointed. "Why" suggests the futile (*vain*) purpose of these agitations.

2. *The aggression plotted by the conspirators* (vs. 2). Here we see the determined (*set themselves*) deliberation (*take counsel*) going on in the council chambers of the kings and rulers of the earth. This con-

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spiracy is carried out with crafty planning, not with foolish haste.

3. *The anarchy proposed by the conspirators* (vs. 3). Taking their cue from their father, the Devil, who rebelled against the authority of God, these conspirators announced their intention of overthrowing divine restraint and authority like "refractory bulls" (*break their bands . . . cast away their cords*). Like the Israelites in the days of His flesh declared, "We will not have this man to rule over us" (Luke 19:14) and "We have no king but Caesar" (John 19:15), so *etc* the divine kingdom is set up, a violent struggle will ensue by the combined might of Israelite and gentile rebels who are determined to assert their own wills over that of the Son of God.

II. THE CONTEMPT OF THE LORD (vss. 4-6).

Three primary scenes appear in this act. We observe:

1. *The provocation of the Lord* (vs. 4). From the tumultuous roaring of the multitude and the deliberative meditation in the council chambers of the conspirators to the majestic serenity of the throne room of heaven we are now led! Here we see Him who sits upon the throne, beholding these earth scenes, looking with utter contempt (*laugh*) upon their vain imaginations, and holds them in scorn (*derision*).

2. *The vexation of the rebels* (vs. 5). After a time (*then*), without even rising from His seat, even though sorely provoked and angry (*wrath . . . sore displeasure*), God strikes terror and dismay (*vex*) into the evil conspirators, not with audi-



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ble words, but with an accomplished fact, namely,

3. *The exaltation of the King* (vs. 6). What a grand exclamation! God has already done what the nations were attempting to prevent! How futile to attempt to prevent what God had determined to do before time began.

"Thy foes in vain designs engage;
Against His throne in vain they rage,
Like rising waves, with angry roar,
That dash and die upon the shore."

III. THE COVENANT WITH THE SON (vss. 7-9).

Having been led by the psalmist into the council chambers of the conspirators to observe their conspiracies, and thence into the throne room of God to witness His contempt for their devices, with its accompanying vexation and triumph, we now are presented to the Lord's Anointed, to observe His assumption of the throne of the kingdom decreed before time began.

1. *The resolution of the Son* (vs. 7a). The Son of God resolved to declare the basis upon which his royal investiture rested. It was by a divine decree covenanted between Father and Son in the eternal councils before the world began. Upon it rested Messiah's claim to the scepter of power.

2. *The revelation of the covenant* (vss. 7b-9). The Son's right to the kingdom rests upon two titles, namely: (1) *His position*, "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee" (vs. 7b). The primary meaning here relates to the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, by which He was declared to be the Son of God with power, and by which His right to the throne was established (Rom. 1:4; Acts 13:33ff.). (2) *His petition* (vss. 8-9). The primary thought here is that of His subordination to the Father, and of receiving the kingdom from Him by petition (*ask of me*). This kingdom is universal in extent (*uttermost parts of the earth*), and powerful in its expression (*break them with a rod of iron . . . dash them in pieces*). Even in the Kingdom Age there will be attempted rebellion against the Lord, and against the Lord's Anointed, but it will come to naught (Zech. 14:16-19).

IV. THE COUNSEL TO THE RULERS (vss. 10-12).

The fourth strophe of the psalm presents a fitting conclusion to the foregoing action. The counsel em-

bodies three important principles, namely:

1. *The reflection enjoined upon the rulers* (vs. 10). In view of the futility of opposing God, and of the certain destruction of all who do, the rulers are admonished to reflect (*now*—argumentative, not temporal) upon these realities, and plan their program wisely, in harmony with the plan of God (*be instructed*).

2. *The reverence entreated from the rulers* (vs. 11). Rather than be broken as a piece of pottery, the rulers, setting the example, are to submit joyfully, and serve with reverent fear Him whom God has enthroned as His Messiah.

3. *The reconciliation encouraged for the rulers* (vs. 12). Before acceptable service can be offered to the King, the kiss of reconciliation (*kiss the Son*) must be offered. A great deal of discussion concerning the meaning of this passage has arisen. We believe that, together with any and all other ideas it may embody, the primary one is that of reconciliation. With the Father already angry at the nations (vs. 5), and the Son invested with power and authority to destroy the rebellious subjects (vs. 9), a state of reconciliation is needed to restore the rulers (and their subjects) to the divine favor. Hence they are counseled to "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry," and they too perish, like those of former days, from the earth.

The psalmist closes with an appeal to trust in the Lord as the assurance of a blessed state, and an insurance against the wrath of an angry God.

LITTLE THINGS

Shamgar had an ox-goad,

Rahab had a string,

Gideon had a trumpet,

David had a sling,

Samson had a jaw bone,

Moses had a rod;

Dorcas had a needle—

All were used for God.

— *Sunday School Times*.

TIME to me is so precious that with great difficulty can I steal one hour in eight days, either to satisfy myself or to gratify my friends.—
John Knox.

SEATTLE, WASH.—"Operation Doorbell" is the name applied to the visitation program of the View Ridge Brethren Church. Thomas E. Hammers is the pastor.



(Items in this column are compiled from reports of pastors and evangelists.)

York, Pa.

The Grace Brethren Church of York, Pa., has been greatly blessed by the ministry of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade Team One. The meetings, which began Sunday, January 3, and closed Sunday, January 17, were used of God to revive Christians, save souls, and bring many to a reconsecration of life to the Lord.

The meetings were well attended, with an average attendance of 54. The weatherman did his best to snow out several meetings during the second week.

Statistics of the meetings include 2 first-time decisions for the Lord, 17 rededications, and on the second Sunday about 35 Christians publicly dedicated themselves to the work of soul-winning. Four special children's meetings were held the first week, with an average attendance of 49. There were six decisions for Christ in these meetings with the children.

We of the York church certainly appreciate the ministry of Evangelist R. Paul Miller, Song Leader Max Williams, and Pianist Jesse Gingrich. —*Gerald Polman, pastor*.

Certainly there is no faster-growing community than the city of York, Pa. Industries are springing up on every side. Schools seem unable to keep up with the increase of children. In the midst of this situation our new York congregation is now established. In the short time since the coming of Pastor Gerald Polman, the church has grown swiftly and they are now ready to build their new structure.

Our meeting really lasted but one week. The second week was almost a total loss due to the general storm conditions that swept the eastern seaboard. But in spite of it, the Lord added several families to the work at this time. Other and greater harvests will follow here in York. God is surely in this work.—*R. Paul Miller, evangelist*.



The Lord's Supper, or Love Feast

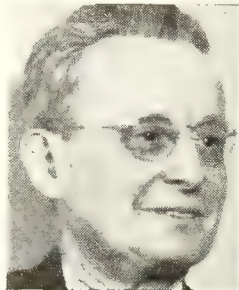
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The Lord's Supper was a separate institution from the bread and the wine of Holy Communion and yet was celebrated in connection with it. In the primitive church, the Lord's Supper (the *agape*) was the first celebrated, being followed by the breaking of bread and drinking of the wine of the Holy Communion (Eucharist). All three of these ordinances (the Washing of the Saints' Feet, the Lord's Supper, and the Eucharist) were instituted in the same place and at the same time—when "his hour was come." It was "during supper" (John 13:12 ASV) that Jesus arose and washed the disciples' feet. It was "as they were eating" supper (Matt. 26:26) that Jesus took bread and blessed and brake it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take eat; this is my body." It was "after supper" that He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood" (Luke 22:20).

John tells us this supper Christ ate with His disciples was before the (Jewish) Passover (John 13:1) and that it was 24 hours before. As He sat down with His disciples that last night He said unto them, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover (the Jewish Passover) with you before I suffer: for I say unto you, I will not anymore eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God" (Luke 22:15-16). Notice, "I will not anymore eat." That should settle all doubts. What He did eat was the Christian Passover or Love Feast designated in the New Testament (John 13:7; I Cor. 5:7-8). Since the Scriptures record no other occasion where a supper was eaten previously like this supper, and nowhere is it recorded that the apostles instituted any ordinances, it is only sane to conclude that the Lord authorized

this meal and the apostles carried it on (I Cor. 11:17-34; II Pet. 2:13; Jude 12).

These terms, "the Lord's Supper," and "Love Feast" used in the New Testament designate the meal which the Lord ate with His disciples in the upper room and have these sym-



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bolical meanings. The Love Feast certainly symbolizes the oneness of the children of God, sitting together in love as God's great family. Not as the Corinthian church, where Paul is correcting the abuse, saying it was impossible to eat the Lord's Supper with these "divisions" among the people (I Cor. 11:18). Such a love feast was a mockery and a lie. Later in the evening Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another" (John 13:34-35). Jesus alone knew the lasting benefits of His children sitting at such a Christian love feast. The term "Lord's Supper" symbolizes more fully the "future ministry" of Christ. While there are many symbols set forth here of special value through this meal, the outstanding one is the marriage feast of the

Lamb with the bride in heaven (Rev. 19:7-9; Eph. 5:25-33). Toward this blessed hope this feast points and warms the hearts of the saints. Christ at this supper is the central figure and will be through the ages. He promises "that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3); "that they may behold my glory" (John 17:24); "and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:17).

Christ, the perfect Servant, will continue to serve the saints through all eternity, as symbolized by this meal. "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 7:17); and "he shall gird himself . . . and will come forth and serve them" (Luke 12:37). "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14).

WHY CHRISTIANS SUFFER

I bear my willing witness that I owe more to the fire, and the hammer, and the file, than to anything in my Lord's workshop. I sometimes question whether I have ever learned anything except through the rod. When my schoolroom is darkened, I see most.—C. H. Spurgeon.

PARENTAL EXAMPLE

Johnny was watching the traffic from the window. "Oh, Mother, a truck went by as big as a house!"

"Johnnie, why do you exaggerate so terribly? I've told you 40 million times about that habit of yours, and it doesn't do a bit of good!"—O. I. Baptist.



The Way to Get What You Want From God

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"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). Our Lord spoke these words to believers. He speaks to those whose hands, eyes, ears, hearts, minds, and lives are dedicated to Christ.

What Christ is to be to us, and do for us, certainly depends on what we are willing to be and do for Him. Some have difficulty in knowing God's will. The one great secret to knowing God's will is a willingness to do God's will. The motive must be right. James declares: "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." Through faith and believing prayer we have the key that unlocks heaven's wonderful door. But, understand the unlimited promise, "Ask what ye will" or "the way to get what you want from God" has its one simple and natural condition which is found in our text.

It is Christ whom the Father always hears. God is in Christ, and can be reached by our being in Him. To abide in Him is the way to have our prayers heard. John said, "If we know that he hear us . . . we know that we have the petitions that we desire of him" (I John 5:15). To be completely yielded to Christ, and wholly abiding in Him, we have the right to "ask what ye will" and the promise is, "It shall be done unto you."

Three great facts to recognize are (1) that we are a needy people; (2) that God owns all and has more than enough for all; and (3) that God has promised that He will supply every need and even give His children the very desires of their heart. We can be sure that God is no respecter of persons and He is not going to fail in His promise now.

The past must be clear. By the past, we mean the record since the

time of conversion. Every sin must be confessed and put away. The psalmist declared, "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Sin must be put away. David concluded, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." David knew from experience the truth about sin in his life.



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Doubtful things must be removed. To know God's best, God must have our best. We have a wonderful liberty, but this liberty is never to be taken for license to sin. God's directive will is the will for your life. He speaks, "This is the way, walk ye in it." Things allowed under the permissive will of God must go if you want victory. Every known and doubtful thing must be removed once and for all. I like the way Jesus said it in Matthew 21:21 and Mark 11:23-24.

Often, many come with questionable things, desiring to know the answer. To doubt is to sin. The rule is: When you doubt—abstain. (Study Colossians 3:17.)

The Bible teaches that "to obey is better than sacrifice." Obedience means being willing to go all the way and do God's will in everything (Matt. 9:9; John 7:17; Jas. 1:22).

Christians are indwelt by the Holy Spirit (John 14:17; I Cor. 6:19). The Lord Jesus is praying for us (John 17:9); the Holy Spirit prays for us (Rom. 8:26); and we can be sure that the Father always honors His Son's request and the Spirit's requests for us. Our prayer requests should be in the Spirit, guided by the Spirit, and when they are, we simply come to God and get what we want through prayer.

Finally, the one thing God honors is faith—the kind of faith that is proved by obedience to God's will with praise and thanksgiving. One of the sweetest words I know is "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57). The victory is ours and God wants us to claim it today. God wants to see your faith and obedience. Shall we manifest both of these in these most difficult yet wonderful days in praise and thanksgiving to God?

A GOOD MEMBER

There are church members and church members. The story is told that when Henry Ward Beecher was about to take a ride behind a horse hired at a livery stable, he regarded the horse admiringly and said, "That is a fine-looking animal. Is he as good as he looks?"

The owner replied: "Mr. Beecher, that horse will work in any place you put him, and do all that any horse can do."

The preacher eyed the horse still more admiringly and then humorously remarked: "I wish to goodness he was a member of my church."

Jesus asks: "How much better then is a man than a sheep?" Surely every church member ought to be as good as that living horse.—*The Sermonizer*.



GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the faithful friends that He has given the seminary, and pray that He will bless in the months ahead that they may be able to continue the support of the school.

2. Praise God for those church groups and individuals who have been led to give for special needs and projects of the school not covered by general running expenses.

3. Recent layoffs in the area have affected many students. Pray that God will meet their needs and supply them with the work necessary to stay in school and to care for their families.

4. Pray for students and teachers alike as they are beginning the second semester.

5. Pray for high-school and college seniors who are planning for further schooling, that God may lead to Grace just those He would have in our student body next year.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the missionaries in Africa and Argentina who are moving to new stations. Changes always bring adjustments.

2. Pray for Bro. William Samarin in Africa, that the Lord will enable the doctors to diagnose his physical difficulty and prescribe the necessary care and treatment.

3. Pray for definite guidance in relation to the work in France. The field is most difficult and another family should join the Fogles as soon as possible.

4. Pray that the Lord will clearly show the next step to be taken by the Goodman family in relation to future missionary service.

5. Pray for four additional mis-

sionary pastors for the field in Africa and for the funds to send them.

6. Pray for the missionaries and the field in Brazil, as the Edward Miller family makes plans for furlough.

7. Pray for national leadership for our fields in Baja California and Brazil. They hold the key to expansion and the building up of a strong national church.

8. Pray for the work in Honolulu, that the necessary items and workmanship will be provided to care for building remodeling for Grace Chapel. Praise the Lord for the salvation of souls and increased attendance.

9. Pray for Dr. and Mrs. Russell D. Barnard as their South American trip comes to a close. They expect to return to Winona Lake before March 1.

10. Pray that the Lord will give a new vision of the needs in foreign lands to the congregations throughout the brotherhood as the foreign-mission offering period opens. The estimated need is \$250,000.

11. Pray for the members of the foreign board as they come to Winona Lake for the midyear meeting of the board, which is due to begin on the evening of March 1.

HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for York, Pa., that the Lord might lead in a building program which they need, and hope to get under way in 1954.

2. Pray that every financial need of the Cherry Valley Brethren will be met since they have joined the self-supporting churches on January 1, 1954. Their financial burden this year will be the heaviest in their history.

3. Pray that the subcontractors working on the Washington Heights Church will keep their promises and complete their work on schedule, so that the Brethren Construction Company will not be hindered in their progress.

4. Pray that the Phoenix Brethren Church might be able to sell approximately six acres of property not needed in the work.

5. Pray for a number of new groups interested in the Brethren

Church, that the Lord will direct their decisions. Also pray that finances will be available to assist a number of these groups not included in our 1954 budget.

WMC—

(Supplied by the Indiana District.)

1. Pray that our women will have greater interest in the prayer program, the family altar, and the 15th of the month special prayer meetings.

2. Pray that the district will have wisdom in choosing their projects. We praise the Lord for the interest they have had in the Missionary Residence and its upkeep.

3. Pray that this year many new members will be added, and that we will live so as to glorify our Saviour and Lord in all that we do in His name.

SMM—

1. Pray that more of our girls may be willing to "Do God's Will."

2. Pray that our general fund offering may be sufficient to meet the need.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE—

1. Pray for a great movement toward evangelism this year. February 28 is Evangelism Sunday. Pray for a real moving of the Spirit to bring *real revival* to our churches.

2. Pray for the members of both teams that they will be led daily by the Holy Spirit. Pray for their physical health.

QUARTERLIES

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GUIDANCE! CAN I HAVE IT?

By Mrs. Adam Rager

"He leadeth me, O blessed tho't!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me."

"Do you believe what you are singing?"

"Why certainly I believe it."

"Do you mean that God can lead, and guide you in your everyday life?"

This conversation occurred in the parsonage as the pastor's wife and a young lady were working together one afternoon on a local WMC project. And as a Spirit-led, Spirit-guided child of God the pastor's wife sent an S O S prayer for wisdom to help this young Christian to see her need.

"You know that guidance is promised to the child of God in the Bible, don't you, Mrs. Smith?"

"Well, Mrs. White, I'm not too certain. You see, I have so many other things to do—keeping my house clean, caring for the children, helping my hubby—that I haven't the time to read the Bible like I know I should, but I would like to know if I can have this guidance and be led of the Lord as you claim to be."

"Let's look at a few verses of Scripture. Psalm 32:8 tells us what God will do: 'I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will *guide* thee with mine eye.' And in Proverbs 3:5-6: 'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall *direct* thy paths.' It is enough to the trusting heart to know that God has promised to guide the life, and if this promise is to be of any practical value, it must hold good in the stress and strain of life and apply to every single emergency that may arise. It is our part to go in simple faith to God for guidance; it is His part to make His promise good and to guide us aright. He cannot fail. A study of the Bible reveals that God has guided His people in various ways in addition to the general revelation of the written Word. He did this in the earliest times before there was a written Word. He continues to do so. In giving this guidance God directed individuals as well as groups, and even a whole nation. The record of the life of every Bible character who had the blessing of God upon him, where that record is given with sufficient fullness that we can tell, shows without question that it is God's plan to guide in this way.

"You remember that Noah was guided as to the building of the ark. God gave him explicit directions with

exact dimensions and told him how many and what kind of animals, food, etc., to bring into the ark (Gen. 6:13-22). This was wonderful guidance!

"From God's call of Moses at the burning bush to his death, his life was a God-guided life. God instructed Moses as to the deliverance of Israel."

"Mrs. White, didn't God use a cloud to lead those people?"

"Yes, He did, for as soon as the journey from Egypt began, God displayed a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. When this pillar rested they were to camp, when it moved they were to march. This guidance lasted continuously for 40 years. But this did not take the place of direct instruction to Moses because in every emergency until his death God guided him again and again. After his death, Joshua assumed the leadership and was guided in the same way.

"Thus it was with Samuel, Gideon, David, Solomon, Elisha, and a host of other Old-Testament saints. We can look into the New Testament and find that the apostles, as well as other Christians whose experiences are recorded, were led in the same marvelous way.

"Cornelius was told by an angel to send to Joppa for Peter. Through a vision God led Peter to be open to the appeal of Cornelius (Acts 10:20).

"An angel instructed Philip to leave his ministry at Samaria and go into the desert toward Gaza. Why? So that an Ethiopian might receive Christ (Acts 8:29). We could go on citing other instances also but we must remember that 'God's ways are not our ways,' and unless there is utter abandonment to His will we will not get far in guidance."

"Yes, Mrs. White, all that and perhaps more is found in the Bible as you state, BUT can we have it? Is the God-guided life within our reach, within *my* reach?"

"Yes, Mrs. Smith, it is ours for the asking. Jesus promised that when the Holy Spirit should come that He would indwell the believer and *guide* him into all truth (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit has come and is indwelling every believer and it is our Lord's own plan that this blessing be ours. Holy Spirit guidance is the highest type of guidance. It may come immediately and is always at hand. This guidance must be sought in faith and we must follow it when it comes."

"How can you be sure that this guidance is from God and not from Satan?"

"Mrs. Smith, if the life, yours or mine, is consecrated to God and guidance is sought from Him, it is God's

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responsibility to protect us from deception and we can trust Him to do it. No guidance of the Holy Spirit will be contrary to God's Word, for He is the author of the Word. Guidance must be learned a step at a time. When the Holy Spirit illumines some verse or phrase of Scripture as we read it, this is guidance. Thus God guides through His Word, and through the character and person of Christ. God also guides some through the advice of godly people and then again He guides by providential circumstances, by opening and closing doors. We must remember that God will probably guide in more than one way; not only through the direct voice of the Holy Spirit within us. God cannot guide us unless we are willing to be guided.

"You stated that you wanted this guidance; then take time and 'come apart,' seeking the guidance and fellowship from the Father.

"Do not friends seek each other's companionship? And can we claim to be in love with God when we allow the pursuits of this life, however justifiable, to crowd out our time for the Lord? Our willingness to sacrifice other things in order to make time for God is the true measure of our pleasure and delight in His presence. We make time for those we love. Truly, Mrs. Smith, as I read and study the Bible, I desire more than ever to set aside time to seek the face of the Almighty. My busy life as a pastor's wife must crowd out nonessentials in order to let God enter and lead, for in the light of God's amazing sacrifice at Calvary there is no valid excuse for not meeting God in our busy lives. 'Come apart' and seek God's guidance, for His promise is, 'I will guide thee with mine eye.'"

Just One Penny a Day for Thank Offering



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MRS. BARNARD WRITES FROM ARGENTINA

Some weeks ago your editor received a personal letter from Ferne Barnard who, with her husband, the general secretary of our Foreign Missionary Society, is visiting Brethren mission fields in South America. We wish to share a part of that interesting letter with you. Mrs. Barnard writes as follows:

"Right now we are with Mrs. Sickel and the Churchills. They have a lovely home. The house is less than two years old. It is the newest house owned by the mission, so it naturally is the most modern. Argentina is more like southern California than any other part of the United States. Russell says they have the California sunshine with the Florida rain. [We Californians like that sentence.—Ed.] Speaking of rain, for the last week it really has been raining. Jack (Churchill) had to recall two meetings, out of town, because the dirt roads are impassable. The countryside around here is quite different from that where the Rottlers are living. Less cattle here and the farms are smaller. Growing peanuts seems to be the chief crop. We are not too far from the mountains, or hills as they are called.

"We have had many unique experiences with the language. The language is a much greater barrier here than it was in Africa. I remember you used English almost entirely in Africa—that is, in the home—but here their close association with the believers makes a difference. Each congregation does something special for us. Some have special programs with refreshments. Yesterday afternoon this congregation had a get-together along a river. The children went swimming, the older ones played games. Following a devotional period we had tea. Our picnic ended in a hurry, for a real Indiana thunderstorm came up, so it was ended several hours earlier than was planned. The Almafuerte congregation wanted to be different, so they presented us with a *mate* cup and *bombilla*. The card with it read, 'El mate, un recuerdo tipico de la Argentina de los Hermanos de Almafuerte.'

"We have learned a few greetings and their flow of words seems to sound more familiar than it did at first. You no doubt remember the name of Siccardi? He is the pastor at Almafuerte. We travel mostly by train or bus and often alone. The day we went to Almafuerte we left Rio Cuarto at 5:30 and arrived at 8:30 in time for breakfast. Jack and Mrs. Sickel were on hand to interpret for us, so we got along O. K. all day. After services they went home and we stayed in the home for the night. Brother Siccardi and two daughters read English, and the younger girl, Sara, can speak when necessary, so after Jack and Mrs. Sickel left, she was the interpreter and we had a good time. So many of the believers are Italian and are clean housekeepers and good cooks. It is rather hard for two women in the same house not able to speak to one another. Mrs. Siccardi was so worried about cooking for us but she felt better when Mrs. Schrock told her that we liked Argentine food. I was glad for our weeks in Europe, since these people are European in customs, so things are not too strange. In fact, I enjoy it, especially afternoon tea. When it is *mate* . . . it is a bit different, although it is not too bad when it is sweetened."

BRETHREN

Women Manifesting Christ AROUND THE WORLD

Our mission study for the month of February takes us still farther across the Pacific Ocean to the Japanese islands. Japan, just a few years ago our bitter enemy, has become one of the greatest mission fields of this generation. Thousands of Christians have answered God's call to carry the Gospel to our recent enemies, steeped in heathen idolatry. Among those who have gone to Japan with the Gospel we find some members of our Brethren Church, even though our own Foreign Missionary Society has no work in Japan.

Some of our Brethren boys stationed in Japan and Korea are being used of the Lord in witnessing and tract distribution. Other Brethren have gone out as full-time missionaries under interdenominational boards. The writer of our mission study for February is one of these. Miss Wanda Lautzenheiser went to Japan in November 1952 under the Far-Eastern Gospel Crusade. Wanda is the youngest of a family of eight children, was raised in a Christian home, and became a member of the Bethel Brethren Church at Berne, Ind. She is a graduate of Bryan University and attended Grace Seminary before going to Japan. Her life verse is Romans 15:30—"Now I beseech you . . . that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me." Let us be faithful in praying for her as she studies the language and prepares herself for increasing service to the needy people of that land.



Wanda Lautzenheiser

SILENT WITNESS IN JAPAN

By Kenneth G. McVety

Japan is one of the most literate, and one of the most book-conscious nations of the world today.

The people have an insatiable thirst for reading material, buying millions of newspapers every day, patronizing an endless array of cheap magazines, and reading books of every type and description. Bookstores do a booming business in everything from Reader's Digest to French novels, from German philosophy to English classical literature—all translated into Japanese.

One agency which God has raised up to meet the tremendous challenge of Christian literature in Japan is the Word of Life Press in Tokyo. This ministry . . . had its beginning in the late months of 1950. Within the short space of two years over 5,000,000 tracts have been printed, and over 225,000 books and booklets were produced. These vital supplies have been used freely by missionaries and Japanese workers of over 50 evangelical societies working in Japan.

Although five full-time Japanese workers are employed in this publishing department, a great deal of the work is done by our Bible school students, many of whom are able to earn their school expenses through the work they do here.

From remote country areas and from bustling urban centers, from pastors and missionaries, from hospitals

and prisons, have come a multitude of testimonies to the effectiveness of this ministry of "the silent witness," the printed page. Many Japanese have been led into contact with churches and Bible classes, and many others have begun to study the Bible by correspondence as a result of the tracts which have been distributed. The Good News Bible Correspondence School, now an active and flourishing work for God, has been a result of this widespread tract distribution.

One very important part of the ministry of the Word of Life Press is a monthly magazine in Japanese, which presents messages on practical, victorious Christian living. One Japanese church alone sells 170 copies each month among its members.

Recently our Japan Literature Committee printed three small editions of Braille tracts for blind people in Japan. From the first 600 copies of John R. Rice's "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" over 70 decision cards were received within a few weeks—about 30 from Japanese blind people in Okinawa and Formosa, and the rest from various parts of Japan. There are over 100,000 blind people in Japan, and many more in Okinawa, Formosa, and Korea, who can be reached quickly and effectively with Braille literature in Japan.

Word of Life Press recently published a new book,

entitled "The Bible and Science," bringing to 24 the number of titles it has produced in Japanese since November 1950. This new publication is written by S. Maxwell Coder, and the English edition is printed as the first part of Moody Bible Institute's correspondence course, "Youth Triumphant." . . .

A call has been received by our Japan Literature Committee to place good evangelical books in many of the prisons, hospitals TB sanatoriums, and leper hospitals throughout Japan. A small selection is being sent immediately to about 100 of these institutions, and more will be sent later as the Lord supplies funds.

A growing church needs vital Christian literature. For the winning of souls, for the strengthening of believers, and for the training of its leaders, the Japanese church needs the help of deep spiritual books.

Besides the deficiency of tracts and books on practical and devotional subjects, there is pressing need for a Scripturally sound Bible commentary in Japanese. Another great need is that of books written by Japanese men who are sound in the faith. Good textbooks for Bible schools are still almost nonexistent.

God's people are asked to pray that necessary funds and consecrated, Spirit-anointed Japanese writers may be provided. "Call unto me," the Lord says, "and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).—*Reprinted from the Missionary Broadcaster by permission.*

BIBLE READING AND TRACT CORNER

"I've found the Bible has the answer to every question. If I know it well enough, I will know the answer. It's just that simple, and that profound.

"My thinking now is different. Instead of being founded on the shifting sands of man's opinions, it rests on God's Word. Today I find myself with firm convictions about all sorts of things that used to be confusing. My Bible reading helps me to think as God thinks and see as He sees.

"I can no longer fool myself as to what God thinks about flattery; about foolish, vicious talk; boasting hypocrisy; careless, indifferent Christian living; and a thousand other things. He has revealed His will on all these things as I have tarried with His Word."—*Willo-dene Hunter in Moody Monthly.*

Bible reading for February—Mark, chapters 4-16; Luke, chapters 1-15.

Bible reading for March—Luke, chapters 16-24; John, chapters 1-22.

Tracts of the Month

1. For OURSELVES—"Tax, Tip, or Tithe" is a short little tract on stewardship written by Esther Sorensen and published by the Evangelical Alliance Mission.

2. For OTHERS—"Your Baby" is another very lovely tract suitable for sending to both Christian and non-Christian parents when a new baby arrives. It is written by Mary L. Miles and published by the American Tract Society.

Both of these tracts may be obtained through the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. in quantities of 50 or more.



He who sat on Jacob's well,
Suffering thirst for you,
Wore upon His sacred face
The likeness of a Jew.

He who in Gethsemane
Sweat blood drops for you,
Had within His loving heart
The feelings of a Jew.

He who on red Calvary bore
The wrath of God for you,
Had in throbbing heart and veins
The life-blood of a Jew.

Can the child whom Jesus loves
With careless coldness view
The homeless, weary wanderer,
The dying, Christless Jew?

When life's flickering flame is low
You'll ne'er forget that you
Helped on the cause He loved so well
To save and bless the Jew.

—G. Paulin in *Salvation Magazine*.

In recent years the Lord has blessed the Brethren Church by giving to us the privilege of having a definite ministry to His brethren in the flesh through the Brethren Messianic Witness in Los Angeles under the direction of Bro. Bruce Button. This testimony is supported wholly by designated gifts from God's people. National WMC feels that we could find no more appropriate recipient of our annual THANK OFFERING than this work dedicated to presenting Christ's claims to His own misguided brethren.

Just one penny a day from every WMC member would result in the greatest offering WMC has ever had for any project. Can we count on YOU?

How Thankful Have I been This Month?

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR MARCH

Bible Study—"Come Ye Apart for Comfort."

Mission Study—"An African Woman Goes to Bible School."



The month of February is the third and last month in this quarter which we have set aside for our seminary project. This year it is our plan to furnish for the students of the college and seminary a beautiful, nicely furnished lounge room in which they can visit, entertain their friends, and relax when their school activities allow them a few moments of leisure. Knowing that the WMC always meets its goals and can always be depended upon to fulfill any promises it makes, the school authorities have gone ahead, before receiving the money, with the purchase of the furniture and the decorating of the room so that the students may have the benefit of the room during the second semester of this school year.

At National Fellowship in August a committee of WMC members living here at Winona Lake were appointed to consult with the school authorities in the planning of the lounge. This committee met and decided upon a color scheme and the type of furniture to be purchased. The school then went ahead with the painting of the walls. Since the tile floor is in brown and green, a color scheme was chosen to harmonize. Three walls were painted a medium green and one wall was painted coral.

Draperies are in harmonizing shades of brown, green, coral, and yellow in a striking leaf pattern. The furniture is in blond finish with stainproof formica tops on the tables, upholstered mainly in plastic materials with chartreuse and coral the predominating colors with a few pieces in pine green, yellow, and brown to provide color contrast and to carry the drapery colors to other parts of the room.

The furniture was chosen with a view to making the room homelike and adaptable to several small intimate groups at one time. It includes two game tables, a desk, comfortable chairs, davenports and sectionals which permit a varied arrangement and will care for varied needs of the students.

We here at the school were thrilled (and that word is used advisedly) last Friday morning to see a large furniture van pull up to the door and to realize that our dream was becoming an actuality. The most of the furniture arrived in that shipment, but we are still waiting for two large mohair davenports and the eight chairs for the game tables. Table and floor lamps have not yet been chosen by the committee, but that will probably be done soon.

The reaction of the student body has been gratifying.

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Walls of the Lounge Room Being Painted

The students all think the room is beautiful and are extremely grateful to the WMC for making it possible. We hope that many of you may be able to visit us here at Winona Lake and see for yourselves the beautiful lounge your gifts have made possible.

Just One Penny a Day for Thank Offering

NEWSNATCHES

A card from Covington, Va., informs us that the Jr. WMC has a growing council and that they are active in helping needy persons in the church and local rest homes. Their local project this year is the purchase of a bulletin board for the lawn of the church.

Word comes to us from Temple City, Calif., that the WMC accepted an invitation from Mrs. Lenore Button to hold one of its meetings in the Button home, which is the headquarters of our Brethren Jewish work in Los Angeles. About 10 women drove the 15 to 20 miles to the Button home. After the meeting Jewish refreshments were served by Lenore Button and Isobel Fraser. The ladies went home with a new realization of our responsibility to the Jews. *That is where our Thank Offering goes! Are you giving a penny a day?*

The projects this year of the Mansfield, Ohio, Jr. WMC have included such things as monthly support of a Navaho child in school, candy and cookies sent to 20 young people away at school, grocery boxes at Christmas to several couples attending Grace Seminary, gifts for a missionary chest, and a pressure cooker for the Navaho mission.

SISTERHOOD of MARY and MARTHA



BEAUTY OF WISDOM

(PSALM 111:10; PROVERBS 1:7)

By Althea S. Miller

Do you know the difference between knowledge and wisdom? From the attitude of some young folk, more especially those who have had some college work, there is very little, if any, difference. But don't you be mistaken because others are. There is a world of difference between the two. Knowledge is primarily an *accumulation* of an extensive body of fact and theory. Wisdom is the know-how in *applying* the knowledge possessed.

Some years ago I knew a young man who had managed somehow to graduate from college. But to hear him speak one would never guess he had gone beyond second grade. Perhaps he got through college without any courses in grammar or English literature! No matter what happened, this fellow literally "murdered the king's English" both in speech and writing. The main trouble with this chap was he did not *apply* to his everyday speech and writing the facts he had learned along that line.

A few years ago when we lived in another State I had a young girl working for me. I asked her to set the table the first meal she was with us. She just threw the cutlery on the table in haphazard manner. I stopped what I was doing to show her how to arrange the knives, forks, and spoons. When I had finished I explained that I always wanted the table set properly. She looked at me in utter amazement and said: "I learned to set the table this way in home economics at school, but I didn't think anybody ever really did it!" I couldn't help but marvel at the way people divorce what they actually know from what they do. How I pray that no Sisterhood girl will ever be guilty of such careless foolishness.

Let's turn our attention now for a few moments to Proverbs 1:7. The word "fear" in this passage does not mean a cringing shrinking from God but rather a trustful reverence for Him. It is this reverence and trust which is the very start of knowledge. Regardless of what your highly educated teachers may tell you, they do not have knowledge in very truth if they do not love and trust the God of all creation who is the source of all knowledge. No person is ever truly educated unless he first knows God through Christ. You want to be educated, I know. Then don't neglect to learn of Him through His Word since you are a believer in Christ.

The body of great scientific fact will all fit together in its proper pattern if you know Him first. History is far more understandable when one knows God's plan for the ages as revealed through His Word. This then is what is meant in the passage before us. True knowledge comes only to the person who loves and knows God and then studies about His great universe.

If a "fear" of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,

this same fear, or reverential trust, is the beginning of wisdom. In other words, the proper foundation for applying knowledge so that one lives wisely is a genuine love for God through Christ and a trust in Him for all matters pertaining to your life. Having come to know Christ as your personal Saviour early in your life you will not have to face a multitude of regrets later in life because of having wasted yourself on sinful foolishnesses. Wisdom and courage will be yours to live according to His plan and will for your life. I cannot begin to count the times I have heard people weepingly tell of all their wasted years. Youth doesn't think much of waste. But when the sunset years envelop a life the thought of wasted years brings untold regret. God alone can give wisdom to properly apply knowledge which will redound to His honor and be for your good.

Have you known any people who seem to have very little of what we call "common sense"? They may have a fine education yet most of their lives seem to toss around in a sea of indecision and the results of poor judgment. They lack "understanding" which is the basis of fruitful living. God promises in the passage before us, Psalm 111:10, a good understanding to all that "do his commandments." You can't do His commandments if you don't first *know* them. Most young people go through a rather "rattle-brained" period in the process of their physical and mental development. But where the youth knows the Lord as Saviour this "affliction" is not as intense or painful, either to himself or to others, as it is with those who do not know Christ.

There is beauty in wisdom, dear Sisterhood girl. How beautiful are you in this respect? Review the steps with me: First a knowledge of and love for Jesus Christ, then a learning of the great body of fact which becomes knowledge to you, and after this, a wisdom for living to the full according to God's leading. What more could one ask? Get this wisdom and hang on to it, girls. This is the key to a life full of choice fruit. BEAUTY OF WISDOM is yours for the accepting. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (I Chron. 16:29).

NOTE THIS!

Any PICTURES that show what your group has been doing recently that would be clear and printable will be greatly appreciated for some "specials" for the Herald SMM section. Send them along with your newsletters to the general secretary.

If the Lord should suddenly appear to you and tell you He would give you one thing that you ask of Him, I wonder what your request would be. Many would ask for fame, many for physical beauty, some for money, and the list could go on and on. This really happened to a young man many years ago in the land of Gibeon. God appeared to Solomon and asked him what he would like to have as a gift from the Lord. Solomon did not ask for fame or riches, but for wisdom and understanding. The Lord was well pleased with his choice and as a result not only gave him wisdom but honor and riches as well because his request was not a purely selfish one. We know that Solomon has been remembered for his wise counsel and sound judgment. In his own day he was so famous that the Queen of Sheba herself came to see if all things she had heard about him were true.

Solomon loved the Lord with all his heart, and I am sure that all his decisions were bathed in prayer and seeking God's will. Because he was willing to seek God's counsel, the Lord was willing to give him the wisdom and understanding he desired.

In Proverbs 1:7 we read, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Here is the secret of wisdom—the fear of the Lord—not that we are to be "scared to death" of Him, but rather regard Him in respect and awe. This wisdom we obtain by fearing God will surpass any book-learning we might receive.

Education is a wonderful thing and a "must" for all young people of today who want to be of use in the world. We should all take advantage of the educational facilities in our land today—this is a God-given privilege to us as Americans. Let us not despise our schooldays,

but rather buy up all opportunities to receive the instruction provided for us. In the last part of Proverbs 1:7 it says, "... but fools despise wisdom and instruction." I trust there will not be a Sisterhood girl who might be classified in this group.

Many times when young people go on to higher education there is a tendency to stray from the teachings of God's Word. Some educators teach that the Word of God is a book of fables and myths and they belittle everything a Christian holds dear. The tragedy is that many young people are frequently gullible, feeling it is the acceptable thing to follow the teachings of these so-called educators. But we must never forget: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psa. 111:10). In Proverbs 2:5-6 we find that in the words of God are wisdom and understanding and His wisdom is the wisdom of all ages past and all ages to come. Let us not be hasty to rid ourselves of such wisdom.

God is able to give this wisdom to you. All you have to do to receive it is to ask for it. I do not mean that only when a great problem presents itself are you to ask for wisdom. Our Lord is interested in the *small* matters of life as well. Yes, even your difficulties in school are important to Him. I heard of a young girl who makes a practice of asking the Lord to help her through her schoolday each morning before she leaves home. There is no need to worry about exams or other problems when we have asked the Lord to help us. Applying ourselves daily to the task, it will not become necessary to cram or expect a miracle from the Lord to "pull us out." Wisdom is not that which one crams into his head overnight but it is the knowledge one learns through everyday life that helps you to do and say the right thing at the right time.

Wisdom is a possession to be prized, for in Proverbs 8:11 we read, "For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it." Let us be sure this jewel of great price is ours and may we use it to attract others, not only to ourselves, but to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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PROGRAM GROOMING FOR MARCH

PRAISING VOICES—Sing unto the Lord. Open with "Let the Beauty of Jesus"; continue by singing favorites of the girls. Repeat the year verse, I Chronicles 16:29.

SWEET SAVOR—Gather around the throne of grace by referring to the "Perfume Corner."

CLEANSSED HEARTS—Read the Scripture, Psalm 119:97-104.

GLOWING LIVING—Seniors Study "Beauty of Wisdom." Middlers study "The Attractiveness of Wisdom."

SPARKLING TALENTS—Give a special number in song.

BEAUTIFUL FEET—Consider "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil." Close the meeting with the second stanza of theme song, "Let Compassion for Sinners," and repeat the year devotional benediction, Jude 24-25.

BUSINESS MEETING.

SMM BENEDICTION.



"Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Psa. 141:2).

Continue to pray for the national, district, and local SMM officers.

Pray that the girls will put forth an effort to meet their goals, both personal and otherwise.

Begin praying for the new program and for the ones who are writing the topics for the coming Sisterhood year.

Pray for all the missionaries, home and foreign, and those foreign missionaries who are home on furlough.

Pray for the Brethren students in colleges throughout our land.

ADVENTURES WITH THE BIBLE IN BRAZIL

By Frederick C. Glass

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GIRLS! . . . YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!



Time waits for NO man! The year 1953 is already history so far as we are concerned, and we are now in 1954. Do you know that we have a little more than five months in which to meet our goal in the national project? Let's all put our shoulder to the wheel and do our best to furnish the house in New Mexico. Here are a few suggestions for the local Sisterhoods to try:

1. Ask the people in your church to help. This can be done by making an attractive poster and a box (this could be in the form of a house). This poster could be placed in the vestibule of the church where members of the congregation may drop a few cents.

2. Each girl can have a penny jar in which to put a penny for each shoe size times two (because we have two feet), for each inch of waist, each inch of your height, or a penny for each blessing received from the Lord. The jars can be traded at the meetings and thus the jars will finally become full. You may have some other ideas, too, but let's all get to work and exceed the goal!

- 15b. Birds for pets (p. 149, par. 3).
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- 3b. The town with the notorious priest (p. 153, par. 7).
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- 1b. Mr. Glass ministers to a North American.
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WHAT OUR SMM MEANS TO ME

The first Sisterhood meeting I attended was dry and dull (I thought), but of course someone who does not know the Lord does not see the spiritual and physical need of other souls. After I gave my heart to the Lord and took Him as my personal Saviour, I realized that other girls needed to know Him, too. I also saw the needs of the missionaries, both home and foreign. The meetings are now real blessings to me and being an officer helps me to understand better the true meaning of Sisterhood. It's a thrill to know that you are doing something to help other girls come to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—*Marie Benning, Meyersdale, Pa.*

A WORD OF THANKS! The general secretary appreciates very much the response of newsletters from all you girls. We would like to hear from more of the senior Sisterhoods, however. And may the Lord bless all of you in the wonderful things you are doing for Him in this year of Sisterhood.

Fashion News of Sisterhood

From the Jr. SMM of Winchester, Va.:

A covered-dish Christmas supper was enjoyed by all the girls. Following the supper they sang Christmas carols and had a story about girls and their homes. There were nearly 20 present, 4 who were visitors, and 4 new members.

From the Middler SMM of Elkhart, Ind.:

These girls also enjoyed going tracting on Halloween night. In December they sent a box of mirrors, coloring books, pocket combs, ribbons, etc., to all the children at our Brethren Navaho school. They have set a goal of five bandages a month from each girl.

From the Indiana District:

This district has taken as their project the purchasing of a bell for the mission in Cordillera, N. Mex. A large offering was received at the November rally. A bank was made by Bobbette Osborn, representing the mission,



Evelyn With Cake

Bobbette Holds Bank

and Evelyn Vnasdale and Gwen Rider baked a cake, also representing the mission. Their aim for this year is for all of the local SMM's to be Honor Sisterhoods. There are 10 local Sisterhoods and the newly organized South Bend SMM.

From the Jr. SMM of Mundy's Corner, Pa.:

Among their activities are collecting linens for the linen chest, working to be an Honor Sisterhood, and collecting pennies for the national project. Each girl has a penny partner and they are also rolling bandages at their meetings.

From the SMM of Limestone, Tenn.:

They have rolled 60 bandages, have had 8 girls present at their meetings held each month, 3 girls have won the Emerald and Diamond Awards, and 6 girls have won the SMM pennant.

From the Middler SMM of Bethel Brethren Church in Osceola, Ind.:

"With Mrs. Peak, our leader, we've found many interesting things in Sisterhood. In October, she took us NOT 'trick-or-treating,' 'but 'tracting'! Many were



Hint 1. April is SMM birthday month. A birthday thank offering is to be taken by the local SMM's for the higher education of missionaries' children. This offering is to be sent to the national treasurer by May 10. The goal is \$500—let's do our best to reach it.

Hint 2. Have you had your spring cabinet meeting yet? Be sure to check your goals so that you will be an Honor Sisterhood. Remember—this is also one of your local organization goals.

Hint 3. Are you still learning James or I John? You have only until June 30 to complete it. Be sure to send in your report on time to the general secretary specifying what you want.

puzzled, but all received our tracts with thanks and of course we were dressed as traditional spooks. In November we called at a ladies' nursing home, and returned in December to give them a Christmas program. We also prepared a Christmas box for a needy family.

From the SMM of Clay City, Ind.:

The girls presented a play in church on November 29 to tell the people about the project and to ask them to help. A doll house has been placed in the back of the church with a little box by it. For each dime that's dropped in it, a piece of furniture is added to the house. They are all anxious to see the house completed! Aren't the Adamses also?

WHAT SISTERHOOD MEANS TO ME

Sisterhood to me means a time to study God's Word, not just a place to spend Saturday afternoon. It is a place where we girls learn how to take responsibilities and leadership. We also learn how to face our many problems as Christian girls. We learn of Christ's love for each and every one of us. Sisterhood is a place where each girl is set to thinking about what she has done for the Lord in the past week. When a girl leaves Sisterhood she has a new ambition for herself. This is to "let the beauty of Jesus be seen in her."—Carol Ashman.



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SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—Rev. and Mrs. Clarence R. Betts, of Jackson, Mich., were in charge of the services at the Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church on Feb. 7. Lyle W. Marvin is pastor.

CHICO, CALIF.—A "workshop" for home-mission pastors will be conducted here Feb. 23-25 by Dr. L. L. Grubb and Rev. Lester Pifer.

ALHAMBRA, CALIF.—Rev. John Hathaway, who served for many years in French Equatorial Africa under the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, is anticipating meeting his Master in the not-soo-far-distant future. Brother Hathaway is suffering from cancer of the spine. Cards should be addressed 118 Marengo St., Alhambra, Calif.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO—Statistics reveal that the Grace Brethren Church has had growth in all departments of the work. The Sunday school has increased 13%, the morning service 11%, the evening service 26 %, and the prayer service 100% over the last year. Richard Burch is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—The district youth rally was held at the North Riverdale Brethren Church on Friday, Feb. 12. Clyde Balyo was host pastor.

NORWALK, CALIF.—Anyone interested in "A History of the Second Brethren Church" (of Los Angeles) should contact Rev. Henry G. Rempel, 10906 Belcher St. Price, \$2.

ANKENYTOWN, OHIO—Rev. Wesley Haller, pastor of the First Brethren Church, resigned on Jan. 24 to accept a call from the First Brethren Church in Middlebranch, Ohio. Resignation becomes effective April 24.

TROY, OHIO—A 24-inch bell, a gift of a young couple in the church, was first used to announce services

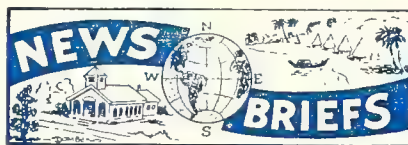
of the Grace Brethren Church on Jan. 24. The church basement is being redecorated, and the completion of the upper auditorium is proceeding as fast as funds are available. Richard McIntosh is pastor.

KITTANNING, PA.—On Jan. 25 225 were present in Sunday school and 251 in the morning worship service.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA—There were 37 decisions for Christ during the two-weeks meeting with Crusade Team No. 2, which closed on Jan. 31. Richard Grant is pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—The Second Brethren Church won first place in the Class B division in the Christian Life Sunday School Contest. George Peek is pastor. Congratulations!

KITTANNING, PA.—A new fluorescent pulpit lamp was presented to the North Buffalo Brethren Church by Rev. and Mrs. Donald Rossman as an anniversary gift. The Women's Missionary Council purchased a new coffee maker.



SPECIAL—The Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches announces the appointment of the following officers to fill the unexpired terms until the next conference convenes June 28-30 at Johnson City, Tenn.: Moderator, Rev. Robert E. A. Miller; vice moderator, Rev. Paul Mohler; and secretary, Mrs. J. H. Putt, 1822 Windsor Ave. SW., Roanoke, Va. Rev. William E. Howard is secretary-treasurer.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF.—The Sunday-school record was broken when 156 were present at the Temple City Brethren Church on Jan. 10. Leo Polman is pastor. Feb. 28 the new building will be dedicated.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The Northwestern National Life Insurance Company reports that during 1953 the American people spent \$17,000 a minute for alcoholic beverages.

CHICAGO, ILL.—The Gideons International, an organization of Christian businessmen, has decided to appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court the recent decision of the New Jersey

supreme court which would prohibit the distribution of King James Bibles in the public schools.

LONDON, ENGLAND (E/P).—The Billy Graham Greater London Crusade has announced that the final agreement has been reached toward the securing of the famed Haringway Arena. The campaign begins on March 1. The auditorium will seat 11,800 people.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Many churches have already received some of their Sunday-school material for the next quarter beginning in April. This is the kind of service the Brethren Missionary Herald Company gives to those churches that get their orders in early. The Brethren quarterlies will be in the mail within another couple weeks. All churches that have sent in early orders should have their material by March 1. Check and see if your order has been sent in. Please fill in the order blanks carefully, with full name of publisher, catalog, and full code number, so you will be guaranteed prompt delivery. Thank you.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—An excellent program in the high-school C. E. on Jan. 10 was produced in the form of a telecast of "This Is Your Life." Bill Coon, Jr., was the surprised subject of the evening. The physician who brought him into the world, the Sunday-school teacher who led him to the Lord, his baseball coach, Cub Scout den mother, Rev. Albert Flory, his teacher for six years, and his parents were introduced on the program.

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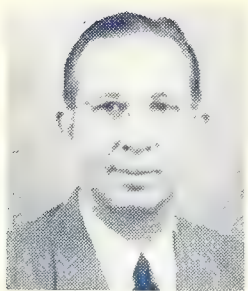
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THIS CONFUSED AGE

By REV. LEE CRIST

Pastor, First Brethren Church, Grafton, W. Va.

Israel as a nation was often in a confused state. The reason for the confusion was sin. Israel was in grave peril at the time of Daniel. This man of God tells why the disastrous conditions existed (Dan. 9: 7-14). Daniel said, "We have sinned against thee" (vs. 8); "we have rebelled against him" (vs. 9); "neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God" (vs. 10); and "we have obeyed not his voice" (vs. 14).

There is much confusion the world over. Wherever such a condition exists it is because God is not at the helm. God is not consulted and the Devil is running the show. The Devil is the author of confusion and violence. The Lord is the author of wisdom.

This confusion is due to the fact that the Lord is being disobeyed in the lives of the individuals in the home, church, and nation. The reason for the indecision and confusion of today is that men are too sinful and too proud to seek wisdom from God.

Many of our national leaders,

godly or ungodly, admit we are in grave danger today. Our country has the greatest problems to solve that any men of state have ever had to face.

In trying to solve a problem of any kind one has to get to the bottom of the trouble in order to correct it. A man who is ill goes to a physician in whom he has confidence. The doctor diagnoses his case, then prescribes medicine for his malady. All things being equal, the sick man begins to recover after the correct diagnosis is made and the proper medicine is prescribed. The same thing is done in the solution of problems of any kind.

The cause for all our national and international problems is sin. Only as this sin is confessed to God, and His wisdom is sought, can we ever hope to solve the tremendous problems of this generation. We must look to the Lord for guidance. Ours is a rich Christian heritage, and how grateful we ought to be for those brave, courageous forefathers who gave us such a godly background.

Men in perilous times of our history were called upon to make grave decisions and they made them with God's help. During the early years of our country while the Constitutional Convention was being held, Benjamin Franklin prepared and read a speech as follows: "When we were in great peril we had daily prayers in this room for the protection and guidance of Almighty God. I have lived a long time and the longer I live the more convincing proof I have that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the earth without His knowledge, is it possible for a nation to rise without His aid." Have we forgotten God or have we no longer need of His assistance?

Let us ever remember that God is wisdom. He is abundantly able to bring order out of confusion and chaos. His admonition to us today is found in James 1:5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." Therefore may the Lord God of heaven continue to be merciful to us and that we as a people, and our leaders included, will truly repent of our sins and turn unto God for wisdom that we might find the proper solution to the great national and international problems which confront us in these last days.

In Memoriam

Names appear in this column only when sent in by pastor.

MISS GRACE MILLER, 73, was killed when a jet plane struck the earth in Long Beach, Calif., Jan. 12. The crash started many fires in the area, bringing the death toll to seven. Her home was burned, but death to Miss Miller was caused by falling debris.

Miss Miller, daughter of Rev. John Miller, a Baptist minister, was born in Storm Lake, Iowa. Following graduation from Iowa State University she taught school for many years, finally retiring in Long Beach.

She became a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach on June 21, 1922. Although quiet and

unassuming, and unknown to many, Miss Miller proved her faithfulness to the Lord especially by her burden for prayer for the missionaries, her devotion to the reading and study of the Word and memorizing great portions of it.—*Dr. C. W. Mayes, pastor.*

MRS. MAYRE E. LUTHER, 57, departed from this life on Wednesday, Jan. 20, in Terre Haute, Ind.—*Ralph Burns, pastor, Clay City, Ind.*

MRS. EMMA GRACE PROBST, 74, died on Jan. 25. Sister Probst had been confined to her bed for almost 11 years. She was a patient sufferer during the years of her illness.—*Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor.*

COVER

The Brethren Missionary Herald is deeply indebted to Mr. Allen Zook, of Hershey, Pa., for the many fine pictures that appear on the front of our Heralds from time to time. Mr. Zook is a member of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

FROM OUR PULPIT



Jonah Ran From the Will of God

In chapter 1, verses 1 and 2, we find that God revealed His will to Jonah through His Word. God said that Jonah was to go to Nineveh and cry against it. Instead of obeying the Word of the Lord and walking in this revealed will, Jonah immediately began to flee from God's will. Oh what heartache, what suffering it causes to be running from the will of God! May we remind ourselves that God uses the Word as the same agent today to lead us into His will.

In verse 3 we find Jonah becoming very busy with other plans, such as boarding a ship for Tarshish. Those plans that are apart from God's will shall not be blessed or prospered. May we today who become so busy with other plans, seek to determine if they are according to God's revealed Word and will.

In verses 12-17 we find the catastrophe of a life out of God's will. Jonah was miserable and caused others (the mariners) to be miserable to the extent that they cast this life that was out of God's will overboard. God had a will for Jonah and He has a will for the life of the child of God today. Are you located and running in the center of that blessed, revealed will of God? If not, you too can expect rough sailing ahead even as Jonah experienced.

Jonah Ran to the Will of God

In chapter 2 God brought Jonah to the end of self, for we read, "I fainted within myself"; also that Jonah prayed and cried unto the Lord. In verse 7 we read, "I remembered the Lord." Have you forgotten the Lord? His will? His work? If you have, you too may have to be brought to the depths of the sea of affliction and heartache. Would you notice that not even running to the will of God is enough. It is not until we are running in the will of God that there is blessing, victory, souls saved, cities moved toward God.

Jonah Running in the Will of God

In chapter 3 we see Jonah running in the will of God. The man in the



Rev. Robert Holmes

will of God is given his message from God and that message honors the God who gave it. This message was not a soothing oration that did nothing for those who heard it, but a message of judgment unless the people turned back to God.

We have been given a message today that speaks of the same judgment ahead. May we be warning men and women of the judgment that is ahead for those apart from Christ.

Verses 5-8 reveal the result of a man in God's will, giving God's message, God's way, and at God's time. The result was a whole city turned to God from the greatest to the least, as they believed God's message.

The people cried unto God and turned from their wicked ways. Many people are crying unto God but few are turning from their

wicked ways today. Some think they can live as they please—out of the Lord's will—and no one knows anything about it, but may we remind you that the Lord said in Revelation 2:13a, "I know thy works and where thou dwellest." "Be not deceived"; nothing is hid from the eye of divine scrutiny. He knows whether you are in His will or not.

Jonah Running Ahead of the Will of God

We rejoice today to see men turning to God, but not so with Jonah. He came to announce their doom and not to seek their repentance. We read that God was pleased with their repentance, but Jonah was angry and wanted to die. A man in this condition is not ready to die and meet His Maker. Here was Jonah outside the city, outside the will of God. What a terrible condition! God tried to show Jonah that he had the wrong perspective about the people of Nineveh. God had six-score thousand persons who yet needed the message.

Think of the multitudes of souls that need the message of salvation today. God spoke once, yea twice, to Jonah to get him to do His will. How many times will He need speak to or chasten us in order that we shall bear the message to souls under judgment?

IN AND OUT OF GOD'S WILL

By REV. ROBERT HOLMES
Pastor West Homer Brethren Church
Homerville, Ohio

A Personal Testimony



By REV. ELMER SACHS
San Jose, Calif.

In 1938 Rev. Paul R. Bauman was conducting evangelistic services in the First Brethren Church in Long Beach, Calif. While attending these meetings, I accepted Christ as my Saviour. Having attended that church for about a month our business caused us to move to Los Angeles. This made it necessary to move our membership to the Second Brethren Church where we enjoyed the preaching and teaching of God's precious Word. Mrs. Sachs and I sang in the choir and I joined a quartet that traveled throughout southern California singing in many churches.

In my early life I used to smoke cigarettes quite a bit and I will never forget how my feelings were hurt when somebody detected smoke on

my clothing. Once while witnessing for the Lord with a very dear friend of mine, I must have used a slang or swear word, and this friend of mine called my attention to it, suggesting that I could better testify by not using swear words.

When I think of these things I chuckle, because when the Lord saved me He really had a dismangled piece of flesh and bone that was full of all the corruption of the world. I guess many folks had misgivings as to how the Lord could use such a wretched sinner as Elmer Sachs!

We praise God that He is no respecter of persons, for from then on, the Lord called me to go to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, where I studied for four years. In my second year I accepted the call of a

pastorate of a small interdenominational community church. Here I pastored for seven years. That small church had \$200 assets, \$1,500 liabilities, with about \$40 a week receipts. There was an attendance of 8 people for church service and 18 for Sunday school.

When we started, they could only pay me \$25 a month salary, but the Lord caused the work to grow to where we had the privilege of leading some 900 souls to accept Christ as Saviour; some 12 to 14 young people in the Bible training schools; with a Sunday school averaging around 265, and 200 for church; and 3 foreign missionaries being supported by the church. The church grew, necessitating the enlarging of the building to a \$30,000 plant, and paying the pastor around \$350 a month. It was at this church that the Lord caused the birth and growth of Sky Pilots of America, which is now a national and international work that has around 7,000 members who are averaging 1,400 souls won to Christ per year.

Recently Capt. Mitsuo Fuchida, who led the air raid against Pearl Harbor, accepted the position of Chief Sky Pilot of Japan. He and I were privileged to travel 35,000 miles within the U. S. A. and Hawaii.

(Editor: Rev. Elmer Sachs has been mightily used of God in the organizing of Sky Pilots of America, a ministry dedicated to the training of boys for Christian service and soul-winning. Several of our Brethren churches have active Sky Pilot groups. Rev. Sachs is a member of the Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, California.)

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Berne, Ind.....	Feb. 2-21.....	Ord Gehman....	Crusade No. 2.
Roanoke, Va.....	Feb. 7-21.....	R. E. A. Miller..	Crusade No. 1.
Tracy, Calif.....	Feb. 14-17.....	Wm. Clough....	R. I. Humbert.
Dayton, Ohio.....	Feb. 14-28.....	C. S. Zimmerm'n	James Hammer.
Portland, Oreg...	Feb. 15-28.....	Vernon Harris..	Michael Walsh.
Glendale, Calif...	Feb. 21.....	Chas. Und'rwood	R. I. Humbert.
Long Beach, Calif.			
(First)	Feb. 21-28.....	C. W. Mayes....	Jim Vaus.
San Bernardino,			
Calif.	Feb. 23-26.....	Lyle Marvin....	R. I. Humbert.
Findlay, Ohio....	Feb. 23-Mar. 7..	Forest Lance....	Crusade Team 2.
Jenners, Pa.....	Feb. 23-Mar. 14.	Victor Rogers...	Crusade Team 1.
Conemaugh, Pa..	Feb. 24-27.....	Stanley Hauser.	A. R. Kriegbaum.
Osceola, Ind.....	Mar. 9-21.....	Scott Weaver...	Crusade Team 2.
Wooster, Ohio....	Mar. 14-28.....	Kenneth Ashman	A. L. Lynn.
Conemaugh, Pa..	Mar. 16-28.....	Stanley Hauser..	"Ding" Teuling.
Tahquitz Pines,			
Calif.	Mar. 19-21.....		Bill Smith.
Clayton, Ohio....	Mar. 21-29.....	Clair Brickel....	James Boyer.

THAT QUESTIONABLE PLEASURE

Eight Practical Tests

1. Would you like Christ to catch you in the act? Luke 12:37.
2. Are you WILLING to see any harm in it? John 7:17.
3. Is it lawful, is it becoming, is it profitable? I Corinthians 10:30, 33.
4. Can you look up to God for a blessing in the midst of it? Romans 14:23.
5. Can you commune with God after it as freely as before? I John 1:7.
6. Do the best Christians you know see any harm in it? Hebrews 5:14.
7. Is it consistent with your profession that by the cross of Christ the world is crucified unto you and you unto the world? Galatians 6:14.
8. Will you see any harm in it on a dying bed? —Selected.

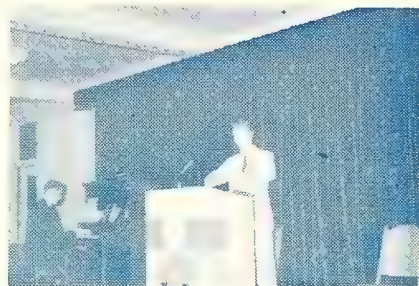
CALIFORNIA YOUTH

By REV. RALPH COLBURN, NATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR



Buffet Line

Lyle Marvin, Jr., did a fine job with the songleading. Special music was brought by a number of the churches. Rev. Norman Nelson, of Compton, climaxed the musical program with a short "singing sermon," after which Youth Director Ralph Colburn brought the message.



Lyle Marvin, Jr., Songleader



"Ninettes," Long Beach Brethren High School

At about 9 p. m. the young people adjourned to the church social hall, where tables were set, and a bountiful buffet lunch was served. The tables were decorated with 16 attractive centerpieces, each one numbered and depicting some familiar gospel song. Young people could guess the songs and compete for a prize offered for the most correct answers. Music was enjoyed during the buffet lunch.

The First Brethren Church of Long Beach was host Friday, January 15, to nearly 250 Brethren young people representing 20 of the California churches. At first it did not look like the crowd would be great, so the meeting was scheduled for the beautifully appointed prayer-meeting room, which seats 200. But they kept coming until all the extra space was filled with chairs, and everyone was accommodated. Yes, even the front rows were full!



Long Beach Brethren High School Quartet. (R.) Rev. Jerry Yerian.



*Calif. District Youth Committee
(Pictured at Left)*

l. to r.—

Rev. James Beatty, Program

Rev. Jerry Yerian, Publicity

Eva Suiter, Social

Rev. Lyle Marvin, Camp Dean

Rev. Norman Nelson, Bus. Mgr.

Rev. Nelson Hall, Chairman



CHOW LINE

Rev. Ward Miller, No. 1

TOO OLD

A shiny lollipop rested on the windowsill over the kitchen sink. Sharon, the current dishwasher, was finding her hated job a bit more tolerable by carefully watching the treasure and tasting of its sweetness.

Mother stepped over to the sink and lifted the lollipop from the sill to a saucer.

"Don't take that," Sharon commanded with excitement. "That's mine."

"I know it is, Honey. I only wanted to put it on a saucer. I don't want it."

"Don't you like lollipops?" the eight-year-old questioned incredulously.

"No, I don't."

Sharon stood sudsing and resudsing a plate, deep in thought. Suddenly, with a sparkle of understanding in her eye, the little miss said, "Oh well, you are too old to eat lollipops."

To her little girl's mind there could be no other explanation for Mother's lack of interest in and liking for such a delicacy as a lollipop except on the basis of age. And, as a matter of fact, Sharon was correct in her conclusion. Mother well remembers her childhood delight in lollipops, and her first taste of one at the age of 10 years. But one day, Mother doesn't remember when, the charm of lollipops seemed to dissolve into the mists. She no longer thought they were a delicacy dropped from heaven. The little girl was growing up.

Childhood with all its charms and dreams and delights is a time of immaturity, of imperfection. It is a time of building, of learning, of growth. It is always yearning for tomorrow; for a tomorrow of greater privileges and new worlds conquered.

Just yesterday Kent stood beside Sharon at the kitchen sink. He was reluctantly drying dishes. He has "graduated" to this job, for which he is definitely not thankful. He will never beat any world record for speed in drying dishes at the rate he is now going. Leaning against the

sink, Mother heard him say to Sharon, "I wish I wasn't Paul Kent."

"Why?"

"Because I have to dry dishes."

"Who do you wish you were?"

"David. He has it soft. He doesn't have to do dishes."

"I wish I could be Dorotheann," Sharon sighed. "She doesn't have to do dishes either." Misery loves company.

"Both David and Dorotheann did the dishes when they were your ages," Mother reminded the small fry. "In fact, they still step in when an emergency arises and do the dishes for us. Last Friday when the Sumeys were here Dorotheann was hard at work washing dishes when



Mother went to the kitchen. And last Sunday, when Sharon was invited to Dotty Lou's for dinner, David washed the dishes here at home."

"Well, that's not often," complained Sharon. "I have to do them all the time when I'm home."

"Mother has to cook meals three times a day, seven days a week. And for her this is not easy nor always pleasant. Dorotheann and David do other things to help Mother while you two work on dishes. Now how about a smile? You want to do all the things as unto the Lord, don't you? He will be pleased with even the small tasks if we do them because we love Him and each other. When you are older you'll have other jobs and your younger sisters will do the dishes."

"Uh huh. I still wish I was David." A time of yearning, of wishing, of dreaming.

Then one day the wishes become a reality, the dreams a fact. "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I

Wheaton, Ill.

Some two years ago a small number of us took our stand with the Brethren Church. Out of a hunger for a Bible-believing fellowship we began to lay plans for an organization in this area. This could have been done a dozen years before had we only known of the Brethren Church and its wonderful home-mission program.

Meeting in the homes, we started with a small Bible class. Later, we decided to meet for Sunday school. Shortly afterward we announced regular preaching services. The preaching was done by local brethren, Wheaton College students, and visiting Brethren from Winona Lake.

We have long awaited the answer to our prayers, but God never fails. Our beloved pastor, Rev. Kenneth Teague, and his lovely family arrived the second week in December. We are now thankfully worshiping in the wonderful quarters of the Christian Grammar School. Our next greatly needed step is the first unit of our new church. A fine Christian architect has been secured and his suggestions will soon be submitted for approval. Pray for our church in Wheaton.—B. C. Whitmore.

understood [felt] as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things" (I Cor. 13:11). I was "too old" for lollipops.

Dear little dark-haired Sharon, how very right you are. Mother is too old to be in the lollipop stage of spiritual living. Dear Father God, I want to "grow up into him in all things" (Eph. 4:15). Help me to daily throw off every vestige of spiritual childhood, and by Thy grace may I grow and mature in spiritual stature.

How about YOU, dear reader? You can't put away childish things unless you become a man. Your growth depends on your spiritual diet, which in turn is regulated by your love for Christ.

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Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



The Golden Key

Religion is a curse in America today! Parading under the guise of true Christianity, thousands of churches and clergymen are only religious. The true message of God's Holy Word finds no place in the preaching or program of these unorthodox professors.

According to current standards a clergyman may qualify as a *Christian* minister by simply graduating from any seminary and receiving a certificate of ordination. This is true regardless of his doctrinal or theological position. Often he does not believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible. He may refuse, as biologically impossible, the virgin birth and deity of Christ. Salvation, if this word means *anything*, is secured by human works. These and many other meaningless human philosophies, he propagates through a lifetime of ministry as a "Christian" preacher. With such men standing at the helm of many American churches we must certainly realize that the great majority of our nation's churches operate under the same false banner.

The Unitarian Church is only one segment of this colossal group of pretenders preaching doctrines unknown to the Word of God, yet classified by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. as "Christian."

A special edition of the Unity tract, "The Golden Key," printed in 1953, presents a fair picture of "religion" as it operates currently.

The author of this tract, Emmet Fox, says, "Scientific prayer will enable you, sooner or later, to get yourself, or anyone else, out of any difficulty on the face of the earth. It is the Golden Key to harmony and happiness." This is quite a statement. In regard to prayer there is no mention of Christ, who is the one mediator between God and man. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2:5). There is no reference to the divinely ordered plan of the Word of God for Christian prayer (John 14:13-14; Rom. 8:26). Apparently Mr. Fox completely ignores the revelation of God and arrogates to himself the authority to define prayer. When man forsakes the standard of God as set forth in His Word he has no other authority beyond himself. What he concludes and does is just as finite and limited as he.

Mr. Fox further guarantees: "All that you have to do is this: Stop thinking about the difficult, whatever it is, and think about God instead . . . if you will do this . . . the trouble will presently disappear."

It really sounds too easy to be true. We have heard such claims at county fairs from quack doctors who claim to cure everything from a stomach ache to cancer.

According to Mr. Fox, thinking about God is scientific prayer. This is all that is necessary to solve your prob-

lem, whether financial, physical, vocational, personal, etc.

It is this sort of un-Biblical, blasphemous religion that 82,340 Unitarians are widely preaching in America *today*.

One of the marks of religion in contrast to Christianity is its failure to give Jesus Christ His place of equality with God as well as His rightful place as the divinely appointed intermediary between God and man.

God will solve man's problems according to His will through prayer, but only after man has received Christ as personal Saviour can he even pray, much less have at his disposal the remedial power of God.

How urgent is this need of real Bible teaching in America today! We need to repeat the definitions of sin, salvation, eternal life, prayer, and other great doctrines of the Scripture.

Gospel Radio Expanding

In spite of the fact that America bristles with TV aerials most homes still have their radios and those radios remain a very potent factor for gospel preaching.

The Assemblies of God believe this, for they have just expanded their Revivaltime broadcast to the entire ABC network. A full-time speaker and director have been employed. This church sends the Gospel around the world weekly through this effective channel.

Gospel radio has never been excelled in effectively evangelizing lost souls who would not listen to a personal worker or attend any church.

Brainwashing—Satan's Psychiatry

Brainwashing as practiced by the Soviets today is nothing new, at least in principle. In the days of the Reformation religious prelates tried to "wash" the brains of men like Luther, Zwingli, et al., who stood staunchly for the faith. Many of these men died for their convictions.

However, we wonder if men ever before in history have been subjected to such a "third degree" as that used by the Reds. It is a horrible concentration of every known torture device to bring about complete submission in the victim's mind and body.

The Communist examiner of Robert A. Vogeler, an American engineer, said: "If God himself were sitting in that chair, we would make him say what we wanted him to say." Those who know the omnipotent God of heaven through Jesus Christ realize the blasphemy of this statement. However, the Communists make no idle boast regarding men. Angus Ward, American diplomat, seized by the Reds, said: "If the Chinese examiners had worked on me two weeks more, I would have confessed

anything, and believed it, too." Bolshevik heroes such as Beria, who after losing favor proclaim themselves as absolute traitors and worthy of nothing but death, show how effective the treatment.

This is indeed Satan's psychiatry.

Jeremiah 17:9 fits into this picture. It seems that Russia has achieved about the lowest point in the scale of immorality and God-defiance. Yet there is probably

something worse ahead, so unplumbed is human depravity.

These evil, terroristic activities of Russia internationally serve to further accentuate the need of this dying world for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the measure that God makes it possible, it is our privilege and responsibility to make Christ known. Only He can meet the needs of such polluted, sinful minds and bodies.



Meeting in Inbody Community Church

Near Goshen, Ind., is a small community church building and a changing group of people who have had a varied witness for Christ throughout the long years of this church's existence. Different denominational persuasions have used these facilities. Currently a group with a Brethren background has been meeting here under the ministry of a senior student in Grace Seminary, Bro. Herman Hein. It was a privilege to hold a week of meetings with these friends and to see souls saved and believers rejoicing in the truth of God's Word.

This group has now voted unanimously to become a Brethren church affiliating with the NFBC. Praise the Lord for this decision.

Findlay Church Growing

Now worshiping in the new first unit of the Findlay, Ohio, church, the Lord's people are seeing His blessings in a marvelous manner. The salvation of souls, gifts of furnishings for the new church, and intense new interest in the community all tell the story of substantial growth. During a recent visit we were thrilled to hear the story of spiritual victories from the pastor, Bro. Forest Lance. Here are some home-mission dividends for your gifts and prayers.

Wheaton Group Meeting in Christian Grammar School

While visiting with the new Brethren group in Wheaton, Ill., recently, we found them meeting in the attractive Christian Grammar School building. The authorities have been very kind to us in affording this meeting place. About 50 people were gathered for Sunday school and church services. The pastor, Bro. Kenneth Teague, and his building committee are planning for the first unit of a new building to be placed on our well-located lots.

Brethren students in Wheaton College have expressed great appreciation for this new Brethren church and are giving an effective ministry in its development.

New Lots Purchased in York

After much prayer and seeking of God's will for the location of the new church in York, Pa., lots have been purchased in what is believed to be one of the best locations in this growing city. In the new area where the group has been meeting in a former grocery store, the Brethren Construction Company will this spring be constructing its third new Brethren church building.

Our meeting with the York group, which is pastored by Bro. Gerald Polman, revealed a strong, virile movement for Christ including a group of people with a sacrificial spirit and a willingness to work for Christ.

Brethren Minute-Men, by giving \$2,676.15 for York, have immeasurably helped in making possible the purchase of these new lots free of debt. Those dollars, when placed in one sum, enable us to establish new churches which otherwise may not have come into existence.

While in the area, a brief visit with Bro. Conard Sandy, pastor of the Harrisburg, Pa., church, and a survey of the building, convinced us again that here is another strong home-mission testimony for the NFBC.

EPA Conference in Chicago

As other evangelical forces are doing, the evangelical writers, publishers, and printers have united in a group known as the Evangelical Press Association. Meeting in Chicago recently at the Midland Hotel, we heard practically all angles of Christian writing and publishing discussed. A very stirring and informative message on Communism by Mrs. Helen Segrist, impressed us again with the imminent danger of this Red menace.

Out of this conference came new ideas, approaches, and methods which should serve to increase the effectiveness of all Christian publications.

CORDILLERA'S NEW ADDITION



The former and present building are shown. The new addition to the Cordillera church, near Taos, N. Mex., will more than double the church's capacity when it is finished. It is 24 x 40 feet in size and is constructed of adobe brick, made by hand by members and friends of the church. The labor cost is eliminated in this manner of construction and it makes possible the financing of the expansion program within the local church.

NEW BRETHREN CHURCH BECOMES SELF-SUPPORTING

ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING ILLUSTRATIONS OF GOD'S BLESSING IN BRETHREN HOME MISSION WORK IS NOW HISTORY IN BEAUMONT, CALIF.

JUST THREE YEARS OLD, THIS HOME MISSION GROUP NOW BECOMES COMPLETELY SELF-SUPPORTING. THIS BEATS THE HOME-MISSION FIVE-YEAR PLAN BY TWO YEARS AND SETS A PACE FOR HOME-MISSION GROWTH WHICH WE HOPE OTHER CHURCHES WILL EMULATE.

THE HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL HAS EXPENDED ABOUT \$6,500 TO PRODUCE A CONGREGATION OF APPROXIMATELY 75 MEMBERS AND PROVIDE A BUILDING WORTH AT LEAST \$55,000. THE BUILDING WHEN DEDICATED WAS ALMOST FREE OF DEBT.

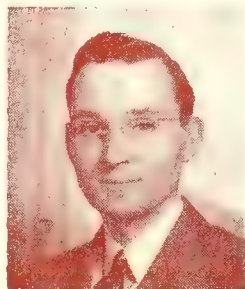
BY FAR THE OUTSTANDING REASONS BEHIND THE GROWTH ARE THE STRONG PERSONAL MINISTRY OF THE PASTOR, GENE FARRELL, AND THE SACRIFICIAL WORK AND GIVING OF THE FAITHFUL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION.

WE HEARTILY COMMEND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HAD ANY PART IN THIS NEW CHURCH AND PRAISE THE LORD FOR EVERY BLESSING. OUR BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL IS HAPPY TO PRESENT THIS NEW ESTABLISHED CHURCH TO THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES.

ANOTHER MILESTONE

By REV. GENE FARRELL

This is being written about six months after the dedication of our building, which was July 19 of last year. Now we cross another milestone in the history of the work. As the pastor, I rejoiced greatly in the victories given us at dedication time. And I rejoice now that the brethren are willing to meet this new challenge, namely, that of assuming full financial responsibility. I truly believe that the Lord's blessing will follow this decision. He blessed before when the church assumed burdens beyond their ability to bear. And I know that He will bless now, for He says in His Word: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2). Funds will thus be released into other more needy fields, and the Lord's supply for Cherry Valley brethren will be the inevitable result, for "them that honour me, I will honour" (I Sam. 2:30).



Rev. Gene Farrell

We are so happy to be able to inform our home-mission friends that these past six months have had their share of victories, too. After the supreme effort of readying the building for dedication, there was a danger, of course, of a "letdown." But God . . . He graciously kept us from this as His Spirit laid the burden upon our hearts to concentrate upon the "living stones" which make up that invisible building which will never pass away. Let us share a few of these triumphs of grace with you as they come to mind.

SOULS FOR THE LORD and real evidence of new consecration in the lives of the believers has, of course, been our greatest joy. Ever since dedication morning, when three young people came to the front to make first-time confessions of Christ, God has been rewarding with similar fruit. A few of these testimonies will be

included in these pages, also those of others who were saved or built up by our Lord through the work. An exceptional victory occurred the other night at the close of our evangelistic service when the head basketball coach at the local high school gave his heart to Christ. He has been coming on Sunday evenings, and attends a week-night Bible-study class. Still another thrill was ours when a young mother of four children stepped to the front—"in spite of herself," she said later—and made her first confession. Other confessions have been made, too, which will not appear within these pages. Our Bible-school teachers keep reporting souls for the Lord from time to time. Recently eight were baptized. And then there have been a number at the altar, during these past six months, desiring earnestly to make Christ the Lord of their lives, which means as much to a pastor and to a work as anything can. As John said: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (III John 4).

THE ATTENDANCE INCREASE is another thing for which we have been most thankful. Every function of the church is feeling this upsurge. The Sunday school, morning worship, and evening evangelistic services are averaging 175, 130, and between 90 and 100, respectively. Over 100 new scholars were registered in our fall Bible-school contest, and never before in the history of this work have we had so many new people coming out. A goodly number are unsaved, and some are Christian people who were not getting fed in some of the downtown churches.

OUR FIRST MISSIONARIES—the George Meyer family—are on their way, via Long View, Tex., to Lima, Peru. Only the Lord knows the marvelous victories that were accomplished in this family during the past four years or so as a backslidden wife was reclaimed, and a husband gloriously saved with their two children. Past the age to be sent out by the average mission board, they attended Bible college, where they received the

CHERRY VALLEY STUDENTS IN CHRISTIAN COLLEGES



These five students are enrolled in Christian colleges from the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, with others planning to attend such colleges when they finish high school. They are, from left to right: Jim Hunter, Bob Jones Academy; Coleen Hamilton, Bob Jones University; Janis Hamilton, John Brown University; Nancy Bridges, Westmont College; and Fred McClelland, Bob Jones University.

vision to go to South America. Following a summer with Wycliffe Translators they returned to Cherry Valley, where they waited patiently upon the Lord for several months. Then, to make a long story short, the door suddenly opened for them through R. G. LeTourneau, and they will fly to Lima on January 17 with 12 other families. A farewell service was held for them on Sunday, January 3, at which time, after the pattern set forth in Acts 13, we sent them forth with His benediction. At the close of the service we retired to the basement for fellowship and refreshments, and there were few dry eyes when we joined hands in a big circle and sang, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." The Riverside Enterprise, a California newspaper, featured this incident.

FIVE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE are now attending Christian schools. Others, who are seniors in high school this year, are making definite plans to go next fall. We know that the group who made the decision last fall are proving a constant challenge to the others, and what joy it is to our hearts to know that those who have gone are daily receiving such good things from the Lord.

OUR LARGEST SINGLE GIFT has come in during the past six months since dedication. The Lord burdened the hearts of two families who come to our church to purchase a beautiful new \$1,170 Knabe spinet piano for our auditorium. This fine instrument was dedicated to the Lord, and now graces the right side of our platform, where it lends much to the musical aspect of our services.

MORE PRAYER is being offered, we believe, than ever before. We say this to the glory of God, not in any self-righteous, pharisaical way. We were tempted not to mention it, but we sincerely believe that it is this feature that accounts for the results which are following. Beside the regular Wednesday-night prayer meeting, we have three other periods of prayer weekly, one for ladies and two for men. And at all the committee and board meetings, the people pray all the way around before the business is transacted. We know this is responsible for the blessed unity God has given us. Please pray with us that it will continue, and that Satan may not be allowed to get in. Nothing is so important where a work is evangelical and fundamental as to have that unity of which David spoke in the 133d Psalm. "It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard" (vs. 2).

LAST OF ALL, we believe it will thrill our home-mission readers' hearts to hear of His continued Ephesians 3:20 supply of our material needs. At our annual business meeting held last week, our church treasurer reported (among other things) that \$15,342.88 had been received locally in '53. Of this amount \$7,287.96 was given to the building fund, \$4,186.59 to the general fund, \$1,698.90 to missions, and \$1,198.75 to the Sunday school. Our building and equipment is now valued at \$55,000, upon which there is an indebtedness of \$1,500. As soon as this is liquidated, we expect to partition part of our full-size basement for a Christian day school, to be started, the Lord willing, next fall. Then, too, we have an urgent need for these extra rooms for our expanding Sunday school, which now has 15 classes and a cradle-roll department.

Certainly, as we go self-supporting this year, we can gladly say again that we thank God for the wholesome and helpful relationship which we have enjoyed at all times with the Brethren Home Missions Council and you home-mission friends. We praise the Lord for your interest in this corner of the Lord's vineyard, and we shall always have pleasant memories and thanksgiving in our hearts for all of you. Please keep us on your prayer list, and pray, too, that the great burden of this church may always be to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

BUILDING UPON THE RIGHT FOUNDATION

By Miss Anne Gerhart, High-School Senior

I thank the Lord for saving me and leading me to the Cherry Valley Brethren Church where the Word of God is really given out, and where I can have wonderful Christian fellowship. It was about four years ago that I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour and now my life is being built upon Him as the foundation (I Cor. 3:11). I have learned that you cannot depend on men or build your life on earthly things. Like the foolish man who built his house upon the sand, such a life will surely crash.

Many people think a Christian life is dull and without excitement, but it certainly is not true. The things that seemed exciting when in the world mean nothing to me now. What could be more thrilling than serving the Lord and seeing souls being won for Him? I haven't always been happy in the Lord because sometimes I

have wanted to go my own way. Satan is always "in there pitching" against me, but I Corinthians 10:13 has always been a big help at such times. Philippians 4:13 is another verse that has helped me and I have made it my life verse.

I will graduate this year from high school and I don't know what the Lord would have me do, but I am praying about going to a Christian college. And, if this is His will I know He will direct me to the right one.

THE WRONG IDEA OF GOD FOR 19 YEARS

By Mr. Roy McCullum

I was an average family man and believed in wholesome living. Christian? I claimed to be one. I believed in some supreme spiritual Being that had control over the universe and that He contributed to our civilization. I thought it was a good thing for the rest of the family to go to church and Sunday school, but it wasn't for me. At least twice each year Mrs. McCullum would persuade me to go, but I never felt comfortable when the invitation was given. It seemed I was not worthy and that my heart was not right. This life went on for 19 years, until one year ago when I went to the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. There the Word of God really spoke to my heart and after attending a few services I responded to the invitation, and opened my heart to receive Christ as my personal Saviour. My decision united our entire family of six children as one in Christ. Prior to my salvation all the other members of my family were praying for me and thus proof that God hears and answers prayer.

BLESSINGS AT CHERRY VALLEY BRETHREN

By Pat Hanneman, High School Senior

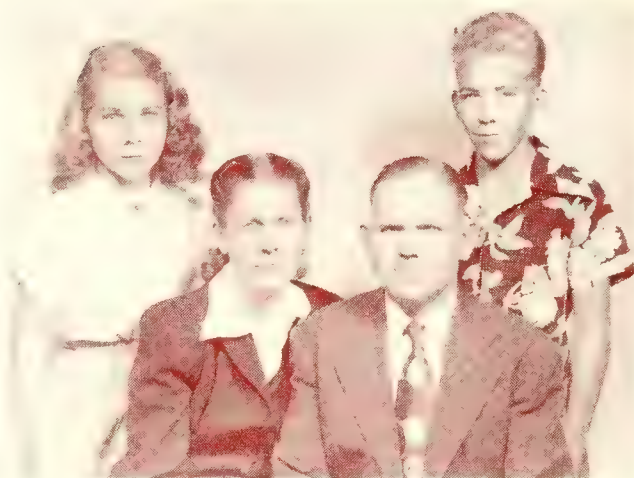
I can neither remember the day nor the year it happened but I know I am saved. I do remember the first question I asked was, "How can my parents be saved?" Soon after taking this step I began to have doubts in my mind about God and His Son. The more I tried to figure it out the more confused I became. I started going to Sunday school and church because I thought it was my duty, but through the hearing of the Word of God I learned that the Bible was actually God's Word, and that Christ really died for my sins. I was not attending the Cherry Valley Brethren Church at the time, but the Lord seemed to be telling me I should. I was stubborn at first, but finally just said, "All right, Lord, I will go over for one Sunday." That one Sunday was such a blessing that I am attending regularly now.

SOPHOMORE FEELS THE CALL TO SOUTH AMERICA

By Emily Rodberg, High School Sophomore

Though a staunch Catholic, I came to know Jesus Christ as my Saviour on February 5, 1947. These seven years have been so wonderful because that is when I really began to live. I have been going to the Cherry Valley Brethren Church for over a year, and one receives spiritual food because they preach the whole

MISSIONARIES TO PERU FROM CHERRY VALLEY



Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer and their two children, Jimmy and Julie, from the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, are now in the jungles of Peru, near the headwaters of the Amazon River. They are 1 of 13 families who will build a missionary community in this South American jungle under a program backed by R. G. Le-Tourneau. (Read "Another Milestone," by Gene Farrell, for some other interesting facts about this family.)

Bible. A Christian's life depends so much on the kind of church and I am so happy He led me to this one.

I feel the Lord has called me to be a missionary to South America and I am willing to go anywhere He sends me. When missionaries visit our church they make me wish I were old enough to go right now. But the Lord will have something better for me if I wait on Him.

I would never trade places with any unbeliever for the worldly pleasures and so-called good times they have because I am waiting for the day when my Lord sends me to South America to be a missionary and serve Him there. Will you pray for me?

BROUGHT INTO FELLOWSHIP BY A BUDDY

By Bill Shoufler, High-School Sophomore

When I was about eight years old I began attending the Sunday school of the Second Brethren Church in Long Beach, Calif. The bus came around every Sunday morning, picked up my brother and me, and took us to Sunday school. For three years we went to the Brethren summer camp at Idyllwild, Calif., where I accepted the Lord.

Then I began sliding into sin. I thought I was too big for Sunday school and church. Although my parents were not saved, they tried to encourage me to go. I started running with the wrong crowd, smoking, ditching school, and making my folks a lot of trouble.

Finally I got into so much trouble my parents decided I might be better off on a ranch away from the city. That was in June 1952. When I was almost 14 years old I came to Cherry Valley to live with my uncle on a small ranch. I began attending the Cherry Valley Brethren Church with him and his family, and learned much of

the Lord. Then on Christmas night, 1951, Jim Hunter, a close buddy of mine, talked to me about the things of the Lord. I realized I wasn't where I should be, so the next Sunday I went forward and took a new stand for Christ. It was two or three months before I gave up worldly habits and friends, and only recently I fully yielded myself to the Lord to serve Him wherever He leads me. Now, to His glory, I have an inward peace and joy that only He can give.

I am very grateful to the pastor and the friends of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church for their spiritual encouragement and help.

RESULT OF PREACHING THE WORD

By Dolores Sharp, High-School Senior

My parents were not Christians, but as a child I did hear about Christ from other sources. At the age of 12 I came face to face with the need of my own personal salvation and made a decision for Christ. The church I was attending at the time did not emphasize the separated life and naturally I continued living in the same manner for about two years more. By this time my folks started attending the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, and I saw my mother brought into fellowship with God and my father saved out of a life of drunkenness. This started me to become concerned about my own life for I was not right with God because I felt I would have to give up so much. I didn't want to yield to Him.

Finally after a few weeks the conviction by the Holy Spirit became so great I confessed my sin and started living a victorious life in Christ. I found that I didn't give up anything but that Christ gave me much more to take the place of my former desires. As I attended the Cherry Valley Brethren Church I was taught to read and memorize Scripture, to pray daily, and witness. When I started doing these things a real battle was started by the adversary, but Christ was victorious. In the midst of the trials He gave me my life verse, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER IN THE MORNING

By Carl and Edith Hitsch

Because of ill health, we felt a need to get away from the city with its rush and turmoil, but hesitated to leave our home church where we had been in regular attendance in Sunday school and the morning service for a number of years. Our wonderful Lord opened the way for us to come to Beaumont, and we found that He had moved other Brethren here also. They were meeting in the Grange Hall at that time, and it wasn't long until we wanted to unite with them. This involved much prayer, consecration, and faith for us, for the membership here is by written covenant. But the Lord showed us that He would supply all of our needs, and by His grace we were able to separate ourselves wholly unto the Lord and come in.

A home was needed where the Tuesday morning prayer meeting could be held, and we offered ours. This has been such a blessing to us, to our church, and to our community. Men have been saved. Great spiritual

CHERRY VALLEY'S ONE BIG EVENT



March 25, 1951, was a momentous day in the history of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. This was Easter Sunday and the first service was held in the basement (shown above) of what is now the present building. There were 151 present for Sunday school and 109 for the worship service (shown above) on that day, making it one of the big events in a series leading up to the present self-supporting status.

victories have been won between the 9- and 12-o'clock hours.

Here in Cherry Valley we became interested in ALL of the services of the church—communion, Christian Endeavor, business meetings, evangelistic services on Sunday evening, and the Wednesday-night prayer meeting. Our material church has been built, but more than this, Christ's church is being built. And though we have had only a small part in this [Pastor's note: Small part? She is our Bible-school secretary, handling duties ad infinitum for this pastor, and he is our head usher, financial secretary, and general all-around helper] He has showered us with blessings. As we yield ourselves to Him, He has used us in the work of the church where His people work in love and unity. Truly, the past three years have been the most joyous of our lives. This we say to the glory of God.

DRIFTING IN A CULT, NOW ANCHORED IN CHRIST

By Mrs. Kenneth Boland, Sunday-School Teacher

Praise and glory be unto God, for while I was yet a sinner He loved me, and sent His Son to die for me. Since July 23, 1951, at 5 p. m. I have been a born-again Christian. That was a wonderful, unforgettable day when, through one of the witnesses in Cherry Valley Brethren Church, the Lord gave me the free gift of salvation. And I hold to John 6:37, among other promises, for my assurance.

Looking back now I thank God that confusion and doubt are all in the past. I am anchored, and no longer tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. He took me out of the Jehovah's Witnesses cult, where Christ is not

known as a redeeming Saviour. I praise my Lord for leading my family to Cherry Valley. The church was just a basement at the time, but this only strengthened my faith as His house went on to completion.

My Lord has given me many blessings as a teacher in the Sunday school, a joy that cannot be described such as when a child, understanding the ABC of salvation, bright-eyed, says, "I want Jesus to come into my heart." I'm thankful my Lord can use even me. I also thank God for making me willing to attend *all* the services of His house, for this has kept me closer to Him, correcting, comforting, keeping me from temptation. I know He is with me always (Matt. 28:20b). My prayer by the grace of God is that at that day of His appearing, in the twinkling of an eye, we may be ready, we three, to meet Him, my husband, my son, and myself.

BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE IN BAPTISM

By Mrs. Jack Hargrove

I grew to womanhood and the Lord gave me four sons before I learned the blessing of an obedient faith in Christ. The Lord, whom I had known as my Saviour for years, definitely spoke to me about baptism by immersion. I obeyed, only to find my sons desired the same rite. When I was willing to make public confession of my backsliding in the morning service, I found that three of my sons wanted to confess Him as Saviour that very night! Praise the Lord! The next Sunday evening, January 3, 1954, we were baptized together. I was formerly sick in body, but He has wonderfully touched me. I do praise the Lord for the Cherry Valley Brethren Church and for the Christians who are still burdened for lost souls and prayed for me until I came through victoriously for Christ. Now I want my life to be a living witness for Him.

IT PAID TO ADVERTISE

By Mrs. L. A. Daggett, WMC President

I find it hard to express my feelings and that of my family concerning the Brethren church in Cherry Valley. When we came to Beaumont about eight years ago, we were nominal church members, holding a membership in a church in New York State where we lived before coming to California in '39. I attended church where "good works" and a belief that "a church" would save me was taught. But because we had not lived near a Brethren church, in which my husband was raised, he went seldom to any church. Our two dear granddaughters, who made their home with us, were sent to Sunday school.

Then came the day that we have been praising the Lord for ever since. We saw an ad in our local newspaper saying simply that we should "Come to the Brethren Church in Cherry Valley." There we found our "church home" again. As the years have passed, how we thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on us as a family. We learned to walk with Him as our *personal* Saviour, and to take Ephesians 2:8-9 as our own. Our dear girls, Janis and Coleen, were saved in February of '49. At that time my husband and I rededicated our lives, and the family came into the church together.

What a joy has been ours to have had even a small part in the building of our new church. [Pastor's note:

CLASS CHOOSES SPANISH-AMERICAN PROJECT



The junior boys' class of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church has chosen to help with the financial support of David Tollardo at Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex. This class of boys, along with some others, are making it possible for Mr. Tollardo to devote his full time to the ministry among his own people. Previously he worked full time in a grocery store. In the picture above are Mr. Al Weirbachs, teacher, the boys, and Cecil Miller, assistant teacher.

Again, as in the case of the Hitsches and others, only the Lord knows what an understatement this is!] The wonderful answers to prayer have built up our faith in our Lord's precious promises. His promise to "supply all your needs" He has kept over and above both in the church and in our personal lives.

Through the preaching and teaching of the Word my life was completely changed. Hebrews 7:24-28 became *real* to me. Our girls are both in Christian colleges, and the Holy Spirit is drawing us into a closer walk day by day.

FAMILY'S SALVATION BEGAN WITH SON

By Mrs. Emil Rasmus

In 1948 my son, Roland, accepted the Lord while attending Long Beach City College and studying to be a mechanical engineer. In the summer of 1949 my husband had a very bad spell of asthma, and Roland promised the Lord, while holding his daddy in his arms at the point of death, that he would give up his training at City College and study for the ministry. This he did, and prayed for our salvation while back at Bob Jones University. In the fall of 1949 I took Christ as Saviour in a church in Wickenburg, Ariz., after which we moved to Banning, Calif.

Roland wrote us that there was a church in Cherry Valley where they preached the Word of God. I started coming right away, and my husband soon followed. One day, when we were alone, my husband accepted Christ as Saviour. We went to the home of the pastor and told him about it. Later he made a public confession without urging, and was baptized. It wasn't long until the other member of our family, our daughter, went forward and took Christ, too.

The Lord really led us to Cherry Valley. Since here we have seen my husband get well enough to carry on his work, something we didn't think he would ever be able to do again. God has deepened my Christian life, permitting me to be a Bible-school teacher of junior boys, and the recording secretary of the church for the past two years. My boy graduated from Bob Jones

University last spring, and is teaching there this year while studying for his master's degree. God has given him just recently a fine Christian wife. All these things are "the Lord's doing." They are "marvellous" in my eyes!

GRATITUDE FOR CHERRY VALLEY BRETHREN

By Mrs. Calvin S. Doney, Jr.

There is no earthly way to express the gratitude in my heart for a church which teaches the fundamentals of Christian living, namely, getting into God's Word, hiding it away in the heart, coming before the throne of grace in prayer, and remaining in an attitude of prayer throughout the day. I thank God for leading me to Cherry Valley Brethren Church, which teaches these things. As a born-again Christian I have found that when temptations and trials beset me, unless I am getting into the Word and have it hidden away in my heart, that I have nothing to rely upon.

I have many other things to be thankful for. Next to my Lord, I thank God for a fine Christian husband, and a baby boy 10 months old, whom the Lord saw fit to spare from almost certain death at two months of age. This, and some other things, have been great trials to us, and I am not deceived into believing that our trials and temptations are ended. But with His help and His Word we will go "not under, but through."

Although being born of the flesh about 20 years ago, the only period of this time which really counts is the last two, in which I have been born of the Spirit. I certainly praise God for leading me to a church which has fed me on the sincere milk of the Word. I can truly say with Jeremiah, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts" (Jer. 15:16).

BORN AGAIN AND BEARING A TESTIMONY

By Robert Berg, Junior, Beaumont High School

One day in October of 1953, in a service at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, I was born. Oh, I don't mean a physical birth, I mean a spiritual one. My old self was crucified and I was a new man—a man that believed in Jesus Christ as Saviour. I was ready to dedicate my life to witnessing to other souls and living a good Christian life. This life has been such a blessing to me, and will be a greater one in time to come.

In this life I can look back to my old self and be so glad that I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour. I look around me at other poor souls who have not found Jesus, and right away I want to do something about it. How about you who read this—are you saved? Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour? If not, you had better do so, because tomorrow may be too late. You never can tell when the Saviour may come to take all His children with Him back to that glorious heaven. And then, too, you may die before you know it, and when your soul is brought before the Lord you will not know how to answer the questions He puts before you, and you will be doomed to eternal damnation! Think about this, and what God has said in John 3:16. If you take time to really think about it, I am sure you will want to accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour, too.



CHICO, CALIF. (Phillip J. Simmons, pastor)—

The Lord is blessing here. We have a number of things for which to praise the Lord, but one especially is the Boys Club work. Six men are sponsoring the club and it has reached a total of 40 boys since October 1. The largest attendance was 22 for a single night. Each meeting is closed with an opportunity for public decisions for Christ. And our hearts have been flooded with joy as we have seen 16 of the boys step out for Christ.

WASHINGTON, HEIGHTS, ROANOKE, VA. (W. Carl Miller, pastor)—

We had our first regular services in the basement of the new church last Sunday, January 10, 1954. The Lord granted us a trophy of His grace by saving a 12-year-old boy in the very first service. We pray this is an earnest of a continuing soul-saving ministry here at Washington Heights. We had 77 in Bible school, 61 in the morning service, and 53 for the evening, in spite of a pouring rain. My secular work will be finished January 15, and then my full time will be given to the ministry. This is the day I have been looking forward to and I praise the Lord for it.

DRYHILL, KY. (Miss Evelyn Fuqua, missionary)—

Four from the Dryhill Sunday school had perfect attendance during 1953, and were awarded their one-year pin. Congratulations to Mr. Kenneth Bigley, Mary Ruth Colwell, Nadine Bigley, and Evelyn Fuqua.

The ladies of the Dryhill Chapel have started a weekly WMC meeting and one of the features will be a time for making quilts.

Sunday-evening services were started recently, and with an already heavy schedule, your prayers would be appreciated as we try to carry on a full church program.

FINDLAY, OHIO (Forest F. Lance, pastor)—

WE HAVE SET OUR DEDICATION DATE FOR MARCH 21, 1954. Our plans are tentative as to speakers, etc., but just as soon as they are definite we will send the information to you. We are having Team Two of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade with us beginning February 23. The date was a cancellation on their schedule but will work very nicely for us. We have had four public decisions recently by adults, two of which were first-time decisions. Our attendance has been very good, with Sunday school going over the 100 mark twice during January.

JENNERS, PA. (Victor Rogers, pastor)—

The men of the church have begun regular biweekly

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, SUNDAY SCHOOL IN PICTURES



These pictures of the La Loma Grace Brethren Sunday school, Modesto, Calif., arrived too late to be included with the January issue, in which the church was featured as a self-supporting church. Two additional classes, the Nursery and Young Adult Builders, are not included in the above group because photographs were not available.

prayer and Bible-study meetings. They are praying definitely for souls in the community and the meetings are proving a blessing to the men.

The brick veneer work has been completed with a great portion of the work being done by our own men.

Thirteen thousand bricks, plus lumber, steel, and blocks were used at a cost of only \$1,900, for which we praise the Lord. After our evangelistic meetings close in March, we want to begin immediately to finish our upper auditorium.

Pointers on Prospects

By LESTER E. PIFER

Editor's Note: Beginning with this Home Mission Number of the Herald, a new page will appear each month prepared by Rev. Lester E. Pifer, assistant secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council. This page will carry practical pointers for all realms of Christian service and activity. Material will be prepared and presented for both pastors and laymen. You are invited to send in new ideas and suggestions for the page so that your ideas may be shared with others. We reserve the right to use materials as we deem wise.

A NEW PLAN FOR PROSPECTS

In most of our larger towns and cities there is an agency called the Credit Bureau. This bureau will mail out every two weeks a report to all of the business houses belonging to the organization. In most cases churches are able to get these reports biweekly for the nominal sum of \$5 or \$10 per year.

The report will bear a list of names of all new businesses, new families, and births among the other credit material. The three sections mentioned above provide an excellent source for new prospects in your community.

DENVER'S GROWING SUNDAY SCHOOL



All the services of the Grace Brethren Church are held in the lower auditorium, and Pastor Tom Inman reports that even the hallway has to be used to care for their growing Sunday school. A new record attendance was reached December 20, when 133 were present. With such a growing Sunday school the need becomes greater each week for the finished upper auditorium. Pray for funds to meet this need in Denver.

The pastor should make it a rule to visit these new business houses and get acquainted with those in charge. He can welcome them to the community, wish them success, and then invite them to attend his church and Sunday school. This is good public relations and will help to establish himself in the community and will win a host of friends.

The list of new families will be visited by the Welcome Wagon in the week following their arrival. What an excellent opportunity for the pastor or a calling committee to reach a new family! In this call a friendly greeting should be given, an offer to help them in any way that you can, some literature about the location of your church, its time of services, its radio program, its prayer meeting, etc. Also it is well to leave a gospel tract or perhaps some piece of literature telling briefly what your church stands for. Sometimes a letter introducing the church, telling of its services, its facilities for Sunday school—especially of the tiny children and adults—its stand for the Gospel of the grace of God, etc., can be given. But never let this take the place of a personal call. The personal call at the home is the strongest influence that you can exercise to get people to attend your church and Sunday school.

The new birth list will provide an excellent list for the calling committee of the Sunday school. The nursery department should be intensely interested in this list. A call at the home where a child has been born may add another name to the cradle roll and perhaps a whole family to the Sunday school and ultimately a whole family won for Christ. A neat card of congratulations and best wishes in the Lord can be printed to give to the family, a cradle roll enrollment card can be included, and here again some literature about your church should be included. This can be sent to the family and followed up with a personal call by the committee or the committee can give it to the family at the time of the call. Do not neglect the personal call. Some churches have followed the above designated work with a mother's study club which meets monthly in the home or church. This is an additional help. If followed consistently, this plan will bring many new prospects to the Sunday school and church.

PRAYER FOR PROSPECTS

Another excellent means to obtain prospects is a consistent plan of prayer. Beginning this new year in the church, the challenge of reaching our community should be one of our greatest burdens for prayer. Immediately cards or sheets of paper should be distributed in the church, Sunday school, and in all organizations to obtain names. An announcement should be made that a prayer list is being prepared for the church and Sunday school. Where names and addresses can be given it will help greatly in cataloging the list. The prayer committee or other designated person or committee can then compile the list for the church and Sunday school. An individual card index system should be developed out of this list

for the church and Sunday school for future reference and calling committees.

The church prayer list can be made up and mimeographed. Copies should be distributed to those who want them for their prayer sessions at home. Copies should be available at every prayer meeting of the church. A good plan to follow is to take the list and cut it up in sections of five names each and then distribute it at prayer meeting time so that every person on the prospect list will be prayed for weekly.

The effects of this plan will amaze you. The great amount of prayer going up weekly for your prospects will do much in bringing them to your church and under conviction. Praying for these folks regularly will keep them before your people and will build up a great concern for them in the hearts of your people. This will in turn bring out a greater number of interested persons for the calling committee and more interest in soul winning.

The Sunday-school prayer list can be made up in sections or departments. These prayer lists should be in the hands of all the teachers, helpers, and staff members. Here again the prospects should be prayed for weekly. They can be remembered privately by the teachers and then publicly in the preprayer service of the Sunday school. Sometimes a special prayer meeting will be devoted to the Sunday school in the church. This will help to encourage the whole church to pray for the prospects of the Sunday school. The cabinet meeting can begin with a circle of prayer when these lists are used. It is always available for calling and for mailing, and should be taken into consideration in the planning of the Sunday-school program for the year.

WELCOMING OUR PROSPECTS

Here is one of the great failures of our churches. Every effort is made to contact prospects and yet when they arrive they are not welcomed to our services. Keep

in mind that your prospect, even though he has been contacted and encouraged to come by a calling committee, is still a stranger when he arrives at the church. He must be made "at home" in the church. How sad it is, that he expected to find a "friendly church" and not one person greeted him at the door or shook hands with him in his first visit.

A welcoming committee should be on the job in the Sunday school and in the church services. At least 15 minutes before time of the services (30 minutes is better), this committee should be posted to be at the entrances of the church. The prospect should be greeted with a friendly handshake, shown where to put his cloaks, where he should go, and introduced to an usher who will assist him to a seat. If there are small children the mother can be informed where the restrooms are, the nursery, and where the individual department of the Sunday school will assemble. Keep in mind this is their first visit, and the first impression must be good. Introductions to the pastor, the other officials in the church, and members will help to break down the barrier for the newcomer. This job well done by the committee will almost insure that they will return again.

This welcoming committee can be of any size desirable. It should be changed from time to time. Folks who cannot teach often make good "welcomers." It will put more folks to work and will engender a better spirit of friendliness among your congregation.

DAYTON BUS ARRIVES AT CLAYHOLE



The North Riverdale Brethren Church bus, shown above, recently arrived at Clayhole, Ky., its destination, for it was a one-way trip. It was delivered by Mr. William Mitchell and his son as a gift to the Clayhole work. The Berean and Grace Sunday School Classes of the Dayton church were largely responsible for the bus being a gift. However, two other friends of the Clayhole work, Mr. and Mrs. Dalta Myers, of Cutler, Ind., helped with the project.

Mr. Mitchell, who delivered the bus, had the honor of making the first run for the Clayhole Brethren Sunday School, and as a result 79 were added to the attendance record for the day. Using Mr. Mitchell's words, "That was the most fun I ever had."

The bus will be a great help in the Clayhole work, where a lot depends on transportation. Rev. Landrum writes: "We are enjoying the bus and it really will carry a load. The Chevy, almost slowed to a standstill, will be junked."

HOME MISSION WORKSHOP

The Brethren Home Missions Council will conduct two identical workshops for all of its missionaries this spring. All of the missionaries west of the Mississippi River will attend the workshop at Chico, Calif., being held on February 23, 24, and 25. The men of the eastern States will attend the workshop at Winona Lake, held March 2, 3, and 4.

The personnel will include L. L. Grubb, Lester E. Pifer, and Harold Etling; Bernard Schneider will assist in the Winona Lake meeting. The purpose will be for inspiration, fellowship, new ideas for home mission churches, and instruction on some of the important issues and practical things of Brethren home missions. Discussion periods will be held on such subjects as the pastor, his family, and the ministry; location, construction, organization, administration, public relations, and personal evangelism in the home mission churches. Problems of current interest will be discussed in an open forum each day.

The workshops are being designed specifically for home mission personnel to increase our effectiveness in building the home mission church, and to speed up the progress of evangelizing America.

ISRAEL CALLS!

BIGOTS! DON'T BE ONE!

By Bruce L. Button

I have before me on my desk two publications: one a sporadically published two-page news sheet titled "Common Sense," the other a 275-page book titled "The Christianity of Sholem Asch." The news sheet is written by Conde McGinley, of Union, N. J., and is an unfair, unwarranted attack upon the Jews. A casual reading of this news sheet will show McGinley for what he is: a rabid, gentile anti-Semite. The book is written by Chaim Lieberman, of New York, and is an unfair, unwarranted attack upon the Jew, Sholem Asch. A casual reading of this book will show Lieberman for what he is: a rabid, Jewish anti-Christian. Both men have been "tarred with the same stick." The strange part of all this is each man claims to be defending the Biblical way of life and he does so by condemning the other's theory. The truth of the matter is neither has the remotest idea of the teaching of the Old Testament and the New Testament. Both use the tactics of the "Apostles of Hate" in that they misrepresent facts and distort the true reading of Scripture (when they rely on Scripture to support their position) or they extract passages from their context, causing such passages to carry an entirely different meaning than was intended. Such actions are not the actions of men of high moral character!

In "Common Sense" Conde McGinley attacks the Jew *because he is a Jew*. His cry is, "Can anything good come from Jews?" To McGinley the very fact a person is a Jew means he is a Communist and is plotting to enslave the gentile world. As proof of this he waves a bogus, trumped-up "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," together with a series of lies and character assassination against Jewish people of note. McGinley is a noted repeater of "smear charges." What he fails to tell his readers is these "smear charges" have been more than adequately met and refuted in most cases. And in those few cases where charges have been substantiated, the Jewish community has been the first to demand action against the culprit.

"Common Sense" is an easy and effective way to refute the misrepresentations of McGinley and others of his kind. In one breath he claims the Jew has founded communism in order to destroy capitalism, and in the next breath he claims the Jew is a capitalist, which means that he is against everything, including labor unions, which interferes with his money-making. He is a Karl Marx on the one hand and a J. P. Morgan on the other. He owns all the railroads and he is the leader of all the labor unions which keep the feet of the railroads to the fire. He owns the mines and he is behind John L. Lewis and his miners' union. He is trying to cart everything off to Jerusalem and he is telling Jews what fools they are for even wanting to go to Jerusalem. He wants the Jew to be king of the earth, and yet he is so ashamed of his Jewishness that he is running to the plastic surgeon to have his nose gentilized, and to the law court to have his name gentilized. What's wrong with this McGinley and his anti-Semitic friends that he even remotely thinks he can shove such unreasonable idiotic drivels down the throats of thinking Christians?

McGinley would have you to believe that since com-

munist is the philosophy of the Jew, Karl Marx, it is a product of Judaism. But again he fails to tell all the facts. He does not tell you that Karl Marx, who was born in Prussia on May 5, 1818, had a Jewish father who professed to be a believer in Christ and Christianity. This man was subsequently "baptized" into the Evangelical Established Church of the Kingdom of Prussia, a closed corporation of gentile Protestants. And Karl Marx was "baptized" as a youth and received spiritual training in this same organization. This indicates how much Jewish people or Judaism had to do with Karl Marx and the foundation of communism.

But Karl Marx did not get his ideas concerning communism from Christianity. He got them from a group of Jew-hating, God-hating, Bible-dishonoring gentiles by the names of Bauer and Hegel and Strauss. And the worst offender was Fredrich Engels, a German. This man not only inspired Karl Marx with his ideas but he even provided the necessary funds that Marx might devote all his time to outlining the philosophy of communism. Strange, is it not, that from the same nationality, German, springs the anti-God philosophy of communism, and the God-honoring doctrines of our Brethren Church.

With this short exposé one should be able to discern the policy of Conde McGinley. It is the half-truth and untruth to gain his point. Not much else could be expected from one associated with anti-Semites of the stripe of Merwin K. Hart, Allen Zoll, Benjamin Freedman, Joseph Kamp, Robert Williams, and Gerald L. K. Smith. These men hide behind the cloak of Christianity and strike at the blood-brothers of the One who is the center of Christianity. Someday the Lord of Glory, Jesus the Messiah, will strip them of their cloak and they will stand naked for judgment. Can it be possible they do not realize that the curse of God rests upon those who molest or torment "The Chosen People"? Are they ignorant of the Bible truth that the blessing of the Christian is entirely conditional upon God's "Chosen People" receiving blessing also? I do not believe so. They are doing this for the same reason that Pharaoh did what he did. They hate the Jew with a Satanic hate.

The reason I have no time for the anti-Semite is because he is an empty-headed clown without a sense of humor (unless you can call the diabolical glee with which such men beheld the Jewish sufferings at the concentration camps of Buchenwald and Dachau and the gas chambers of Oswiecim, by the name of humor). If the anti-Semite had a sense of sane humor he would realize the ridiculous position his reasoning places him in, and he would laugh himself back to a normal human being. He should realize God's Word says:

"They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent; THEY ARE CONFEDERATE AGAINST THEE [God]" (Psa. 83:3-5).

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CORRECTION. Crusade Team Two is scheduled to be in Findlay, Ohio, Feb. 23-Mar. 7, and not in Camden, Ohio. Due to a misunderstanding this change was necessary. Please change your Annual to read Randall L. Rossman, P. O. Box 35, Camden, Ohio.

DAYTON, OHIO—Rev. Clyde Balyo resumed his active preaching on Feb. 7. A recent operation on his throat accounted for his absence.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF.—A winter retreat was conducted at Acorn Lodge beginning Feb. 5. Many young people from the First Brethren Church attended. Glenn O'Neal is pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Miss Janet Merrick, of the First Brethren Church, received the National Honor Society award granted to high-school seniors for extraordinary scholarship and leadership. Congratulations!

DAYTON, OHIO—Rev. Roy Snyder, missionary on furlough from French Equatorial Africa, was guest speaker at the Patterson Park Brethren Church on Jan. 31. C. S. Zimmerman is pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—Dr. Herman A. Hoyt was Bible conference speaker at the First Brethren Church Feb. 14-20. R. M. Ward is pastor.

OSCEOLA, IND.—Dr. Paul R. Bauman conducted a four-day Bible conference here Feb. 7-10. Scott Weaver is pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF.—Chaplain Wayne Flory (USA) was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church Jan. 31. Victor Meyers is pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA.—Rev. Gordon J. Leininger, national field secretary for American Evangelistic Association, was the guest speaker on Feb. 7 at the First Brethren Church. Clyde K. Landrum is pastor.

WINCHESTER, VA.—The Atlantic District young people's rally will be conducted here Mar. 5-6. Rev. Paul Dick will be host pastor.

DAYTON, TENN.—Rev. Garner Hoyt, associate professor in linguistics at Bryan University, left New York by plane for Algeria on his way to Pakistan. Mr. Hoyt is linguistic advisor to Mr. Frank C. Laubach, the world's leading literacy expert, and the originator of the "each one teach one" method of instruction. Mr. Hoyt will return to Dayton sometime in May.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—The American Red Cross Bloodmobile set up to care for donors of blood at Grace Theological Seminary on February 19. Dr. Paul R. Bauman represented the seminary in making the arrangements.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.—Miss Iris Heckman is confined in the Presbyterian Hospital with a broken pelvis, the result of an automobile accident on Feb. 3. Miss Heckman is associated with our missionary work to the Navaho Indians.



FINDLAY, OHIO—The Grace Brethren Church is now worshipping in their new auditorium. A new Wurlitzer organ and a Lester studio piano were presented to the church by a family who are not members of the church. They have also ordered a set of wall chimes. All services are showing marked increase in attendance. This is one of our growing home-mission churches. Forest Lance is pastor.

GARWIN, IOWA—The Carleton Brethren Church extended their pastor, Rev. R. Paul Miller, Jr., a \$400-a-year raise in salary and a \$50 bonus.

SOUTH GATE, CALIF.—The First Brethren Church has their own news correspondent for the Brethren Missionary Herald. Mr. Bruce Derwing is the correspondent. This is a suggestion for other churches. These correspondents could send in all news that is of general interest to the entire brotherhood. Fifty young

people attended the Acorn Lodge Snow Conference Jan. 29-31.

SEATTLE, WASH.—The View Ridge Brethren Church is joining the ranks of 100-percent churches subscribing to the Missionary Herald. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF.—Dr. Duff-Forbes conducted a two-night Bible conference at the First Brethren Church Feb. 3-4. Lewis Hohenstein is pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF.—A teacher-training program has been introduced by Rev. Raymond Thompson, pastor of the Brethren Christian Center. Two courses are studied each Tuesday night under the Evangelical Teacher Training Association of Chicago. Rev. Ralph Colburn conducted a youth conference here Feb. 21-24.

UNIONTOWN, PA.—The First Brethren Church considered the Grace Bible Conference, conducted at Grace Seminary Jan. 25-28, of such value that they paid the expenses of their pastor so he might attend. A very fine gesture!

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Dr. and Mrs. Russell Barnard arrived back in the States on Feb. 6, arriving by plane in Miami, Fla. They spent one week with their daughter in Waco, Tex., and arrived at Winona Lake on Feb. 15. We praise God for his blessing upon them during the thousands of miles of travel in South America in the interest of our foreign-missionary work.

CONEMAUGH, PA.—The Singer Hill Brethren Church presented a dedicatory organ recital on Thursday, Feb. 11. Kenneth E. Wilt is pastor.

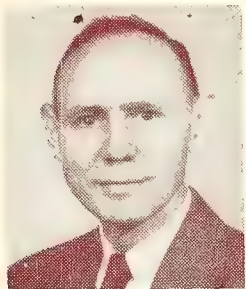
FREMONT, OHIO—The Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene here April 20-23.

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.—Head football coach at the University of North Carolina, George Barclay does more than coach football. He urges the members of his team to faithfully attend church each Sunday.

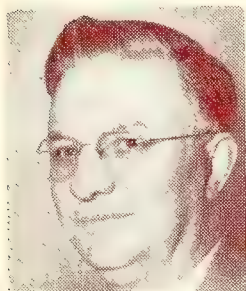
PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Eternity magazine, edited by Dr. Donald Barnhouse, has named Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as the "man of the year for 1953." Dr. Barnhouse writes, "Mr. Dulles has boldly entered the world situation with strong statements for moral leadership on general Christian principles."

HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE?

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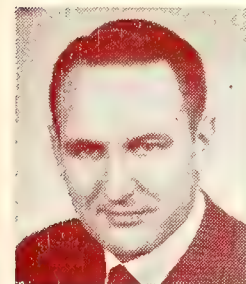
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By Mr. H. J. Schumacher, Elkhart, Ind.
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Hebrews 2:3 has been used times without number as a text for messages on salvation. Rightly so! However, I believe we can find an even deeper application for the child of God.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." The Apostle Paul begins the book by pointing out a striking fact. In times past God had made His will known to His people by sending to them His prophets, but (glory to His name!) now He has spoken by His Son. In clear and unmistakable language the Son takes up where the prophets have left off.

In John 3:18 Jesus tells Nicodemus, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." We who have believed have obtained salvation by simply believing in His name. How about those who have not yet believed? How shall we escape if we neglect to take the message of life to them?

When the Lord Jesus Christ gave the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19) I am sure He wasn't speaking just to preachers. He was talking to His followers, and that includes you and me. He was giving a great and glorious task to all who are His. Someday each one shall stand in His presence. Then we shall have to give an account of the deeds done in the flesh, after we were saved. Will we hear Him say, "Well done," or will we have to hang our heads in shame because we have failed to carry our portion of the load?

Our blessed Lord commands believers to do all possible to get the message of life to those who have not yet heard. We may not be blessed with the ability to preach or teach, nevertheless we can have a part in proclaiming the blessed gospel of reconciliation.

God has been unmistakably and wonderfully blessing the ministry of your *Brethren Board of Evangelism*. Report after report has been received of many souls saved and many restorations of fellowship with the Lord. Pastors have been thrilled with real revival in their churches.

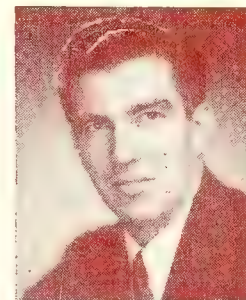
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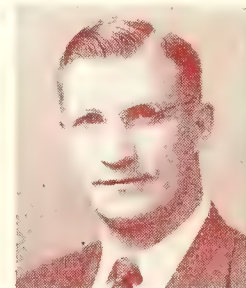
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EVANGELISM SUNDAY

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REVIVAL and EVANGELISM

By Rev. Clyde Landrum



Rev. Clyde Landrum
Pres., Board of Evangelism

Revival fires are burning in the Brethren Church today! Not only is this encouraging, but it is vital to the survival of the Brethren Church. As revival sweeps over our beloved church a resulting wave of evangelism will bring many precious souls to know our Christ as their Saviour. Thereby, the church will grow and its usefulness will be expanded. Your Board of Evangelism, through the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, is praying, preaching, and working in an effort to stir our people to REAL REVIVAL!

THE HISTORY OF THE CRUSADE

The Crusade was conceived in the hearts of men in the Brethren Church who had a love for the souls of men and women. Over a period of years they visualized "such a time as this." The actual birth came in the 1948 National Fellowship when the following resolution from the Central District was unanimously adopted:

"We petition the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to establish at once a distinct and separate Department of Evangelism for the purpose of promoting a passion for the lost souls of men in the hearts of our people, and for the administering of an efficient and permanent evangelistic program on a nationwide scale."

THE PURPOSE OF THE CRUSADE

We need go no further to find the purpose which will guide in this evangelistic ministry. It is to thrill the hearts of all our people with a passion for souls! This will be achieved through revival; THIS WILL BE REVIVAL! The result of

this will be a united nationwide effort to win the lost to Christ! THIS IS EVANGELISM! REVIVAL and EVANGELISM must ever go hand in hand. This is the purpose of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade. In order to achieve our purpose we must keep two aims in mind: (1) Our endeavor must be *efficient* and (2) it must be a *permanent* movement.

AN EFFICIENT PROGRAM

The scope of the Crusade work is nationwide, therefore the Crusade ministry must be available to every church in our brotherhood. So it has been and so it will be. We have conducted meetings in home-mission churches as well as fully established, self-supporting churches. No church is too small, too poor, or too inaccessible for the ministry of the Crusade. It is a privilege to serve all of our churches. The Crusade functions on the "free-will offering" basis, just as other evangelists would do. Our workers are on salary so they can go to any church. Furthermore, in this nationwide ministry no church is asked to pay traveling expense from one meeting to another, but simply deal with its own campaign. The Crusade teams are available to churches in all districts as we are able to cover the United States.

EVANGELISM
SUNDAY
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—BOARD OF
EVANGELISM

(Left to right) R. Paul Miller, evangelist; Herman Schumacher, treasurer; Arnold Kriegbaum, vice president; (seated) Clyde Landrum, president; Walter Lepp, evangelist; William Fisher, secretary.

To carry out the aim of *efficiency* the Board of Evangelism has been increased to 12 members, each of whom serves as an integral part of the evangelistic movement. To further facilitate this evangelistic endeavor, a Crusade representative has been appointed in each of our districts, and these assist in making up schedules and promoting the work in general.

A PERMANENT PROGRAM

The *permanence* of any movement is in the hands of the movement's constituency. As the Crusade is faithful to serve the Brethren Church, God will move to give us meetings and to supply our needs.

The Brethren Church has not achieved its goal as far as evangelism is concerned. We have just begun. We have come a "right smart piece," but there is still a "fur piece" to go! Will you pray that God will so stir and revive the Brethren Church that we shall all be so burdened for souls that we will go out and bring them to Christ? Evangelism is the key to success in every department of our church. As the Crusade is successful in stirring the church to soul-winning, more people will be brought into the churches. As more and more people come into our churches, more funds will be available to our other boards, more young people will be available for training, and thus more laborers put into the great harvest field!

WE NEED YOUR

PRAYERS

AND

GIFTS

CRUSADING FOR CHRIST



TEAM TWO

(Left to right) Charles Bergerson, Walter Lepp, Frank Coffin.

CRUSADE EVANGELIST

By Rev. Walter Lepp

After years of hesitation and waiting upon the Lord for His marching orders, it has become my great privilege to lead Crusade Team 2 into the whitened harvest fields of our great nation.

Our carefully laid plans to start out with a little cash reserve backfired, and if ever a missionary went out by faith, we were those missionaries. But God is faithful, and how thrilling it is to walk by faith. Since our initial meeting in Uniontown, Pa., on September 6 of last year until this present time, our every need has been bountifully supplied. Personal misgivings, as well as those doubts of many friends, have been rebuked and God has been glorified in so many ways that we cannot begin to tell the story here.

It has been our great joy to see 460 decisions for Christ to date. Of this number 142 have confessed Christ as their personal Saviour. That the great majority of these decisions are genuine is evidenced by the fact that revival is continuing in the churches where we have been privileged to serve. Prayer-meeting attendance in most instances has doubled and in some churches it has tripled. The churches have taken on the new look from the old Book and therefore souls are still coming to Christ. Revived members have become soul winners and prayer warriors.

CRUSADE PIANIST

By Rev. Charles Bergerson

I am the pianist and organist for Crusade Team Two. It is a joy and a blessing to have this part in the crusade of winning souls to the Lord Jesus. It is my delight to arrange gospel songs, hymns, spirituals, a few anthems, and other sacred classics for the team, which also functions as a Crusade vocal trio. Nightly we express our joy by beginning each service with our theme song, "I Have the Joy."

With an ever-growing repertoire the trio is able to offer two to four selections each night, along with solos, duets, and piano interpretations of hymns and gospel songs. Since we all believe that good music makes for a good service, we ask wisdom from the Lord daily that our music will be arranged and sung in the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of our Lord. My ministry in the Crusade also involves personal visitation, mainly in the homes of unsaved church members and friends. It is a joy to see the Holy Spirit turn many from death unto life in these homes and then lead them to confess Christ publicly as they respond to the nightly invitation.

My constant prayer is that God will honor and reward His own Word in music and message, and will keep me true to Him, ever desirous of seeing souls saved.

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CRUSADE SONGLEADER

By Frank S. Coffin

I am songleader for Crusade Team Two and what a rich blessing it has been for me! It is a real joy to see lost souls making their way to Christ, and to know that I have had a small part in showing them the way.

Along with leading singing for the services, I direct a Crusade Band for



Crusade Band, North English, Iowa

the boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14. This consists of from 5 to 10 minutes of Bible quizzes, Scripture verses and choruses. It is a thrill to see how these young people work and witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. Many times I have heard parents say they would not have come had it not been for the fact that their children had wanted to come to the Crusade Band. In a recent meeting one girl, of about 14 years of age, was instrumental in winning her mother, father, and brother to Christ. This is just one incident among many showing how important it is to teach our young people the wonderful plan of salvation and to see them in turn point others to Christ.

My prayer is that we as a team might be used of God to stir men and women in these last days to do a greater work for our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Crusade Flashes!

BERNE, IND.

Crusade Team Two closed a two-weeks campaign at Berne, Ind., on Sunday, Feb. 21. As this Herald goes to press the campaign is in the first week, and Rev. Lepp reports that the attendance has been fine. Rev. Ord Gehman, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, reports that the team is doing a wonderful piece of work.

Evangelism Sunday—Feb. 28

HAGERSTOWN, MD.

A laymen's rally was conducted by Crusade Team One in the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown on Feb. 1. The laymen voted to apply for membership in the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen. A definite soul-winning program has been planned under the leadership of Rev. Russell Weber, pastor.

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HOLLINS, VA.

Tuesday night, Feb. 2, Crusade Team One conducted a rally in the Mountain View Brethren Church, of which Rev. Edward Bowman is pastor. God blessed the rally and a wonderful spirit was prevalent in the service.

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SPIRIT OF CHRIST!

In order to assist with the evangelistic meeting recently conducted in the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which is a home-mission church, the First Brethren Church of Dallas Center, Iowa (Rev. True Hunt, pastor), and the Pleasant Grove Brethren Church (Rev. Clarence Lackey, pastor) contributed extra to the Crusade treasury. This is the Spirit of Christ. God will bless such a spirit as this! Here is the reason for Evangelism Sunday, Feb. 28. An offering will assist and make it possible for the Crusade Teams to go into small fields that need such ministry.

Evangelism Sunday—Feb. 28

ROANOKE, VA.

Crusade Team One held rallies in the Ghent Brethren Church (Rev. Robert E. A. Miller, pastor) and in the Clearbrook Brethren Church (Rev. William Howard, pastor). God blessed in both rallies, and the men were challenged to soul winning.

WHY AN OFFERING---

FOR THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM?

By Mr. Bryson Feters

Member, Board of Evangelism

1. It has been the privilege of the Crusade Teams to minister the Word of God in several of our fine new home-mission churches that are being established under the capable leadership of the Brethren Home Missions Council. To do this it is frequently necessary to secure funds from other sources inasmuch as the young church cannot afford such an extensive program of evangelism. And yet it is the very type of evangelism such a church frequently needs.

2. The Crusade Teams need equipment. When the Crusade Teams go into a field they take with them all the equipment necessary to put on a real campaign. This means the purchase of public-address systems, tracts, Gospels of John, Crusade Band materials, and other literature.

3. The movement of the Crusade Teams throughout the United States is no small matter. To do this we need some type of transportation. The Board of Evangelism is considering the purchase of station wagons for the Teams. These would enable them to carry the luggage, equipment, and supplies.

4. Team Two must be supplied with a large tent and seats for summer campaigns. These tents have proved very valuable as they are used in connection with well-established churches. Frequently, people who would never attend a campaign being conducted in a church building will go to a tent meeting.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CRUSADE

Atlantic—Russell H. Weber

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Michigan—Richard Jackson, Jr.

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Northern Ohio—Miles Taber

Northwest—William Schaffer

Southeast—Robert E. A. Miller

CRUSADE VICTORIES

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA



THE I. W. HERR FAMILY
(Mrs. Herr Was Confined in Home by Illness)

DOES EVANGELISM PAY

By Rev. True Hunt, Pastor

First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa

Our revival with the Crusade team was indeed a mountaintop experience for both the pastor and people. The Lord used the members of the team in a marvelous way, resulting in a genuine revival among our members, the salvation of many souls, and a general awakening of the town to the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord blessed and encouraged with many visible results. There were a total of 90 definite decisions—46 for salvation and 44 for restored fellowship and dedication of life! The Lord be praised! This series of meetings was by far one of the richest of blessings bestowed upon this flock since this pastor has been on the field, and many members indicating they had no remembrance of the working of the Holy Spirit among them as He worked during these two weeks.

There is a genuine interest in souls and great joy being manifest by



Rev. Lepp Presents Family Altar Picture to I. W. Herr, Who Had Largest Family Present.

members at the victories in the lives of so many for whom they had been praying. One fine feature of these meetings was that families as a whole came unto the Lord or families were completed in the Lord, yet no one family as a whole came to the Lord on one night. Another outstanding encouragement to the pastor is the acceptance of the Lord by many young people and the organization of a new young people's group. The interest of the meeting spread to other churches of the town and was attended by many of their members, a number of which responded to the invitation of the Gospel.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA.

By R. Paul Miller

The Chambersburg (Pond Bank), Pa. meeting is over! What a meeting it has been. It reminded me of the kind of meetings we had years ago. We were called out in the night after the service was over to deal with troubled souls. There were three definite decisions that came to Christ in this way.

The closing night there were 27 decisions for Christ. What a sight to see men breaking with sin and taking their stand for Christ along with their wives. Some literally ran down the aisle to join their wives and embrace them in Christ Jesus. This whole community has been stirred for Christ. There were 81 decisions for Christ, of which 75 were first-time confessions. Of this number 12 were children. Nearly 20 families were added to the work.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

By Walter Lepp

The Lord blessed in the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with 16 first-time decisions for Christ and 21 restorations and dedications, making a total of 37. The Monday-night calling program, instituted by the pastor before the special meetings began, proved a great blessing. The special challenge which was presented by the Crusade team during the meetings resulted in a zeal for bringing new people to the services.

The Bible-school superintendent was responsible for bringing 45 new people to the services and his untiring effort challenged others to do likewise. It is little wonder that the Bible school set a new record for attendance on the last Sunday.

It is thrilling to see a young home-mission church with such zeal and passion for the lost. The present church building already is inadequate to care for the growing Bible school, and extra chairs were used frequently during the special meetings.

WARRANT YOUR SUPPORT

REAL REVIVAL

By R. Paul Miller

The idea that revival starts when the evangelist arrives and stops when he leaves is all too prevalent, and sometimes too true. But with Crusade teams it isn't that way. Read this from New Troy after Crusade Team One had been there in a campaign:

"The Crusaders group of soul winners formed during the recent campaign in our church is going fine. The testimonies and reports that came out of the harvest meeting the other night were inspiring, and new prospects for Christ came out of it. We are keeping right after it and we see the Lord working in our midst again. It would have done your heart good to hear those reports."

"The folks are still burdened for the lost of this section and are praying and getting out and visiting. They are not only calling on those to whom they are assigned, but on strangers. These are being brought out to church. It is doing wonders for our own people, and the Lord will surely bless our efforts and answer our prayers."

...Read this from Berrien Springs after their meeting closed a month ago:

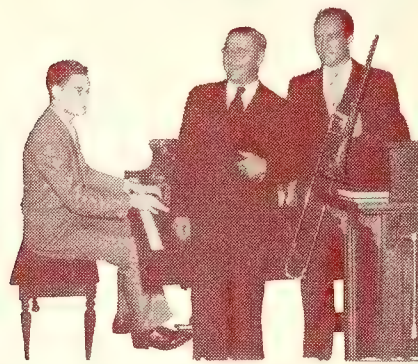
"The crusaders group here had a fine meeting with Bro. Richard Jackson coming over from New Troy to speak to us. It was wonderful. The Crusaders here are out in the community seeking souls for Christ. Some of the new converts are among the best workers, and doing a tremendous job of witnessing for Christ among their friends and neighbors. There are seven teams of crusaders

here and that means real growth ahead."

That is real revival. It is still going on. Real revival does not end when the special meetings close. Real revival means to stir and equip the church to go on winning souls all year, or continuous revival.

Mr. X. lives in Martinsburg, W. Va. He was far from God. He was drinking hard. His life was full of sin. His home was unhappy. He and his wife needed the Lord in the worst way. A Christian foreman, a member of the church, brought Mr. X. to the revival. God's Spirit melted his heart and made him long for freedom from it all. He was saved that night. He made a clean-cut decision for Christ. Three nights later his wife came to the meeting and was saved. The home was transformed. That Saturday night when X. came from work he had his arms full of good things for the family. His wife met him at the door and started to cry. He said, "What is the matter, Honey? Aren't you glad to see me?" "Yes," she replied, "but this is the first Saturday night you ever came home without a sack of liquor in your arm. Oh, I'm so happy. Jesus is a wonderful Saviour." Today X. and his wife are pillars in the church and their children are following Dad and Mother to heaven.

All year long such things are happening in Brethren churches all over the land where Crusade teams are working—in large churches or in little groups of only a dozen members. It is all the same to the Crusade workers. Souls are souls. The harder the field, the more they need



TEAM ONE

(Left to right) Jesse Gingrich, R. Paul Miller, Max Williams.

real help. Team One will have been in nine small fields by summer in this one season, fields that could never have had the help of an evangelistic team but for the Crusade. To make it possible to go into these small fields the Crusade needs a real offering on Evangelism Sunday, February 28.

Evangelism Sunday—Feb. 28

CRUSADE SONGLEADER

By Max Williams

I have been with the Crusade for only a few campaigns, but it has been long enough for me to realize why God is blessing the Crusade. I have seen how a crusade team not only seeks unsaved for Christ, but also gets under a pastor's burdens and difficulties and leaves him with many of his problems solved and with new courage in his heart to go on and fight the good fight for Christ. It leaves a revived congregation that is a real implement in the pastor's work.

Evangelism Sunday—Feb. 28

CRUSADE PIANIST

By Jesse L. Gingrich

I have just joined the Crusade as pianist. I have been in only one campaign with the Crusade, but it is enough to cause me to say that I am not sorry I gave up my job to have a part in this most wonderful movement that is now getting under way in the Brethren Church. I am glad that God called me to have a part in winning souls of children and young people.

What Is the Value of a Soul?

**Give on February 28 That an Aggressive Evangelistic Program
Might Be Advanced in the Brethren Church**

The Brethren
Missionary Herald





EDITORIALS

By Paul R. Bauman, Vice President

The Treasures of the Snow

Winter has at last come to Winona Lake, and the beauties of the snow are enjoyed by all, but especially by those who experience its loveliness for the first time. The scene on the front cover shows one of the porches of the Winona Hotel, the largest of the three in Winona Lake which teem with life and activity during the summer conference season. Snow is a wonderful manifestation of the forethought, providence, and handiwork of God. Long ago God said to Job: "Hast thou considered the treasures of the snow?" We have come to understand more about the meaning of the divine words, for in recent years scientists have learned something about the tremendous value of snow. For example, during the cold winter months it forms a warm blanket to protect seeds and tender herbage from freezing and destruction. Snow also helps to bring precious nitrogen to the soil. This element is so very necessary for the major items of our diet. Apart from its commercial value, snow is a remarkable manifestation of the handiwork of God. Examined under the microscope its octagonal crystals reveal lacy patterns of indescribable symmetry and beauty. They also speak of the infinite wisdom of God, for of all the billions of snowflakes that fall, no two are exactly alike.

Snow is also admired because of its whiteness, and many a person has been amazed to see how gray the whitest washing appears when seen hanging on a line after a fresh snowfall. It is said that the great British preacher, Spurgeon, once visited a poor washerwoman who was a member of his congregation. She took real pride in her work, and Spurgeon often admired the whiteness of the clothes she had hung on the line. During this visit, however, fresh snow fell and mantled the ground and the roofs of the houses. As Mr. Spurgeon was about to leave, he commented upon the fact that her clothes did not look as white as they had appeared when he had entered her home. The saint replied: "Ah, Mr. Spurgeon, but what kin compare with God Almighty's white?" Is it any wonder that David, as he sought complete cleansing from the awful sin which he had committed, should pray, "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psa. 51:7)? Praise God, there is such a cleansing, even for the most defiled sinner! For it is written in His Word: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isa. 1:18).

Important Announcements Next Month!

On February 14 the executive committee of the seminary board of trustees met with the administrative committee of the faculty and approved important plans as

the school already prepares for another year. These plans will be announced in detail in the next Educational Number of the Herald. Some of these plans concern the growth and expansion of the college division of the school, and we are sure they will bring a thrill to the heart of every person who is interested in the educational program of the Brethren Church. Watch for this issue!

Send Us Names of Graduating Seniors

Do you know Christian young men and women who expect to graduate from high school next June who you have reason to believe may be led to consider the possibility of enrolling in Grace College next September? A recent letter to the pastors of our National Fellowship has requested the names of all such young people in their congregations. You also can help by sending us the names of other young people who know the Lord and who should seek further training in a Christian school. *If you will so request* we will send the Educational Number of the Brethren Missionary Herald from now until next September free to all such young people who are not already getting the magazine sent to their homes. The Herald will contain much information about the school and will include a large number of pictures also. In order that they may receive the important March issue, names should reach the school not later than the 10th of the month. They may be sent directly to Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., or your pastor will be glad to include them in the names he is sending to the school. The latter course may be the wiser in that it will probably save some duplication of names. Remember this: your interest and help at this time may change the entire course of a life!

A Guest Editorial

This article is written in the hope that it will relieve the minds of parents and other loved ones who have students preparing for the Lord's work at Grace College and Theological Seminary.

Wednesday, January 27, about noon (Dayton, Ohio, time) the parsonage telephone rang. On the other end was Miss Rosella Cochran, who is the nurse at the school and who at the same time is preparing for work as a missionary. Miss Cochran advised me that my son, Alva (a college student at Grace Seminary), had an attack of appendicitis and an immediate operation was being suggested by the doctors. Dayton is approximately 175 miles from Winona Lake, and it was rather difficult to make a decision immediately. Being advised

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XAPIS - - - What Is That?

Perhaps you have seen a copy of Grace Seminary's yearbook, and have paused at its title. Maybe you have bravely attempted pronouncing it, and came out with "Ex-apis—what is that?" Students and alumni of Grace Seminary are well acquainted with the word, but an explanation is due our many other friends.

XAPIS is the Greek word which means "grace" or "favor." Since Greek is the original language of the New Testament, students of Grace Seminary and College spend a large part of their time learning its intricacies. It doesn't take long until the word XAPIS appears in the vocabulary. From that time on, students of New Testament literature are never very far from the study of "grace."

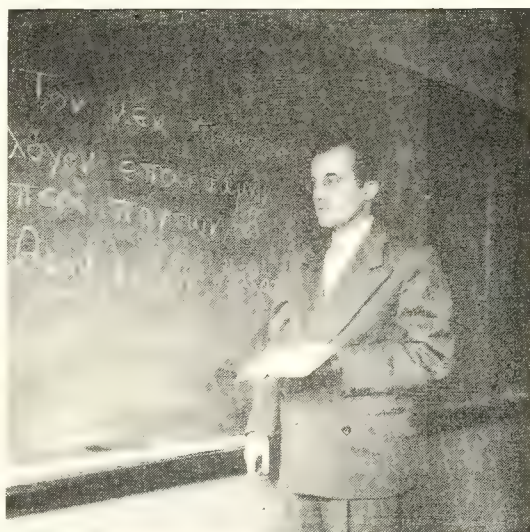
Since the letters of the Greek alphabet differ from English, the pronunciation must be derived by transliterating the Greek letters to their English equivalents. XAPIS transliterates to the English "CHARIS" (pronounced kah'riss). The word appears 156 times in the Greek New Testament, and is translated usually "grace." Other translations used are "favor," "thanks," "pleasure," "benefit," and "gift."

This word "grace," so rich with meaning, was chosen in 1937 as the name for our seminary. The very existence of the school is an evidence of the grace and favor of God who arranged the circumstances which brought it into being. Each day since its beginning, Grace Seminary has had reason to praise the God of grace who has continued to supply the needs, and produce the growth which is now obvious to all. The faculty of Grace Seminary has been faithful in giving the grace of God a prominent place in the classroom, chapel programs, and in every prayer meeting. Since Grace students are constantly reminded of the grace of God, it is not surprising that this name was chosen by them as the name for their yearbook.

But the greatest significance of the word "grace," which gives meaning to the name of the school and of the yearbook, is its use in Scripture to denote the blessings of God in salvation. Grace is the favor which God bestows upon men in providing salvation for those who are sinners (Rom. 3:24, 5:28). It is grace which enables us to perform our ministries for Him (Eph. 3:8). It is in the realm of grace that we experience spiritual growth (II Pet. 3:18).

Hence a number of years ago, the student body chose this name XAPIS as the symbol of their education at Grace Seminary, and the proper title of the book which memorializes the school year, for the doctrine of the grace of God is a very precious thing to the instructed child of God.

By Homer A. Kent, Jr.



GRACE SEMINARY GIFTS FOR JANUARY 1954

Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ..	3.00	Modesto, Calif. (La	
Ankenytown, Ohio	23.00	Loma)	52.50
Ashland, Ohio	227.75	Munday's Corner, Pa. ...	9.00
Baumont, Calif.	4.00	New Troy, Mich.	21.00
Bellflower, Calif.	19.00	Norwalk, Calif.	59.00
Camden, Ohio	5.00	Osceola, Ind.	165.75
Clay City, Ind.	23.00	Philadelphia, Pa. (1) ..	267.88
Conemaugh, Pa.	71.00	Portland, Oreg.	8.00
Covington, Ohio	17.16	Radford, Va.	6.00
Dallas Center, Iowa ...	4.00	Roanoke, Va. (Wash.	
Dayton, Ohio (1)	2.00	Heights)	40.00
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riv.)	489.50	San Diego, Calif.	15.00
Dayton, Ohio (P. Pk.)	142.00	Sidney, Ind.	20.50
Everett, Pa.	9.00	South Bend, Ind.	15.00
Flora, Ind.	5.00	South Pasadena, Calif. ..	47.50
Glendale, Calif.	52.00	Summit Mills, Pa.	4.00
Harrah, Wash.	28.00	Sunnyside, Wash.	550.50
Harrisburg, Pa.	58.25	Temple City, Calif.	25.00
Hollidaysburg, Pa.	1.00	Tracy, Calif.	15.50
Homerville, Ohio	5.00	Troy, Ohio	24.00
Huntington, Ind.	10.00	Uniontown, Pa.	10.00
Jenners, Pa.	17.00	Washington, D. C.	15.00
Johnstown, Pa. (1) ...	124.00	Whittier, Calif. (Com-	
Kittanning, Pa. (1) ...	22.00	munity)	42.06
Lake Odessa, Mich. ...	1.00	Whittier, Calif. (1)	127.60
La Verne, Calif.	70.00	Winchester, Va.	43.75
Leon, Iowa	1.00	Winona Lake, Ind.	442.15
Limestone, Tenn.	3.00	Winona Lake, Ind.	
Listie, Pa.	40.05	(Special)	22.04
Long Beach, Calif. (1)	10.00	Wooster, Ohio	42.50
Long Beach, Calif. (2)	192.50	Yellow Creek, Pa.	34.50
Los Angeles, Calif. (1)	14.00	Miscellaneous—	
Los Angeles, Calif. (3)	12.00	Isolated Brethren	132.00
Mansfield, Ohio	10.00	Non-Brethren	281.00
Martinsburg, Pa.	105.00		
Middlebranch, Ohio ...	8.00	Total	4,366.34

The closing address of the seminary's Grace Bible Conference, sponsored by the Alumni Association, was brought by Rev. Wesley Haller ('51). Brother Haller recently assumed the pastorate of the First Brethren Church in Middlebranch, Ohio. His interesting message, at our request, has been condensed and prepared for publication. Tychicus is a little-known character of the New Testament, and his biography must be pieced together from scattered references. The article shows once again how eloquently the Bible is able to speak of a man's character, even though the words be few in number.—P. R. B.

The Example of Tychicus

By Rev. Wesley Haller ('51)

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "The greatest geniuses have the shortest biographies." If this be true, Tychicus is a genius. Mention of him in God's Word is very brief. In the Book of Acts we learn that he was a traveling companion of the Apostle Paul. The mention of him in Ephesians 6:21-22 leads us to believe that here was a man who won the highest confidence of Paul. This is the one personal name besides Paul's in this letter to the church at Ephesus.

In Colossians 4:7-8 Paul writes that Tychicus was "a beloved brother, a faithful minister, and a fellow-servant in the Lord."

A Beloved Brother

This speaks to us of his relationship to other Christians.

John was an intimate disciple of the Lord. To him is given the privilege of writing on the love of God. In his first epistle, he presents the love of God as being reciprocal. God is the source of all love. The love that comes from Him must be returned to Him. A reading of this epistle will bear out that the best test for loving God is to love the brethren, and we can only know that we love God if we love the brethren.

Fellowship with God and with His Son involves fellowship with one another (read I John 3:23). Love for our fellow children of God is the evidence of our faith. Notice also in I John 4:7-11 five circles of facts centering on love: (1) Love is from God, as its one fountain and source (7b). (2) If you love, you are born again (7c). (3) One that lacks this love cannot claim that he knows (has a heart knowledge) of God (8a). (4) God is love (8b), and has given evidence of His love by sending His Son (9-10). (5) After having shed all this light, John returns to the original admonition with which he began.

Do you love your fellow Christians? The tragedy of the church today is a lack of genuine love for brothers and sisters in the Lord. God grant that we may be considered "beloved in the Lord," even as Tychicus many years ago.

A Faithful Minister

This was Tychicus' relationship to the world.

Our relationship to the world, according to I John 2:15-17, is to love it not, that is, love not its pleasures, but rather, love the souls of men. The word "minister" carries the meaning, "one who executes a commission."

The Great Commission of Christ (Matt. 28:19-20) was to go into all the world. That includes not only Africa, but the city, town, or hamlet in which you live.

God expects his ministers to be faithful. Not only should this be true of elders in the local church, for, in a sense, all children of God are ministers of Jesus Christ (I Cor. 4:1; cf. I Cor. 1:2, destination of this epistle, to all who call on the Lord). Although the word used here in 4:1 is not the same, yet this word for "minister," and the one in the Colossians passage are synonymous, and one can be substituted for the other without changing the meaning of either passage.

All of us, then, are ambassadors for the Lord Jesus Christ (II Cor. 5:20). An ambassador, according to Webster's Dictionary is "a minister of the highest rank accredited to a foreign government, as the official representative of his own government or sovereign." We are Christ's representatives in this old sin-sick world.

How are *you* getting along with your ministry?

A Fellow-servant in the Lord

This speaks to us of Tychicus' relationship to the Lord.

The word "fellow-servant" contains within it the word "bondslave." What is a bondslave? Read Exodus 21:1-6. A bondslave was one who gave himself up wholly to another's will; one who had lost control of himself; one who served another even to the disregard of his own interests.

Tychicus was bound to Jesus by the bands of love. Tychicus was born into slavery to sin by his first birth, and into the position of a loving bondage of Christ by his new birth.

Such should be our relationship to the Lord. What can we do but surrender to Him when His will is revealed to us!

Tychicus, Beloved, Faithful, Fellow-servant

The Apostle Paul found him to be what every Christian should be to his fellow Christian—"a beloved brother." He found him to be what every officer and member of the church must strive to be, whether in high or low capacity—"a faithful minister, and a fellow-servant in the Lord."

If God were to write your biography for inclusion in His Word, would He be able to write these things of your life? Or do you fail to meet this standard? God help us to quit holding out on Him, and make these things a part of our Christian life.

The Grace Bible Conference

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr., Alumni Secretary

"The best alumni conference yet!" This is the general consensus of opinion on the part of those who attended the Third Annual Grace Bible Conference, sponsored by the alumni association, and held at Grace Seminary January 25-28. We have much to thank the Lord for as we look back upon this time of rich spiritual refreshment and Christian fellowship, and we wish to express our deep appreciation to all of you who could not attend, but who faithfully remembered us in your prayers.

The conference got off to a good start on Monday, with stirring messages by *Reese Johnson* ('51), of Wawaka, Ind., and *Ivan French* ('53), of Elkhart, Ind. We were happy to see the chapel filled on Monday night as *Ivan French* spoke on "Elijah Under the Juniper Tree," bringing spiritual encouragement to all of us. Also that night we heard testimonies of God's blessings in the Osceola-Elkhart area by *Scott Weaver* ('53) and *Lowell Hoyt* ('45).

On Tuesday morning, the entire student body of the college and seminary received the blessing of devotional messages from *Kenneth Marken* ('50), of Albion, Ind., and *Russell Ward* ('45), of Cleveland, Ohio. Testimonies were given by *Gerald Polman* ('46), from York, Pa., *Clyde Landrum* ('48), from Uniontown, Pa., *Ralph Burns* ('52), from Clay City, Ind., and *Chaplain Harold Morr* ('53), from Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. Chaplain Morr gave a remarkable report of his work among the servicemen of his base.

In the afternoon session, *Lester Pifer* ('47) read an important paper on home missions which he and *Dr. L. L. Grubb* ('37) had prepared for the conference. *Dr. McClain* led the discussion period which followed. The day closed with a challenging message by *Charles Ashman, Jr.* ('50), of Rittman, Ohio, and testimonies by *Maynard Tittle* ('52), of Culver, Ind., and *Robert Griffith* ('53), of Lake Odessa, Mich.

Wednesday morning began with an excellent devotional message on "The Potter's Vessel," by *J. Ward Tressler* ('48), of Juniata, Pa., and an interesting survey of missionary work in French Equatorial Africa by *S. Wayne Beaver* ('43). Testimonies were given by *Russell Ogden* ('53), of South Bend, Ind., *John Stoll* ('49), of Cedarville Baptist College, Cedarville, Ohio, *John Burns* ('49), of Listie, Pa., and *Roy Snyder* ('49), missionary to French Equatorial Africa.

A very profitable afternoon session began with a testimony by *Kenneth Teague* ('51), of Wheaton, Ill., and a paper on "The Army Chaplain," by *Gordon Cook* ('44), at present a postgraduate student in the seminary. *Dr. Paul Bauman* ('34) led the discussion period which followed. At 5:30 over 60 alumni and friends gathered at the seminary chapel for a color-slide lecture on Palestine by *R. Wayne Snider* ('53). This was followed by a delicious supper for alumni in the lower auditorium. At the evening service, a very helpful message on "Christian Giving" was delivered by *Ord Gehman* ('35), Berne, Ind., after testimonies by *Jack Mellick* ('41), of Jeromesville, Ohio, and *John Schaich*, of Flint, Mich.

On Thursday morning *Clair Brickel* ('52), Clayton,



Alumni association officers for 1954 are, left to right, John Whitcomb, alumni secretary; Gerald Polman, treasurer; Clyde Landrum, president; and John Stoll, vice president. Russell Ogden was elected recording secretary, but was not present for the picture.

Ohio, spoke on "The Christian's Armor," and *Glenn Smouse* ('52) gave an expository message on Genesis 39, concerning Joseph in the house of Potiphar. *Mrs. Roy Snyder* ('47), a missionary to French Equatorial Africa, and *Russell Weber*, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Hagerstown, Md., gave the testimonies of the morning. In the afternoon, *Harold Etling* ('39), gave a challenging message on the Sunday school, with the discussion period being led by *Dr. Herman Hoyt* ('35). In the evening session, *Angie Garber* ('51) gave a brief testimony of her work among the Navaho Indians, and then *Wesley Haller* ('51), Ankenytown, Ohio, retiring vice president of the alumni association, gave the final message of the conference on "Tychicus" (Col. 4:7). *Robert Ashman* ('36) led the singing during the day.

In addition to nearly 300 students and local friends, exactly 47 alumni attended the various conference sessions, some traveling from as far as Texas and Maryland to be here. Fifteen chapel services, three special prayer meetings, two business meetings, and a banquet were held during the four-day conference, making use of the newly furnished social lounge and the new organ in the chapel.

At the business sessions it was decided that the 1954 alumni project would be \$1,500 for desperately needed sidewalks from the seminary to King's Highway and Wooster Road. Officers for the coming year are: president, *Clyde Landrum* ('48); vice president, *John Stoll* ('49); recording secretary, *Russell Ogden* ('53); treasurer, *Gerald Polman* ('46); and alumni secretary, *John C. Whitcomb, Jr.* ('51). Sixteen regional representatives of the association were appointed to assist in the raising of funds for the alumni project. As all will agree who have visited the seminary this winter, the alumni motto is still very appropriate: "Let's Get Grace Seminary Out of the Mud!" May God lay upon the heart of each alumnus and friend of Grace Seminary a vital concern for the continued testimony of a school which is close not only to our hearts, but above all, to the heart of God himself!

Greeting the New Staff Members

Grace Seminary and College is pleased to announce at the beginning of the second semester the addition of three members to its staff. Mrs. Lester Pifer is now serving part time as assistant office secretary due to the inability of Mrs. William Male to continue her work at the school. Mrs. Pifer has had considerable experience for the tasks she will be performing, having worked in the office of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company while her husband, Rev. Lester Pifer, was in school, and again since the family moved to Winona Lake. Among her responsibilities is that of caring for the records of contributions to the Monthly Finance Plan. It is hoped that the people of our National Fellowship will keep her so busy that she will soon need a second assistant!



Mrs. Lester Pifer at Her Desk

Mr. Wayne Snider will serve as director of practical Christian work and is teaching a course in practical work in the college this semester. Brother Snider's



Wayne Snider

home is in Roaring Spring, Pa., and he is a member of the Brethren church in Martinsburg. He received his A. B. degree from Bryan University in 1950 and his B. D. *cum laude* from Grace Theological Seminary in 1953. This year he has been at work on his Th. M. degree. During his college and seminary years, Wayne was active in various fields of practical Christian endeavor. While in seminary he worked as a film representative for the Moody Bible Institute and during the summer of 1951 served as interim pastor at the First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa. In the summer of 1953 he went to Europe and the Holy Land as a member of the Flying Seminar and now brings to the college something of the wealth of his practical Christian experience in the various fields of practical Christian work, including audio-visual education.

Miss Eva Godfrey began her new work as dean of women early this month. She has taken the place of Miss Evelyn Schumacher, who was obliged to leave because of ill health. Miss Godfrey's home is in Millville, N. J. She received her B. S. degree from Purdue University, and in addition has taken work at Wheaton College and New York Biblical Seminary. She came to Grace Seminary a year ago and is one of the few young women who, since the organization of the seminary, has been enrolled for the B. D. degree. She has had a considerable amount of experience in various kinds of practical Christian work, including home-mission work in Library, Pa., child evangelism and youth work, adult Bible classes, and community visitation. Since coming to Grace she has been active in jail visitation.



Eva Godfrey

GRACE SEMINARY GREETES SUNDAY-SCHOOL DIRECTOR

On January 1 another office was officially installed in the seminary building. It was that of Rev. Harold Etling, the new national Sunday school director. The members of the student body and faculty join in welcoming Brother and Sister Etling and family to Winona Lake. One of their daughters, Miss Janet Etling, preceded them by a few months, having enrolled last September as a freshman in the college division.



Rev. and Mrs. Harold Etling

Brother Etling graduated from Grace Seminary in 1939 and has for several years served as pastor of the Akron, Ohio, church. Mrs. Etling also graduated in 1939, and has the distinction of being the first woman to graduate from Grace Seminary with the B. D. degree. She has been an able helper to her husband, and we are glad for her presence near the school.

Brother Etling is already busy in his new work, which consists of aiding our Sunday schools to effect a more efficient organization, assisting in the organization of new Sunday schools, preparing and introducing new materials, and acquainting our churches with new and up-to-date methods of Sunday-school work. He will also assist churches in setting up teacher-training programs, and it is the intention of the board to organize a national teacher-training program.

Brother Etling knows Sunday-school work, having enjoyed the rich blessing of the Lord upon his program in Akron, where the church recently dedicated a lovely new Sunday-school building, consisting of two stories and a basement. Grace Seminary is proud to salute another of its alumni who is helping to enlarge our borders, and we trust all our churches will enjoy the privilege of his ministry.

Grace Seminary Spring Semester Opens

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Registrar

The spring semester at Grace Theological Seminary was officially opened Monday, February 1, with a convocation service at which the faculty appeared in full academic regalia. Dr. Paul Bauman, vice president, was the speaker for the occasion, bringing a fitting message on the subject, "What Makes a Man Great?" Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean of the school, was in charge of the service in the absence of the president, Dr. Alva J. McClain. The music was in charge of Mr. Donald Ogden, instructor of music. The convocation prayer was offered by Dr. James Boyer, instructor in Greek and the New Testament.

Registrations for the new semester total 212, there being 141 students registered in the seminary and 71 in the college. Since there are 4 students taking work in both divisions, it means that there are actually 208 individual students in the school. This represents a gain of 24 over the same semester a year ago, there being 184 registered at that time. It is a slight loss, however, from the first semester of this year, due largely to health and economic reasons.

There are 174 men in the school and 34 women. There are 16 new students who had not been present the previous semester. One of the outstanding new enrollees is Rev. Wayne Beaver, a missionary on furlough from the Brethren mission field in French Equatorial Africa. He graduated from the seminary in 1943, and is now working on his master's degree during a part of his furlough year.

Students in the school this semester come from over 15 different denominational groups, the Brethren holding a sizable lead over any other group, the Baptists being second in number, followed in order by Independents, Mennonites, Methodists, Presbyterians, Evangelical United Brethren, Evangelical and Reformed, Christian, United Presbyterian, and the New Dunkard Church of God. Five groups are represented by one student only.

The students have come from widely scattered areas, there being representatives from 27 of the States and the District of Columbia, Canada, and Africa. Pennsylvania has the most representatives, 47, followed closely by Ohio and Indiana with 44 and 38, respectively. States having five or more representatives in addition to those above mentioned, are Michigan, Virginia, Iowa, California, and New York.

MODERN SPEECH TRANSLATIONS NEEDED

In order that the seminary students may be able to do research work in Bible interpretation it is necessary that we include in our Bible section as varied a collection of modern speech translations as possible. Anyone having copies of such English translations as Moffat, Weymouth, Williams, or others which they would like to give to the seminary library should contact Mrs. Ben Hamilton, librarian. Anything available in the less-known translations will fill a real need in the library. To purchase all of them would involve a sizable sum which we do not have available at the present time.

MISS SCHUMACHER RESIGNS

It was with genuine regret that students and faculty were obliged to say good-by for at least awhile to Miss Evelyn Schumacher, of Osceola, Ind., who this year enrolled as a student in the seminary division. Miss Schumacher was also serving as dean of women at the dormitory. It has been necessary for her to leave school, at least temporarily, because of ill health.



Miss Schumacher

Let us join in praying for her complete restoration and that God's perfect will may be worked out for this life which has been dedicated to His service.

EDITORIALS

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that it would be impossible to go and bring our boy home for the needed operation, we gave instructions to operate immediately in the McDonald Hospital, Warsaw, Ind.

The main part of this article is to express personal appreciation for the many Brethren young ladies who are nurses at the McDonald Hospital. Alva had constant attention not only by the resident nurses, but Miss Cochran also stayed at his bedside at least eight hours.

Another thing which made both Mrs. Steffler and me feel good was that before the operation, Dr. McClain and Bro. Herman Koontz, pastor of the Winona Lake church, ministered in prayer, and after the operation many of the professors and students visited the patient, giving words of encouragement and offering prayer. The visits of Bro. F. B. Miller, treasurer of Grace Seminary, also were greatly appreciated. The doctors of the McDonald Hospital are excellent and know their work well. Our son, Alva, is now back in school, rapidly recovering from the experience.

The article should relieve the minds of others who might be faced with the same emergency sometime in the near future. Your son or your daughter will have excellent care.—Rev. William A. Steffler.

[Brother Steffler is a member of the executive committee of the board of trustees. This expression of gratitude is deeply appreciated by the school.—P. R. B.]

Which Version?

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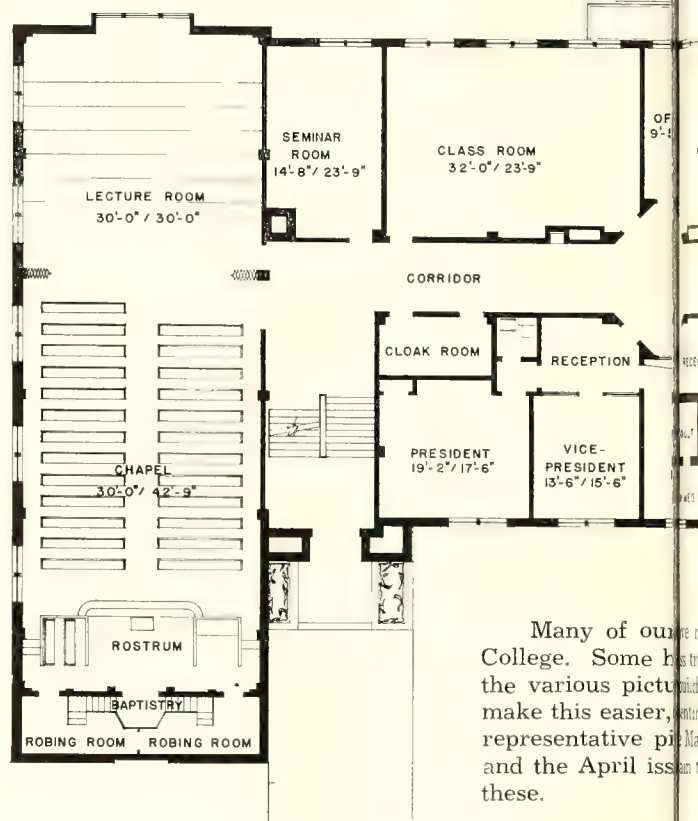


Dr. Hoyt Registers Roland Crosby



Registration Day Is an Event!

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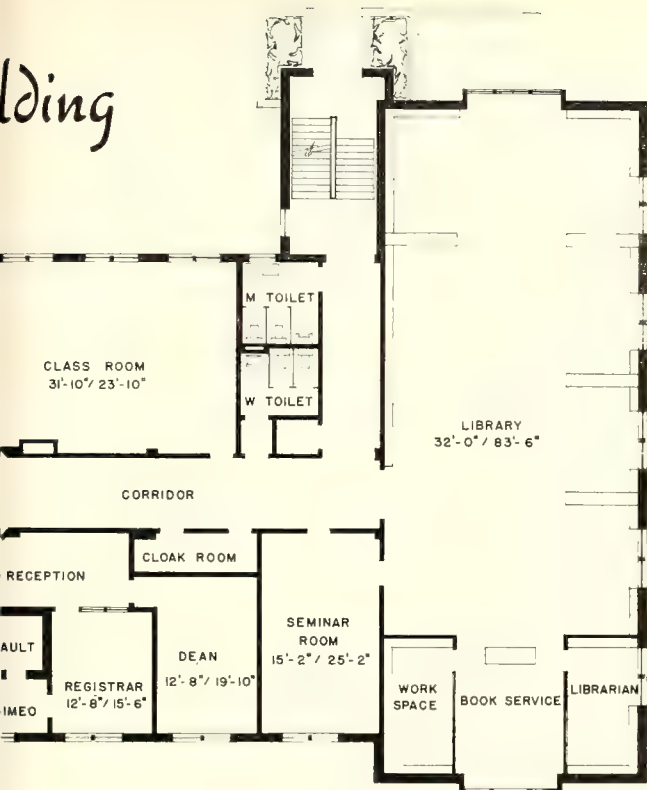
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A Class in Greek Under



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Chorus-Choir Sings at Chapel



Students Wait Their Turn in Center Corridor

Professor Homer Kent, Jr.

The Daily Chapel Services Are an Inspiration



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SPECIAL—On Feb. 28, Evangelism Sunday, a three-way pulpit exchange will be made in Pennsylvania between Rev. Clyde Landrum, Rev. John Burns, and Rev. Leslie Moore. The same day a two-way exchange will be made in California between Rev. Lewis Hohenstein and Rev. Ward Miller.

WHITTIER, CALIF.—The new Sunday-school building of the Community Brethren Church will be dedicated on April 11. Rev. Ward Miller is pastor. Dr. Irvin Ahlquist, professor of sociology at Long Beach State College, was the guest speaker Feb. 26 at the first annual banquet for the parents of children in the Christian Day School.

FREMONT, OHIO—Rev. Gordon Bracker was given a royal welcome Feb. 12 by the congregation of the Grace Brethren Church. A miscellaneous shower plus a cash gift of \$118.50 was a "surprise" to Pastor and Mrs. Bracker.

FILLMORE, CALIF.—A reception in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Max Brenneman of the First Brethren Church, was given Jan. 29. Rev. Brenneman only recently became the pastor of this church.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—It's authentic on the word of Rev. Ralph Colburn himself. On April 10, Miss Julia Rowland and Rev. Ralph Colburn, national youth director for the Brethren denomination, will be united in holy wedlock. The wedding will be performed in the First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

BEAUMONT, CALIF.—Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer and family, members of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, arrived in Peru, South America. They are members of the LeTourneau missionary party.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Eight persons of View Ridge Brethren Church completed 255 calls on a recent Sat-

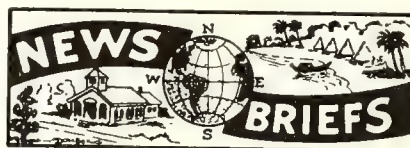
urday. In this program of "operation doorbell" 78 percent of the calls resulted in personal contact. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Rev. James Dixon, pastor of the First Brethren Church, is teaching several courses in the Washington Bible Institute.

WAYNESBORO, PA.—The Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene here May 5-8. Rev. Dennis Holliday is pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF.—A large new neon sign in the shape of a shield has been placed above the La Loma Grace Brethren Church. The sign flashes the words, "Jesus died for you." Rev. J. Paul Miller is pastor.

MEYERSDALE, PA.—A Sunday-school workshop will be conducted by Rev. Harold Etling Mar. 21-24 in the Meyersdale and Summit Mills Brethren Churches. Rev. H. Leslie Moore is pastor.



MARTINSBURG, PA.—The East Fellowship of Brethren Churches youth rally was held here on Feb. 12-13. Nearly 300 young people attended. Rev. Gerald Teeter was host pastor.

LEAMERSVILLE, PA.—The Leamersville Brethren Church recently refinished the floor in the main auditorium and the Junior WMC purchased new carpets. Rev. Robert Crees is pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA—Rev. Richard DeArmey, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, recently commented that he "doubted if TV was keeping anyone from the prayer service." He concluded it was heart trouble. Rev. DeArmey suggests that any suffering from this malady should read Jeremiah 17:10.

ELYRIA, OHIO—The new address of Rev. Galen Lingenfelter is 338 10th St. Please change your annual.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—The California District Conference of Brethren Churches youth rally convened at the First Brethren Church on Friday, Jan. 15. Rev. Ralph Colburn was the speaker. Dr. Charles Mayes was host pastor.

BUENA VISTA, VA.—Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Groah, deacon and deaconess in the First Brethren Church here, are the proud parents of the first set of triplets ever to be born in this city.

GLENDALE, CALIF.—Guest speakers at the First Brethren Church for Mar. 7 will be Rev. George Richardson; and for Mar. 14, 21, 28, Rev. Keith Altig. Rev. R. I. Humberd was guest speaker on Feb. 21.

WINCHESTER, VA.—The Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches youth rally will be held here on Mar. 5-6. Rev. Paul Dick will be host pastor.

CORRECTION—Mr. Mason Cooper, president of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, will speak at the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, on Feb. 28. He is not scheduled to speak at the North Riverdale Brethren Church.

HARRISBURG, PA.—Miss Beverly Lee Sanfley has been elected church reporter for the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church. Rev. Conard Sandy is the pastor. This is the second church to elect such an officer to supply news of national interest to the Brethren Missionary Herald.

ROANOKE, VA.—The cornerstone laying for the new Washington Heights Brethren Church was held on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 7. Rev. Carl Miller is pastor.

ALTO, MICH.—The district youth rally will be held here Mar. 12-13. Earl Funderburg will be host pastor.

ALTOONA, PA.—A foreign-missionary conference is to be conducted in the First Brethren Church, Apr. 11-18. Rev. Mark Malles is pastor. The laymen will participate in the services Feb. 28, Evangelism Sunday.

BELLEVUE, FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA—Rev. William Samarin has improved physically, and has now moved here to take over this station. The Lord be praised for His answer to prayer in behalf of Rev. Samarin's physical need.

SPECIAL—Pastors, attention! When sending pictures to the Brethren Missionary Herald for cuts, please send glossy prints. Others cannot be used.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Plan now to attend the National Fellowship convening here Aug. 23-29.

God's Appointed Methods

Summary of Moderator's Address by Rev. True Hunt, Dallas Center, Iowa

The clock of God has ticked away another year since we last met as the Iowa District Fellowship. What can we lay at the feet of our Lord as trophies of His grace for the past year? Most certainly none of us has any right to boast, save in the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is evident that God has blessed each of us. No doubt we have failed Him in many instances, but He has remained true and faithful. We have been the recipients of abundant blessings from His hand. But with every blessing comes responsibility. With every privilege there comes duty. Jesus spoke to His disciples in the role of a soul winner and in the tone of rebuke when He said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Surely this affirmation is directed by the Holy Spirit unto us of the Iowa District Conference of Brethren Churches. The great need of the hour is the proclamation of the Gospel. This is a Brethren Conference. The Brethren Church has the whole Gospel to preach, to teach, and to practice. Her responsibilities are as large as the Bible. The job ahead of us in 1954, if the Lord tarry, challenges the highest scholarship, the most efficient leaders, the most profound spirituality, and the deepest consecration. Certainly the field of souls before us is indeed "white already to harvest."

In the face of these facts and opportunities let us look to the Lord for strength and wisdom to accomplish His will in this district. In the Word of God we discover at least four of God's appointed ways or methods to be employed for this accomplishment. We shall consider them in this order: Christian faith, prayer, service, and revival. One glance at the daily newspaper should challenge us anew with the urgency of the task, and if the Lord could speak to our conference in this regard, I believe He would say, "That thou doest, do quickly."

Christian Faith

Paul writes to the Christians of Colosse (Col. 2:6-7), "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Now notice that it is the abounding in the faith as we "have been taught." We know the fundamentals of the faith. We have been taught the Word of God aright. We have the responsibility to abound in the faith. Necessity is laid upon us.



Rev. True Hunt

Oh, that we realized as did Paul, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (I Cor. 9:16b). It is very clear from the Scripture as to the channel of faith, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

Consequently then, every Christian is responsible for Christian faith. There are, however, some marked instructions in the Word concerning this matter. The place which God requires His people to give His Word has not changed from century to century. He has made it the duty to have within the family life of each generation a place for worship together. God has always held the parents of the home responsible for the teaching of the Word to the children. Really, God's plan is that every Christian father is to be the spiritual leader in the home. The paramount need of the Christian home today is the daily family worship around the Word of God and

the circle of prayer. If our families fail in this important effort it is of little use to expect strong and virile Christians in the church of tomorrow. This type of family Bible study and devotion is the strongest possible kind to be exerted to produce living Christian faith that will fit our children for the uncertain days ahead. Faith is the victory!

Prayer

Regular and definite praying is essential, and not a choice in our living for Christ. The fact is that the church does not pray as it ought. First, secret prayer is needed for close communion with the Lord; and second, the midweek prayer service is needed for united fellowship. The statistics of our church will show that the prayer service is neglected by vast numbers of people. Has God ordained that the membership of His church be divided—a praying membership and a nonpraying membership? Certainly not! It takes time to be holy. It takes time to walk with God. It takes time to know God. He says to us, "Be still, and know that I am God."

Prayer is necessary. Prayer gives opportunity for confession of sin and a searching of the heart. It is clear in the Bible that sins must be acknowledged and confessed ere God will forgive them. Prayer dare not be minimized in our lives. The Word of God and prayer go hand in hand in importance in the life of God's servant.

Christian Service

It is a true statement that "we are saved to serve." For this reason the Lord does not take us to be with Him upon our being born again. We belong to a working order. While here on earth Jesus declared that He worked even as did His Father. He said unto His Father, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." He immediately stated that He was sending His own into the world to serve. This is an all-inclusive command; pastors and laymen alike are expected to be wit-

nesses of His love and grace. A witness is one who is to make a declaration of personal knowledge to the truth of a stated fact or event. The volume and extent of a testimony may vary, but the genuineness of it dare not. Every born-again one can at least give the testimony of the boy born blind, "Whereas I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25).

We greatly rejoice in the way God has blessed the testimony of our foreign missionary work and the new fields that have been entered; for His blessing upon our home-mission program, especially as we have seen it in our own district at Cedar Rapids and now at Davenport; for His blessing upon Grace Theological Seminary and the new collegiate division; for His blessing upon the Brethren Missionary Herald and its important place in our church; and for all His blessings on all the auxiliary organizations that are faithfully performing, such as WMC, the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, the Brethren Boys Clubs, the National Sunday School Board, and the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen.

However, as a body of believers we are moving at a snail's pace when we should be advancing more victoriously. This is often impossible because Brethren dollars, Brethren talents, and Brethren energies are being diverted into independent and interdenominational channels.

Spiritual Revival

If we are to accomplish God's perfect will among us, we must be in the position to know and do that will! There would be few who would doubt the statement that this district, including its pastors, church officers, Sunday-school teachers and officers, and all lay members need a genuine revival. The first thing as to revival means and methods is to have our own heart right. A work of grace often commences with a single individual, seldom with a whole church. The writer of Psalm 85:6 realized the need of revival, for he cried unto the Lord, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

Oh, that we might realize this need in our own lives. Revival means to awaken to life, to reanimate, to cause to stir about. So revival is not getting souls saved but the provoking to action of the Christian himself. For revival to be lasting it must be accomplished by the work of the Holy

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Findlay, Ohio....	Feb. 23-Mar. 7..	Forest Lance....	Crusade Team 2.
Jenners, Pa.....	Feb. 23-Mar. 14.	Victor Rogers....	Crusade Team 1.
Conemaugh, Pa..	Feb. 24-27.....	Stanley Hauser...	A. R. Kriegbaum.
Fremont, Ohio...	Feb. 28-Mar 14..	Gordon Bracker..	Gordon Bracker.
Chico, Calif.....	Feb. 28-Mar 14..	Phillip Simmons..	Ralph Colburn.
Uniontown, Pa...	Mar. 8-12.....	Clyde Landrum ..	Mickey Walsh.
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	Mar. 8-21.....	Donald Rossman..	Samuel Hemb'ger.
Osceola, Ind.....	Mar. 9-21.....	Scott Weaver....	Crusade Team 2.
Wooster, Ohio....	Mar. 14-28.....	Kenneth Ashman.	A. L. Lynn.
Conemaugh, Pa..	Mar. 16-28.....	Stanley Hauser...	"Ding" Teuling.
Tahquitz Pines, Calif.	Mar. 19-21.....		Bill Smith.
Troy, Ohio	Mar. 21-28.....	Richard McIntosh	Crusade Team 1.
Camden, Ohio....	Mar. 28-Apr. 11.	Randall Rossman.	Randall Rossman.
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	Mar. 28-Apr. 11.	Robert Cessna....	Crusade Team 2.
South Gate, Calif.	Apr. 4-16.....	Alfred Dodds....	Bill Smith.
Sterling, Ohio....	Apr. 4-18.....	J. L. Gingrich....	A. R. Kriegbaum.
Meyersdale, Pa...	Apr. 11-18.....	H. Leslie Moore..	A. L. Lynn.
Clayton, Ohio....	Apr. 11-18.....	Clair Brickel....	James Boyer.
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	Apr. 13-25.....	John Aeby.....	Crusade Team 2.

Spirit. It is as He works in the hearts and lives of the individuals that His will becomes evident in the church and the denomination. It is all-important that the individual believer be in the position of communion, fellowship, and blessing. He must allow the Holy Spirit to control him as a day-by-day experience.

We are disturbed by the apparent "apostasy of life" that is so evident today. It is with regret that we admit it is in some Brethren churches. Holiness of life for God's child is set forth in His Word. The time has come, beloved, if we want to win and keep men for our Lord, we must live the orthodoxy that we preach! We need to be awakened from our snoozing in the beds of self-interests, personal whimsies, and claims of orthodoxy. God's call to us is to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called" (Eph. 4:1b). Only then will we know joy and satisfaction in service for our King. Only then will men and women cry out against sin not only by word, but by deed. Only then will we recognize and follow God's established standards of righteousness. It is only as we are revived that we will rejoice in the Lord and accomplish His will here in the Iowa District.

WHERE DO I BELONG IN THE CHURCH?

1. Pillars . . . worship regularly, giving time and money.
2. Supporters . . . give time and money if they life the minister and treasurer.
3. Leaners . . . use the church for funerals, baptisms, and marriages, but give no time or money to support the church.
4. Working Leaners . . . work, but do not give money.
5. Specials . . . help and give occasionally for something that appeals to them.
6. Annuals . . . or Easter Birds . . . dress up, look serious, and go to church on Easter.
7. Sponges . . . take all blessings and benefits, even the sacraments, but give no money to support the church.
8. Tramps . . . go from church to church, but support none.
9. Gossips . . . talk freely about everyone except the Lord Jesus.
10. Scrappers . . . take offense, criticize, and fight.
11. Orphans . . . are children sent by parents who do not set them an example.

—The Watchman Examiner.

Without the Body . . .

Critical Study of I Corinthians 6:18

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Historical and Biblical Background

Corinth, in the time of St. Paul, was a Roman colony situated on the isthmus which connects the Peloponnesus with the rest of Greece, and separates the Aegean from the Ionian Sea. Because of her favorable location Corinth became the mart of Asia and Europe. She covered the sea with ships of merchandise and built a navy for the protection of this flourishing trade. The population and wealth of the city was greatly increased by the influx of foreigners. Corinth became distinguished for her wealth, naval force, and commerce, rather than by military achievements.

The population was increased and its character somewhat influenced from another source. In the neighborhood of the city the Isthmian games were held, attracting great attention, and drawing many strangers from distant parts of the world. The Apostle Paul frequently refers to those games when recommending Christian energy and activity.

It was primarily from these causes that the city of Corinth became a leader among ancient cities for wealth, luxury, and debauchery.

There was, however, still another cause which attributed to its dissolute character: its religion. It was infamous for its licentiousness. Its gods were the gods of sensual pleasure and self-indulgence. Venus was the favorite goddess; and sensuality took the form of a religious rite. The city was enriched by multitudes who accommodated the 1,000 temple prostitutes consecrated to the service of this most popular goddess. According to Dio Chrysostom it is qualified as "a city the most licentious of all that are or ever have been." Impurity reigned to such an extent that "to live like a Corinthian" was equivalent to "to commit fornication." This is an essential factor which has to

be borne in mind when we read Paul's Corinthian letters.

When the abominations of heathenism as practiced in Corinth are considered, it is hardly to be expected that the Christian converts could suddenly divorce themselves from these abominations; the old nature was not so easily destroyed.

Paul visited Corinth during his second missionary journey, unaccompanied by any of his fellow workers. After being expelled from the synagogue, a vision from the Lord encouraged him to continue his ministry which covered a period of 18 months. His labors resulted in the forming of a flourishing church composed of Jews and gentiles.

At the time when the first epistle was written, not more than four years had elapsed since the Gospel was first preached in Corinth. There had already been correspondence between Paul and his friends. In fact, a letter from Corinth is the immediate occasion of this epistle. In addition to this, Paul had heard reports of disorders which had arisen in the church and which required his personal attention and correction.

In the portion of this letter which is pertinent to the subject to be handled in this paper, Paul deals with the mistaken views and erroneous practices which had been introduced on the subject of temperance and chastity. The vices of intemperance, licentiousness, and gluttony had been judged harmless, and had been excessively indulged in. It became necessary to correct their views and to set forth the true nature of the Christian requirements.

The Major Problem

What is the meaning of "without the body" (*ektos tou somatos*)?

The word "without" (*ektos*) is used only nine times in the entire New Testament. It is translated in the following ways: other than, out of, without, excepted, the outside; and with "except" (*ei me*) as, but, and unless. It is found in Matthew 23:26, which reads, "Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the

outside of them may be clean also." The same word appears also in II Corinthians 12:2, "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven."

In the Matthew passage it is used with the possessive genitive and denotes the outside or exterior of an object. In the Corinthian passage it has the force of a preposition meaning "outside of." However, in II Corinthians 12:3 Wescott and Hort and others read "apart from" (*choris*) for "without" (*ektos*). Thayer cites I Corinthians 6:18 in his treatment of "without" (*ektos*) and gives as its meaning, "does not pertain to the body."

With one exception, all of the commentaries consulted by the author of this paper referred "body" (*somatos*) to man in all his composite parts. Only once was "body" (*somatos*) taken to mean the body of a man as distinguished from the soul and spirit. The view of the writer of this paper along with substantiating arguments will be set forth in a later section.

It should be noted further, that most of the commentaries deal with the phrase "without the body" as referring to every sin, with the exception of fornication. For this reason, the writers of the commentaries often insert "other" after "every" (*pan*) even though it does not appear in the Greek text. There are some variations within this widely accepted interpretation, but the same general line of thought is prevalent.

Writer's Interpretation

It is the view of this writer that Paul is setting forth the source of every sin of man. If "every" (*pan*)

is taken in the absolute sense, including fornication, the only possible conclusion that can be drawn is that Paul is referring to the soul of man. Every sin whatever a man might commit finds its source in the soul. The body is only the instrument of sin. Therefore, a sin could be outside of the body as to its source, but against the body as to its effect.

The writer of this paper will substantiate the above view with the following arguments.

Linguistical Argument

What is the meaning of "but" (*de*) in this passage?

It is the opinion of this writer that upon this seemingly unimportant word the interpretation of this passage is largely determined. If it is at all possible, the basic meaning of this word will be employed. If, however, the context or other factors prohibit such a usage, a secondary meaning will be used.

Scholars of the Greek language generally rank this conjunction wholly as an adversative particle. Robertson believes otherwise. According to this eminent Greek scholar, the ordinary narrative or continuative use was the original use, whereas the adversative is a developed and later construction. The etymology confirms this explanation. There is in the word no essential idea of antithesis or contrast. That which follows, as an addition, is something new.

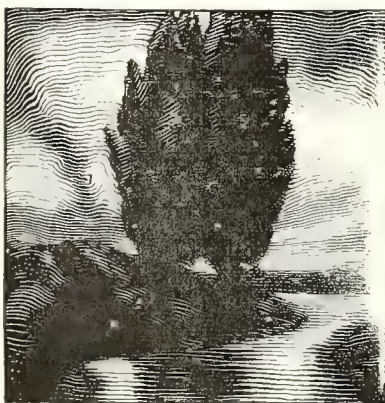
The mere copulative force of "but" (*de*) is in the genealogy in Matthew 1:2-16, for there is no idea of opposition at all. The contrast is made by repetition of the names and not by "but" (*de*). A new topic may be introduced by "but" (*de*) in complete harmony with the foregoing discussion, as the birth of Jesus in Matthew 1:18.

In John 3:1, it is not clear whether "but" (*de*) is copulative or adversative. Is Nicodemus an illustration or an exception? But it is generally true that "but" (*de*) introduces something new and is not primarily employed for contrast.

Doctrinal Argument

The Scriptures clearly recognize the seat of sin as being in the soul itself, not in its physical organism. In passages such as Romans 7:18, "flesh" (*sar*) refers not to man's body, but to man's entire being when lacking the Spirit of God. In Mat-

thew 15:17-20a we read, "Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: these are the things which defile a man: . . ." And in I Peter 2:11b, "abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." The idea present in these passages could be found in many other places in Scripture. The fact is so widely accepted that further references are not deemed advantageous. Let it be said, however, that the Apostle Paul did not believe sin to consist in the



possession of a body is quite evident from his doctrine of a bodily resurrection (I Cor. 15:38-49). The resurrection of the body is an integral part of immortality.

Contextual Argument

In this sixth chapter of I Corinthians, beginning at verse 12, Paul is correcting an abuse of the teaching concerning Christian freedom. Some of them had concluded that if meats were indifferent so was fornication (vss. 12-17). In the last three verses he strongly commands that this filthy sin be stopped and gives convincing reasons for his statements.

In verse 12, the true doctrine of Christian freedom is stated; all things are lawful, but all things are not expedient, profitable, or advantageous. It is, therefore, necessary to refrain from indulging in any practice which would make one to be *under* authority, instead of exercising it.

Paul's argument in verses 13 and 14 is that meats are created for the belly, and the belly for meats; and

both are of a transitory nature, for God will do away with both. Consequently meats are not corrupt. But in the case of the body, it is neither created for fornication, nor is it transitory. The body is for the Lord and the Lord (in His mediatorial work) for the body. Since the body is not perishable and fornication is against one's own body, Paul concludes that fornication is corrupt. The belly and meats serve each other and therefore they exist together and perish together, but when illicit sexual intercourse forever ceases, the body shall be fulfilling its real use—that of being wholly used as an instrument for the Lord. The resurrection of the body incorruptible is the real essence which underlies the present organization of the body. Therefore, the Lord's coming, rather than death, is the Christian's expectation.

In verse 15 the argument is connected with verse 13. For they cannot be at the same time "the members of an harlot" and "of Christ." There must of necessity be some kind or degree of severance of the mystical union that every believer has with Christ. For fornicators are "members of an harlot"; cemented by carnal intercourse. The idea runs through the Bible that there is something mysterious in the commerce of the sexes, and in the effects which flow from it.

Paul, being well aware of their attitude toward the fleshly parts of man, emphasizes his point by carrying the argument beyond, to a higher level. The believer becomes not only a "member of Christ," but also "one Spirit" with Him. Therefore, it is imperative that the Christian flee from fornication, for it, like other sins, though outside the body as to its source and guilt, is nevertheless against the body, because incompatible with the design of its creation, and with its immortal destiny.

English Paraphrase

Put yourself to flight from illicit sexual relationships. Even though every sin whatever a man might commit finds its source in the soul, nevertheless the Christian who surrenders his body for the purpose of carnal intercourse, professes to be united with that which is incompatible with Christ and thus directly sins against the present connection of his body with Christ and against its future destiny in Him.

Winona Lake, Ind.

Dear Brother Layman:

It seems a long time since we have fellowshiped together, but I guess it's because our last two Laymen's pages came so close together. There ought to be a lot of accumulated news, so I'll pitch into it now and let you in on what's going on around the country for and by laymen.

A laymen's fellowship was organized in HAGERSTOWN, MD., on February 1, with Frank Tewalt being elected president. . . . Rev. Earl Rosenberger was the speaker at the men's meeting at the First Church, WHITTIER, CALIF., on Feb. 9. . . . The February meeting of the Men's Fellowship at OSCEOLA, IND., was held at the home of Bro. Don Charles on the 13th. . . . Laymen's President Mason Cooper was to be the speaker at the First Church, DAYTON, OHIO, on February 28 at both services. An afternoon rally was also planned for all churches of the district. . . . From the WATERLOO, IOWA, bulletin: "National Evangelism Month" will be our theme during the month of February. The third week of the month will be "Laymen's Evangelism Week." During that week the laymen will have charge of the prayer service, a Father and Son Banquet will be held on Friday evening, Feb. 19, and the following Sunday will be observed as Laymen's Sunday. . . . On February 23 the combined Laymen's Fellowship of MEYERSDALE and SUMMIT MILLS, PA., churches met in the social rooms of the Meyersdale church. . . . Irwin Linton, well-known Christian lawyer, spoke to the men at WASHINGTON, D. C., February 12. . . . Men and boys of the CLEVELAND, OHIO, church met at a dinner Feb. 6 to get better acquainted with each other. Handcraft made in the Boys Club was demonstrated, and the speaker was Rev. Charles Thomas, superintendent of the Haven of Rest Mission, Akron, Ohio. . . . Attendance at the Men's Fellowship meeting at Community Brethren Church, WHITTIER, CALIF., was 58. Speaker was Mr. E. Rubright, superintendent of Easy Washing Machine Corporation. Two decisions for Christ were indicated by uplifted hands. . . . Bro. Owen Hacker tells me that the "men of the First Church of DAYTON, OHIO, have increased from 10 to 31 in just a few months—this is a definite answer to prayer. . . . At NORTH RIVERDALE, Dayton, Ohio, the men were host to the Christian Business Men's group on Jan. 25. Following dinner, Earl C. Helfreck, director of C. B. M. C. International, spoke. . . . At RITTMAN, OHIO on Jan. 14 there were 17 present for the monthly meeting at which a ham supper was served by the Junior WMC. Rev. Kenneth Ashman, Wooster, Ohio, was the speaker. . . . Don McCrossen and Bob Johnson, of the Union Rescue Mission, were speaker and singer respectively at the Men's Fellowship Jan. 22 at INGLEWOOD, CALIF. . . . Laymen of the Southeast District met Feb. 5 in the Ghent Brethren Church, ROANOKE, VA. . . . Both the ALTOONA, PA. First Brethren Church and the Grace Brethren Church announced in their bulletins that there was to be a laymen's meeting at Vicksburg on Jan. 28. (Hope they met!) . . . Your editor was privileged to speak recently to the newly organized Men's Fellowship of Elkhart, Ind. I. W. Miller is the president, and Glenn Cripe acted as secretary-treasurer in the absence of Ross Ritter, who has moved to Arizona. The men voted to sponsor a boys' club under the direction of Bro. Ed Kluth. There were 17 present. . . . At BEAUMONT, CALIF., the Cherry Valley church was host to a team of men from the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., on Jan. 24. These men are Christian business men. I have a confession to make, in closing. I was invited to speak before the ministers of the Indiana District at their February meeting. I declined. I'm sorry. But I honestly feel that I could add nothing to what these men already know about laymen, nor could I add anything to the facts of our projects, goals, etc., that they do not have access to in the Annual Number of the Herald, pp. 58-59. Add to that the fact that I am a member of a congregation that has approximately 23 ministers among its members and the laymen can be counted on the fingers of one hand, and you certainly have before you a layman who does not have the ability, the courage, the boldness . . . whoops! all this is another way of saying I was too scared to attempt the task. Talk to laymen? Yes! Talk to preacher? Unh Unh! I expect a host of letters now; how about it?

May our heavenly Father prosper the work of laymen is my prayer.

Jesse.

National Fellowship

OF

Brethren Laymen

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

A TESTIMONY

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 21.

Greetings.

As this is my first year as president of the laymen of the First Brethren Church, I have wondered whether I should be in the office.

At our Dec. meeting we had 19 present and on Jan. 18 we had 31 men, and the older boys' club came to the meeting. . . .

I thank the Lord that our men are awakening to the opportunities that we have in spreading the Gospel and contacting men that we work with who might not ever hear of God's plan of salvation. I am sorry that I wasted so many years before my eyes were opened.

On Feb. 10, 1950, during our revival meetings God spoke to me during the invitation song. I stepped out of my pew and went forward. I knew that something had happened because I had gone forward before, but it didn't mean anything. This night I knew was different from the others. As I left the church that night with my wife I knew that something had taken place. After that night I could read my Bible and understand more of it. Worldly things just passed out of my life in the days to come and the weeks that followed—things and opportunities began to open up and my timid disposition began to leave.

I have brought messages at the detention home and other things for the Lord that until that night I could not have tried. I praise the Lord that if you seek Him He will supply all your needs and prepare you for the job He has for you.

Yours for active laymen,

Herbert L. Edwards.

On Jan. 26 seven men from Dayton First Church went to Troy, Ohio, and helped to organize a laymen's group. Officers elected were: Ed Jackson, president; Pat King, vice president; Bill Kindell, secretary; John Martin, treasurer.

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ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS, by J. P. Lightfoot. Zondervan Publishing House, 1953 Edition. Cloth. 350 pp. Price, \$3.50.

Dr. Lightfoot's work continues to stand as a monumental contribution as a completely indexed commentary. So written that it is adaptable to beginning or advanced Greek students, the book is a treatise on the origin of Christianity. This book should be in every minister's library.

ELLICOTT'S COMMENTARY ON THE WHOLE BIBLE (Vol. VI, The Four Gospels), by Charles John Ellicott. Zondervan Publishing House, 1954 Edition. Cloth. 563 pp. Price, \$5.95.

This Bible commentary, while simple and conservative in its approach, is exegetically scholarly and comprehensive in its digest of Bible truth. This is the first of an eight-volume set to be reprinted. The set will be completed by August 1954. This commentary is replete with valuable material in its verse-by-verse explanation.

HIS BANNER OVER ME, by Martha Snell Nicholson. Moody Press, 1953. Cloth. 192 pp. Price, \$2.50.

A capricious spirit gaily pervades the life of Martha Snell Nicholson. This, coupled with a spontaneous love for God's handiwork and tripled with a heart experience of His marvelous grace, provides a foundation for an interesting and worth-while autobiography. She has the happy faculty of surrounding everyday activities with an exciting halo, and even though she suffers severe limitations of a frail and twisted body, not a trace of bitterness is detected in her excellent prose. Rather, she speaks of pain as a gift of God. Reading this biography will make all the other writings of this author of more value to you.—Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum.

A MAN UNDER AUTHORITY, by Raymond H. Belton. Moody Press, 1953. Cloth. 256 pp. Price, \$2.75.

This Christian novel is most unusual. It has a message which is a great blessing to those who sorrow. The pathos of a lonely heart, and the comfort found in a loving Saviour, lead to victory and to a peace that

passeth understanding. These all lead to a life of full and wholehearted surrender to God, and results in a greater love for lost men. It is a story of actual experience rather than fiction. It is a book one is blessed in reading.—Mrs. Rose Foster.

COMMENTARY ON THE PROPHECIES OF ISAIAH, by Joseph Addison Alexander. Zondervan Publishing House, 1953 Edition (Unabridged). Cloth. 482 pp. Price, \$8.95.

Formerly in two volumes, this new edition is in one volume. Originally written in 1865, the author provides a verse-by-verse, chapter-by-chapter exposition of the Isaiah prophecies. The volume is especially adapted to the layman who desires to delve into the depth of God's precious Word. Dr. Merrill Unger comments, "His genuine scholarship and evangelical warmth are everywhere manifest in his work."

THE DOCTRINE OF THE ATONEMENT, by George Smeaton. Zondervan Publishing House, 1953 Edition (Unabridged). Cloth. 502 pp. Price, \$5.95.

Taking the doctrine of the atonement as the central truth of Christianity, Dr. Smeaton seeks to establish what the Lord Jesus taught on this subject. The book is full of expository material on the words of Jesus which had to do with His own crucifixion.

PATHWAYS TO POWER, by Merrill F. Unger. Zondervan Publishing House, 1953. Cloth. 160 pp. Price, \$2.

Dr. Unger has made many valuable contributions to evangelical periodicals. Since 1948 he has been professor of Old Testament at Dallas Theological Seminary. In this volume the author presents a devotional study to victorious Christian living, and the power-filled life.

HOW TO GET ALONG WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS, by J. Nieboer. Our Daily Walk Publishers, 1953. Cloth. 155 pp. Price, \$2.25.

In a kind, unoffensive manner, the author turns to the Word of God for the secret of love among those who profess the name of Christ. Putting into practice the Scriptural suggestions of this book will result in more love for "one another" among those of the household of faith.

ADD 5 PERCENT FOR POSTAGE

MEET THE EDITOR

Rev. A.R. Kriegbaum will be in many of our churches between now and August 1, introducing to our denomination the missionary aspects of the Brethren Missionary Herald. Take advantage of the meetings listed below, and see the story of your Missionary Herald as portrayed in pictures. Other dates will be listed later.

Feb. 28—Conemaugh, Pa.
Mar. 7—New Troy, Mich.
Mar. 14—Lake Odessa, Mich.
Mar. 21—Peru, Ind.
Mar. 28—Fort Wayne, Ind.
Apr. 4-18—Sterling, Ohio.
Apr. 28—Osceola, Ind.
May 2—Wooster, Ohio.
May 9—Alto, Mich.



(Items in this column are compiled from reports of pastors and evangelists.)

Cheyenne, Wyo.

Rev. Sam Horney, from the Spanish mission at Taos, N. Mex., conducted a Bible conference in the First Brethren Church Jan. 24-30.

There were three reaffirmations. Each service was well-attended and the offering was adequate. The people of the church praise the Lord for the ministry of Rev. Horney, and also for the ministry of our interim pastor, Rev. Tom Inman, of Denver, Colo.—Mrs. Leon C. Davis.

Massillon, Ohio

Rev. Phil Ward conducted meetings in our church recently. There were six decisions for Christ and five reaffirmations of faith.

We praise the Lord for these trophies of His grace.—Milo D. Williams.

Waynesboro, Pa.

Rev. Hal Webb, evangelist, concluded meetings here on Feb. 7. There were 31 confessions of faith in Christ as Saviour up to Feb. 2. Many additional decisions for rededication were made for Christ. We pray that the revival fires will not go out but will continue to burn brightly, and souls continue to come to Christ.—D. I. Holiday, pastor.

Conemaugh, Pa.

An organ recital and musical program was presented at the Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church Thursday evening, Feb. 11. Mrs. Kenneth Wilt, wife of our pastor, was guest organist. The new Baldwin organ was dedicated for service unto the Lord at the morning worship service on Feb. 7. The Esther Bible Class is purchasing this organ as a project for the next year. Mrs. Walter Gilin is the regular church organist.—Mrs. John Stennett, secretary.

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BRETHREN FOREIGN MISSIONS



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

HOME AGAIN!

Trite? Yes, but never spoken with greater meaning than by the Barnards. We're back again in Winona Lake. Our hearts are so full of praise to God for His goodness in caring for us over land and sea. By the way, we traveled in at least 10 different types of transportation—surrey to super-constellation. We appreciate so very much Argentina, Brazil, and the other countries we visited. We received only the very greatest of courtesy and extreme kindness from civilian and official, from acquaintance and stranger. Leaving from New Orleans, our trip took us to Panama City; to Lima, Peru; to Santiago, Chile; to Argentina; to Brazil; to Port of Spain, Trinidad; to San Juan, Puerto Rico; and then back to the United States, arriving at Miami, Fla.

One for One

FRIENDS EVERYWHERE!

Naturally we expected to have friends in Argentina and Brazil, for our faithful missionaries serve there. But we knew almost no one in the other places. Well, through mutual friends, we met Rev. and Mrs. Paul Pretiz and Rev. Kenneth Bassett in Panama City. Brother Pretiz came to our hotel and took us by car for almost two hours of sightseeing in the city and at the canal. Later we learned that the car belonged to Rev. Beeby, of the Southern Baptist Church there and, after meeting him and enjoying his hospitality, he also took us to see beautiful sights in the Canal Zone. Mrs. Christopher, secretary to Rev. Beeby, is a close personal friend of the McKillens at Phoenix, Ariz.

Through Prof. Jack Whitcomb, of Grace Seminary, we were led to write to Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Clark and Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Cook, who are engaged in institute and missionary work in Lima, Peru. We arrived at Lima at 1:30 in the morning, but even at that unearthly hour we were scarcely on the ground when our name was called and we were given a note from Brother Cook saying that the two families were waiting for us when we were through customs. It was also a joy to fellowship with the parents of Prof. Whitcomb, Col. and Mrs. John C. Whitcomb. They live in Lima. Between these three families every moment of our 48 hours in Lima was most profitably occupied.

While talking with Brother Cook a name was mentioned which sounded familiar. I asked and found that the person referred to was the same Antonio Gamarra who some years ago served with us in our mission in Argentina. He now lives in Lima and is pastor of a church there. We met Brother and Sister Gamarra—in fact, they were at the airport to see us off for Argentina.

On the return trip we had just 25 minutes at Sao Paulo, Brazil. By earlier appointment, Rev. Don Hare, a graduate of Grace Seminary, was at the airport to meet us—again at the unearthly hour of 1:30 a. m. We should have arrived at about 5 p. m. the night before, but motor trouble just as we were leaving Montevideo, Uruguay, delayed our leaving for almost eight hours.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

ARGENTINA

For many years we had dreamed of and planned for this visit and we were not disappointed. Usually in the season of our visit, in their midsummer, it is dry and dusty. Well, the Lord prepared a flower garden for us. There had been, and during our visit there was abundance of rain; sometimes the rain was in flood proportions. But, to say the least, it made town and field alike to be places of beauty. Our missionaries were graciousness itself, even though at times we caused them terrible inconvenience. We so appreciated their kindness. We were especially impressed by the courtesy, the friendliness, and the helpfulness of people in general. Business men, governmental officials—yes, even policemen—all were so helpful to us. We can only have thankful hearts for all these blessings.

PROSPECTS

We have bright prospects in Argentina. The national church is a group to be proud of. Many show great leadership talent, almost all seem to feel faithfulness and loyalty to the Lord's work, and the great increase in the tithes and offerings which they are giving to the Lord's work in their own land speaks loudly to their credit. I was especially impressed by the larger groups of young people in various of the local congregations and some in almost every congregation. They love the Lord; it is evidenced by their regular and systematic witnessing for Christ. The national church is very anxious to assume greater responsibilities in their own work and we are encouraging them in this in every reasonable way.

One for One

BRAZIL

I've been fascinated with the thought of visiting Brazil since our work began there five years ago. I think I have never seen so much accomplished in foreign-missionary work in so short a time, considering that we

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NEWS

FLASHES

AFRICA—

—Praise the Lord for the measure of health and strength restored to Bro. Bill Samarin.

—On Feb. 6 the Samarins moved to the Bellevue station and the Lester Kennedys moved to the M'Baiki station.

ARGENTINA—

—This is the season for the annual conference, young people's camps, children's camps, D. V. B. S., and tent campaigns.

—The Don Bishop family expects to sail from New York on March 12, arriving in Buenos Aires on March 31.

BAJA CALIFORNIA—

—Bro. Walter Haag just completed a month's trip down the peninsula. He was accompanied by Dr. Alberto Morales, of Tucson, Ariz., and two Mexican laymen from San Diego.

—The Roy Howard family is now living in the house at 406 Mary Ave., Calexico, Calif. They are continuing the remodeling process in anticipation of services and classes as soon as possible.

BRAZIL—

—Praise the Lord for undertaking in behalf of Mrs. John Zielasko, who recently underwent an appendectomy and is recovering rapidly.

—The Teeters are preparing to assume full responsibility at Macapa during the furlough of the Edward Millers, beginning about April 1.

FRANCE—

—The Fogles expected to begin regular Sunday services in the Lyon area the latter part of February.

—Brother Fogle is cooperating in a Saturday-afternoon class for university students.

—Two accepted the Lord as Saviour at a recent Friday-night Bible class.

HONOLULU—

—Brother Tresise held his first baptismal service in Honolulu on Feb. 14.

GENERAL—

—The board of trustees of the FMS is now in session at Winona Lake for the regular midyear meeting.

—To date the amount of \$2,337.15 has been received for the outfit fund of the Don Bishops. They need up to \$3,700.

**OUR GOAL—ONE FOR ONE
A FOREIGN MISSIONARY FOR EVERY PASTOR AT HOME**

BACK TO EARTH

By Miss Ruth Snyder, Bozoum, Africa

Would you be interested in an account of a recent trip to Africa? Here in resumé is that trip. Above the clouds one day; sitting on the ground the next day. A dainty tray full of delicious, well-prepared food one day; eating from a tin can with a nail file for a spoon the next day. Perhaps such contrasts seem to make your head spin. What do you think happened to the missionary involved in this drama? Her head spun, too. Here are some of the details of that trip.

After a drought of unprecedented duration, rain was pouring when it was time to board the *S. S. Queen Elizabeth* in New York. But this was to be a trip of contrasts! The eastward crossing of the Atlantic is usually calm. Once again there was a contrast. A tempest tossed the ship about for two days, but the port was reached on a clear and calm day.

France, too, presented her contrasts. In a strange land there were friends to greet the storm-weary traveler. Although the usual winter fog and rain of Paris were evident, there was also that rare thing—a bright and sunny sky on a winter day.

The next lap of the journey was by plane. Those who have traveled by air know that this is the latest word in luxury. Across mountains of France flew this modern monster of the air. The bumpy flight but reminded one that underneath are the everlasting arms. Then there was a glowing sunset over the Mediterranean to bathe the shores of France with gold for a final glowing farewell to that interesting land. After a long night and half a day of flying, the plane landed at Bangui. Here were fellow missionaries to meet the returning one and to conduct her back to the bush.

The rough roads with their bumps reminded one constantly that this was Africa. The heat seemed oppressive after the chilly dampness of Europe. However, one never cares much about such trivial circumstances when returning to the place of labor for the Lord.

Alas! Abruptly one learns that Africa as yet insists upon being Africa, although airships fly through her skies and land upon her sandy soil. The rough roads left their mark on the car—a spring was broken. Not being a break which completely stopped the car, it was decided to limp the remaining 40 kilometers to Bozoum.

It was near dinnertime. The heat of the day, as well as the hour, reminded the travelers of the kind hostess awaiting them at Bozoum. Each one waxed eloquent in a lively discussion of what would be prepared for them. Africa is yet Africa. How quickly one forgets! That delicious meal was never eaten.

Have you heard of white ants? They, too, insist upon eating. For some time previous to this journey they had been secretly feasting on a wooden bridge. Their activities were well hidden until one day a heavy truck attempted to cross the bridge. Soon the remains of the



Rose Snyder and Ruth Reddick bid farewell to Ruth Snyder on the top deck of the S. S. Queen Elizabeth.

secret feast, as well as the loaded truck, were resting in the stream. Not too far away was Bozoum, but it was now impossible to cross the stream with the truck. Soon a native was on his way, trotting to Bozoum to call for a car on the other side of the stream.

Instead of a well-planned lunch in Bozoum at a clean table, your missionaries heated a can of food in a pot of water. Two nail files, a pocketknife, and the car keys served as spoons. (Will someone please design folding spoons to carry in the bush!) As thus they dined, while seated on a few things removed from the truck, their feet deep in the dust of Africa, they thought of the luxurious travel of the day before. One day above the clouds; the next day back to earth!

The heat of the day dragged by. It was long dark by the time help came from Bozoum. All the novelty of the situation had worn off, all the wit that was wasted on the desert air was getting threadbare, and sleep was claiming its victims when the welcome sound of rescue came. In a comparatively short time the loads and the passengers were on the other side of the stream. Did you ever cross a stream by flashlight or car light? Perhaps, but have you carried your trunk at the same time? The fact that the natives had to carry the trunks just serves to prove the superiority of the white man! Or does it question it? One never knows!

Before midnight all were safe in Bozoum. That night the missionary slept in her own bed after only two weeks from the time she had left Pennsylvania—two weeks of trains, ships, planes, trucks, and broken bridges, but home at last!

Perhaps this trip is a picture of the days ahead during this term of service. Always there will be hindrances, the breakdown, the unexpected, the disappointment of hope. Pray for all your missionaries as they face these realities. Pray that this term might be fruitful for the Lord. Pray that at all times we might have the will power to put first things first.

One for One

RAIN ON DRY DUST

By Jack B. Churchill, Rio Tercero, Argentina

This afternoon, over roads inches deep in powdery dry dust, six of us make our way to the town of Villa Ascasubi. There never has been a permanent, continuous gospel testimony here, although literature has been sent to a number of people at regular intervals, and on occasions tracts have been distributed personally in the town. It is one of those small rural centers without a railroad that has been pretty much the private domain of the local priest.

In the luggage compartment of the car we carry an amplifying system, trusting that we will be able to secure permission to use it. We also have a supply of tracts and a gift of some gospel art calendars for the local pharmacist whose acquaintance we made on a previous occasion and who seemed rather friendly and sympathetic to the Gospel.

Our first stop is at the police station. Two of us go in and present a note of introduction to the officer in charge. At first there is a decided reserve and almost hostility evident. Then the conversation warms up and it is not long before we find the man asking if we do not know a certain "Antonio . . . Antonio . . ." He can't seem to remember his last name. He did his military training with him. This Antonio was a firm *evangelico*, and used to stand up to all the arguments and pressure put on him. "Gamarra, that's his name—Antonio Gamarra."

"Why yes, we have word from him frequently. He was converted over there in Tancacha, about three leagues from here. Now he is pastor of a thriving church in Lima, Peru." (Dr. and Mrs. Barnard visited Antonio Gamarra and his wife when they passed through Lima.) And now, here in Villa Ascasubi, his faithful testimony is bearing its fruit years later in putting us on friendly terms with the man whose permission we need this afternoon.

Now we are parking at the corner of the central plaza, the loudspeaking equipment is hooked up and a gospel record is playing. One of our group stays in the car and gives out a message over the microphone. The rest of us distribute tracts all around the plaza and make the rounds of the nearer blocks. What reactions are there? Some take the tracts blankly. One man says that he used to receive such in the mail and likes them. Another says, "No, I don't want any of that. I'm a Communist." Others take them rather uneasily. The Catholic church frowns at us from just across the plaza where it has been for years, and yet the simple but glorious Gospel of free grace is not known in this place.

As the last record is played and we take down the speaker from the car, several men sit down on a nearby bench. One questions us as to who we are, then lets us know in no uncertain terms that he is *Catolico-Apustolico-Roman*." We ask him to read the literature with an open mind and tell him that we expect to be back within a few weeks.

As we drive home, a summer thunderstorm breaks and the dry, loose dust changes into moist, fresh earth, bringing to mind several spiritual facts. The Gospel has this

same effect on human hearts. The Gospel sown today needs to be watered with prayer. It will be necessary to go again soon to Villa Ascasubi with the message just as it will be necessary that we keep on having rain so that there will be crops to harvest this year.



This vehicle was donated by a believer in Tancacha to the Tancacha congregation for the purpose of evangelization work such as the accompanying article tells about. Such work is carried on regularly by the Tancacha folks, especially during the summer months, as they go out with tracts to neighboring communities.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

DO YOU REALIZE . . .

That there are 2,500,000,000 people in the world, and over half of them have never heard the name of Jesus?

That the population of the world is growing faster than the church of the Lord Jesus?

That by 1980 there will be 3,523,000,000 people living on the earth, according to a United Nations estimate?

That every day 230,000 babies are born into the world, while only 170,000 people die, leaving a new population increase of 60,000 souls a day?

That considerably less than 60,000 souls are being led to Christ every day at the present time?

That among the 170,000 who die daily, over 100,000 die without any knowledge of Christ whatsoever?

That there are 200 million people in Europe alone who have never laid their eyes on a Bible?

That the U. S. has 250,000 ministers, whereas only 18,000 American Protestant missionaries are in the rest of the world?

That world evangelization is the main job of the church and ought to be the prime concern of every Christian?—*Christian Victory*.

ALL ABOARD *For a Trip*

Where in all the world would you like to go? Have you dreamed of going to Paris or taking a lazy swim on a Hawaiian beach? Perhaps you've always wanted to hunt elephants in the wilds of Africa. Come with me and perhaps we can see some of the things you have always dreamed about.

Let us start at the southern tip of our Brethren work in Africa. M'BAIKI is a pretty place. As your car goes between towering trees and drooping vines you almost expect Tarzan to come swinging across your path. If you stop in a village toward evening you will hear the chatter of monkeys above the squeal of babies and the clucking of chickens. There will be two or three long rectangular houses, each divided into two or three separate rooms covered by one long roof. The roof is made of palm shingles and the walls are made by literally throwing mud at a framework. Out of the jungle come several old women. Strapped to their heads are burdens of enormous weight. One carries firewood, another carries bananas and a flat stone for pounding manioc. All talk happily, seeming oblivious of their burdens. Several men emerge from behind a large elephant ear plant, carrying long nets and spears. Two men display the day's catch. One has a sama, a long squirrel-like animal with a ringed tail, and a large ten-pound rat-like animal.

At the rear of the village we see small houses of piled straw. In front of the houses sit the Pygmies fixing their own evening meal. These small people are slaves of the bigger natives, but they are careful how they treat the Pygmy. They are afraid of his "magic."

We leave this village with heavy hearts. The work at M'Baiki is new. There are no Pygmy Christians and only a fewscore tribesfolk are walking in God's way. Pray that God will give us these tribes for His kingdom.

We turn our car toward the city of BANGUI. There we will stay with our friends, the Mid-Missions (Baptist) people. But Bangui is a familiar sight to all our Brethren missionaries. It is here the plane lands which brings us to Africa, and it is here we buy our supplies for the bush. With us is our "boy," who has never seen a city. Watch his face as he sees the two-story buildings and paved streets. He watches with wonder as we pass a modern school, a movie theater, and a modern garage. The streets are full of sophisticated natives wearing European clothes. They are not only different from their bush brothers in their mode of dress but in their way of talking and their actions. They are a part of modern Africa.

The next morning we start north. A half hour out of Bangui the landscape begins to change. We see large areas of tall grass. The air is less humid and we feel a breeze. Before noon we reach the BOSSEMBELE station which is located on a slight rise. The tall grass that spreads for miles in all directions seems always to be blowing in the wind. For lunch we'll have buffalo, for this is a good hunting area. What a treat for a meat-hungry missionary!

YALOE is just an hour and a half further north. Are you wondering who those tall natives are we are passing on the road? They are Mohammedan Hausas,

who travel with their wares throughout this area. They bring their longhorn cattle for the Europeans to eat and their beads and cloth to sell to the natives. Now up the hill we go to find the rambling Yaloke station—first the church, then the missionary children's dormitory and schoolhouse on the right, and the missionary residences on the left. Down in a gully we see the dispensary that has helped cure the ills of natives for so many years. Watch out for lions! No, this is no idle threat. Lions have been all about lately, eating goats and attacking natives. If something scratches at your window tonight, better not investigate.

In the morning we drive to BOZOOM. You will notice the houses here are different. They are made of mud bricks which will stand neat and strong for many years.

Let us take the road west to NZORO. This area was the last to be surrendered to the incoming white man and today is the most primitive part of our area. Those trinkets you see on the arms and necks of the natives are charms and medicine. On a hill above a large village stands the Nzoro station. Notice that the windows have real glass. Nzoro is at a high altitude and so the windows must be closed against the continual wind.

We retrace our way south to BASSAI. Bassai is the land of the peanut—there are peanuts for oil, peanuts for the missionaries, peanut butter and chopped peanuts to sprinkle on rice for breakfast. I see you smiling—yes, the girls of this area seem to wear an extraordinary amount of leaves. As you travel north you will see less and less leaves in the native costume.

On north we go to BEKORO. The land becomes flatter and drier and the people become taller, and if you'd like to explore a little we might find an elephant or two. Perhaps you have heard of the leprosarium at Bekoro. Have you ever seen the toeless foot of a leper or his noseless face? If so, you will not soon forget. Bekoro is not just a leper work, for the Word of God is going out to all these northern people.

We will go south again to Bozoum and out the eastern road. Just a 15-minute drive and we see the sign which says, "*Institut Biblique*" (B. I.). Here is a pleasant stop. Here the cream of our young men from all areas of our work come to study God's Word. Let us walk through their village and see how they live. Each family has a mud-brick house. In front of the house stands a *pou* (a wooden bowl and mortar to pound manioc). Small children play, shouting in Sango or in their tribal language or in the tongue of their neighbor. Classtime comes and the men grab papers, books, and briefcases and hurry to the schoolbuilding. These are happy months and these men will never forget the two years of training here at the Bible Institute.

Traveling east again we must cross a river. But there is no bridge. We drive on a raft (that is, we honk until the raft keeper comes across the river to get us!) If the rains have not swollen the river it is a pleasant enough experience. There are good fish in this river. The sweet white meat of the capitan rivals any fresh-water fish I

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Through Our African Mission With Mrs. William Samarin



HE HATH PUT FORTH

By Rev. Foster Tresise, Honolulu, Hawaii

"When he hath put forth all his own, he goeth before them . . ." (John 10:4, ASV).

What a glorious truth this is, indeed, contained in a verse of Scripture which, I'm sure, many have memorized and believed. But what a vast difference there is in merely believing this promise to be true because it is contained in the volume of God's Word, and having experienced the wealth and depth of its meaning by the leading of the Holy Spirit in the wonderful Person and sufficiency of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There was a day when I heard the voice of the Lord speaking to my heart and calling me into His family, into His fold, but then there was another call, just as personal, just as individual, and just as urgent as the former. In this it was the calling of his own sheep by name to lead them out into a life of service for and with Him. How my wife and I do praise Him for leading us into the field of His choice for us. However, it is my intention at this time to bear witness to the promise in our text, that "he goeth before them," particularly as it pertains to our work in Honolulu, Hawaii. We experience the faithfulness of our God daily, but space will permit only the mentioning of a few of these.

There was a thrill in our hearts in taking God at His word and stepping out on faith, but soon after arriving here God replaced the thrill with the thrill of knowing, loving, and serving the people of His choice for us. In calling in the homes and teaching the Word of God in the services, God has given the greatest joy possible. We can truthfully say that there is nothing else in the world we would rather do, or anywhere else that we would rather be.

"He went before us" in securing teachers for the Sunday school. It was early in our ministry here that we met a couple who are acquainted with several of our Brethren pastors, having been their instructor in Bryan University. After visiting the chapel here at Red Hill and learning of our need, they immediately volunteered their services and have been with us since. For them we are very grateful. There is not only perfect unity in the things of God, but they feel called of God to the work, even as we.

Again "He went before us" in permitting us the use of our present quarters even to this present time. It was, I believe, in August that I received a call from the chaplain of the 14th Naval District, advising me that we were to vacate the premises that were allotted to us. Needless to say, this caused quite a bit of consternation, but, after calling our group together in prayer, I went to see the chaplain. Instead of having to give up the building we were given permission to remain until the first of the year. At this writing we are still housed in the same quarters and we are looking for the Lord to go before us in even greater things.

But I would yet like to speak of how "He went before us" in leading a soul into a real knowledge of Christ as Saviour. At the close of my Sunday-school-class period one Lord's Day morning, I extended an invitation for any present to receive Christ as Saviour. One fine Filipino young lady responded and was gloriously converted. Her life was changed and she became a real joy to our hearts. Unknown to us, her mother had also seen the change in her life and a real desire was born in her

heart to know the same Christ and to experience the same salvation.

After having been hindered on several occasions in visiting in the home, one evening the Lord definitely led my wife and me to call, and we were welcomed in. After a little while the plan of salvation was presented and an invitation was extended to the mother and father to receive Christ as their Saviour. Without hesitation the mother responded and said, "I will." It was so easy and quick one would almost be led to doubt the sincerity of her confession. But, thanks be to God, the evidence of her life has proved otherwise. Since the initial experience of salvation, we have seen two of her elder daughters saved and now all four are a real testimony for the Lord.

Yes, "when he hath put forth all his own, he goeth before them." This is the faithfulness of the One who has called and it will ever be so. It will not be long until we shall hear His voice call once more, from that place where "He went before" to prepare mansions in glory. Then we shall be with Him forevermore. Oh, that will be glory for . . . all.

MY BURDEN IS GONE!



Mrs. Dionesia Taylor and her three daughters. (Mrs. Taylor is the mother referred to in the foregoing article.)

It was in November of 1953 that I had found Christ as my Saviour, and my heavy load of burden in heart and mind was cast out. When I learned that Christ still loved a sinner as I was for all these years, I was very happy, for I thought that God, our Father, no longer cared for me. So that very day God sent Mr. Tresise as His messenger.

Then, like a starving child, I accepted the Word of God and Christ as my Saviour. Since that very day to the present I find peace and rest in my soul. His words touched my heart so deeply that when trials and temptations come my way I go to Him for help and I don't let them trouble me. I've learned to claim His promises, but most of all I'm thankful to the Lord for my three daughters who are taking the same steps with me. I hope and pray that some wonderful day my whole family will accept Christ as their Saviour too. If only everyone could see what a wonderful person He is to confide in, I'm sure they'll find an easier way to happiness and contentment.—Dionesia Taylor.

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began with absolutely nothing when our first missionary family entered the field just five years ago. After language study the first actual missionary work was done only four years ago. We now have the two centers, each with encouraging outposts, one on each side of the Amazon River system some 100 miles in from the mouth of the river. Of course the two centers, Icoraci and Macapa, are about 200 miles apart, although just across the river. What a river! I know, for we were bounced around on it, with Brethren Miller and Teeter, for some two or three hours in a boat with a dead outboard motor. It was a beautiful experience when I looked toward the riverside a half mile or mile away, but not so beautiful when I looked at those waves and whitecaps. I just couldn't decide as to their friendliness.

The Amazon valley is a tropical paradise—I just can't express the beauty of it. It was interesting to cross the equator frequently. The Millers and the Teeters live about four miles from the equator. By the way, they moved the equator recently. Did you know that? Yes, the markings were at the wrong place, so now they have beautiful markings a mile distant.

Our conclusion again is, "Foreign-mission money is money well spent."

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

OTHER FIELDS

I am not unmindful of our other three mission fields—French Equatorial Africa, Baja California, and Hawaii—nor of those engaged in establishing and maintaining a Brethren testimony in France. Since returning to Winona Lake I have been carefully reviewing each field, preparatory to our midyear meeting of the board of trustees. I am thrilled with what is being accomplished. Until there is board approval of the many plans and projects in the different fields, however, I do not feel at liberty to itemize the many challenging opportunities. A report will be given following board meeting.

One for One

TRUSTEES MEET

As you read these items the board of trustees of our society will be meeting at Winona Lake. Probably no board meeting has ever had greater decisions to make—some almost breathtaking. And all that we can do will, to a large extent, be made possible, or delayed, or hindered by the matter of funds available for the task. These funds are controlled very largely by our spiritual relationship to Jesus Christ.

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THE EASTER OFFERING

February, March, April, and May are the months thought of as foreign-mission months. We do not think of them as exclusively "foreign-mission." Our interest is in every activity of the Brethren Church, but it is during this season, especially during the Easter or Res-

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urrection season. Look sharply—you might see a hippo. We know they are there, for they love to eat the new green plants in the missionaries' gardens. Just beyond the river is the BELLEVUE station. We drive under the huge mango trees and arrive at the two residences. Here I'll express a personal opinion, but don't tell the other missionaries, for I'm sure they will disagree with me—I believe the natives of this area are the best-looking in our section of Africa. Bronze of color and soft of feature, they are nice-looking people. See them with their huge baskets of cotton on their heads. This is truly the "land of cotton."

On east we go to BOUCA—across another raft and on to a neat little station. Perhaps you feel the humidity again. These river stations, though in a dry land, are often humid because of the nearby river. Around us still is the tall grass. Hidden in that grass is a hunter's paradise. When the dry season comes the natives will burn the grass, and with nets and spears they will go after the highly prized meat.

North we go to the BATANGAFO station. Is the dry air parching your skin? During certain times of the year water is a very rare quantity in this area. The missionaries have built a pleasant house among the trees and at Batangafo is one of our largest churches.

All this traveling has tired you. You're sore from bumps and one arm is sunburned where you leaned against the window. If you'll look in a mirror you will see you are covered from head to toe with a fine red dust, but a warm shower and a couple of good nights' sleep will cure all these ills. Then we can send you home better acquainted with this section of Africa which is the responsibility of the Brethren Church.

One for One

THE WATCHWORD

Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power.
A battle cry—a flaming breath
That calls to conquest or to death.
A word to rouse the church from rest
To hear the Master's high behest,
The call is given—ye hosts arise,
The watchword is—EVANGELIZE!

—*The Evangelical Christian.*

urrection season, that we present our needs and opportunities in a more intense way.

Pray with us that the annual foreign-mission offering will be sufficient for every need. When our estimated expenditures for the year of 1954 were announced it was thought that \$250,000 would care for our needs. It would for the needs in evidence at that time, but more opportunities and greater and very urgent needs have presented themselves until \$275,000 or \$300,000 will not be too much. Knowing the need, please pray, then give as you are able.

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CHICAGO, ILL.—May 2-9 has been designated as National Family Week by the National Sunday School Association. The purpose of this special emphasis is to coordinate the responsibility between the Christian home and Sunday school.

ASHLAND, OHIO—Don Bishop, a member of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church, will be ordained to the Christian ministry on Mar. 7. Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., will deliver the ordination sermon.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Sixteen new members were baptized and received into the church on Sunday, Feb. 14. Rev. James Dixon is pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—A teachers-and-officers banquet was held on Feb. 22 at the Second Brethren Church. Dr. William Orr was the speaker. Rev. George Peek is pastor.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO—A winter Bible conference was conducted at the Grace Brethren Church Feb. 21-28, with Rev. Conard Sandy as the speaker. Richard L. Burch is pastor.

GLENDALE, CALIF.—Rev. R. I. Humberd was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Feb. 21. Charles Underwood is pastor.

BUENA VISTA, VA.—Rev. and Mrs. Edward Lewis were given a reception on Feb. 5, the day the new pastor and family arrived.

HOMERVILLE, OHIO—The Homerville Brethren Church is one of our many loyal churches subscribing 100 percent to the Brethren Missionary Herald. Robert Holmes is pastor.

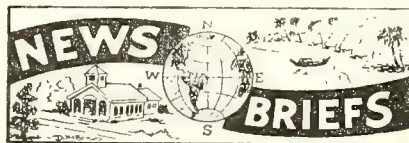
CHICAGO, ILL.—Construction has begun on a new auditorium for the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. The new building will be erected on the basement which has been used as a temporary auditorium since 1939.

The new structure, named Torrey-Gray Auditorium, in honor of two of the early leaders of the institute, will seat 2,200 persons, and will be completed in Dec. 1954.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Rev. Dennis Holliday and Rev. Russell Weber will conduct pre-Easter services Apr. 12-14 (Waynesboro, Pa.) and Apr. 15-17 (Hagerstown, Md.).

YORK, PA.—A family fellowship was enjoyed on Friday, Feb. 19, at the Grace Brethren Church. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, of Kittanning, Pa., who recently spent their vacation at our Navaho Indian Mission, showed pictures of the trip. Gerald Polman is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Fifty churches have not yet sent in their Sunday-school order for the next quarter, and we cannot now guarantee prompt delivery on late orders. Many churches received their Brethren quarterly for the April-June quarter by Feb. 20. Please check to see if your order has been sent to the Herald office. Your orders will be given prompt attention.



FORT WAYNE, IND.—Rev. S. Wayne Beaver, missionary on furlough from French Equatorial Africa, and a member of the Fort Wayne church, was guest speaker on Sunday morning, Feb. 14. James Hammer is pastor.

ASHEBORO, N. C.—Parent-teacher groups have circulated a petition and presented it to the Randolph County Board of Education, protesting the discontinuance of the weekly Bible-teaching program.

CORRAL DE BUSTOS, S. A.—Mrs. James Marshall has recovered from an illness diagnosed as a type of typhoid fever. Rev. and Mrs. James Marshall are missionaries in Argentina.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Approximately 130 donors responded to the appeal of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile which set up at Grace Seminary on Feb. 19.

MODESTO, CALIF.—The Modesto Area Youth for Christ, Inc., is launching an evangelistic effort with

Evangelist Jack Shuler doing the preaching. These meetings will begin on Mar. 22 and extend for three weeks, and possibly four. Rev. J. Paul Miller is pastor of the La Loma Grace Brethren Church here.

FILLMORE, CALIF.—The Mason Swiss Bell Ringers were in charge of the morning service at the First Brethren Church on Feb. 14. Rev. Maxwell Brenneman is pastor.

SPECIAL.—It is not too early to order your summer vacation Bible school material. Order early and thus assist your teachers by supplying them their material two or three months in advance, thus giving them adequate time to prepare. Send your order in soon to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. Please be specific in ordering, giving name of company, catalog number, exact title, etc.

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Approximately 1,200 of the 3,000 students at Bob Jones University are training for the Christian ministry.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—The largest Bible conference program in 15 years is being planned by the Winona Lake Christian Assembly for the 1954 season.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—The 12th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will convene here in the Hollenden Hotel, Apr. 27-30.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Dr. Alva J. McClain and Dr. Paul R. Bauman were speakers here Feb. 22-26 at an area Bible conference for pastors and Christian workers. Some of the sessions were conducted in Memorial Hall Auditorium of Northwestern Schools, and other sessions were conducted in St. Paul, Minn.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Christ for America, under the direction of Horace F. Dean, has announced plans for the launching of a new program with accent on personal soul winning and visitation.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Four retail chains and 181 independent groceries have agreed to close Sundays beginning Feb. 7. The purpose of this action was to make it possible for the personnel to attend church services.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—A choir has been organized at the Winona Lake Brethren Church and an orchestra is being formed by Music Director Don Ogden. Rev. Herman Koontz is the pastor.

NEW TO YOU

on the Subject of Baptism

The Prince of Wales, when riding with a companion, was discussing the subject of baptism. "My church is in the midst of a warm controversy over the subject of baptism," said the prince. "The one side says we must be baptized 'in' the name; the other, that we must be baptized 'into' the name. I feel very strongly about this issue. I would defend our position with my life. But I am not certain which view my side holds."

Whatever view you happen to hold on baptism, additional light cannot hurt it, if it is worth holding. Even those who agree with the position of this writer may find some interesting truth that will strengthen their understanding. And if you don't agree, well, you will want a chance to find an answer for these arguments. So, don't turn the page—read on.

There are, in general, three methods of avoiding the plain teaching of Matthew 28:19. The first ignores the text, solving all the problems in a single sweep, by relegating it to the Kingdom Age. The second, seeking to evade the meaning of *baptidzo*, ignores the lexicons. The third, in order to maintain single action as against triune action, ignores the simple grammar of the text and the testimony of history.

IGNORING THE TEXT

Ignoring the text as a means of evading its teaching, one group assigns the Great Commission to the Kingdom Age because it appears in the Matthew record. Granting for the moment that Matthew presents Christ as the King, does it follow that there is nothing for the church in Matthew?

We are inclined to think not. Christ spoke of the church in this book alone by name, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Many conservative scholars confidently point out the church in one of the parables of Matthew 13—the pearl of great price. And we find instituted in this book the symbols of the bread and

the cup, which definitely are for the church. What reason is there, then, for not taking Matthew 28:19 for the church?

The apostles seemed to think it was for the church. At any rate they obeyed it as such. Its three commands are (1) to make disciples (by teaching), (2) to baptize, and (3) to teach them to observe all that Christ commanded. We see the apostles carrying out these three things in the rest of the New Testament.

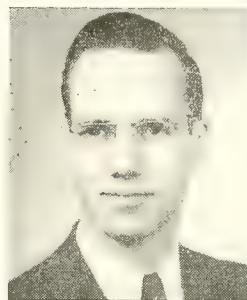
Acts 5:42, 6:1, 14:21 show that the teaching of the Word of God resulted in many disciples being added to the number. The record is equally clear that they baptized these new disciples. And the very existence of the epistles of the New Testament is proof that they then taught them to observe all that Christ commanded.

We can hardly ignore the Great Commission if the apostles themselves believed it to be for the church.

IGNORING THE LEXICONS

Ignoring the lexicons to avoid the meaning of "immersion for *baptidzo*, is a method equally as effective as the first, though perhaps less acceptable intellectually. The position is that "dictionaries (lexicons) are not the highest authority as to the meanings of words; there is always an appeal to actual usage as the court of final resort." On the face of it, this is a correct statement. The first, last, and only resort for the meaning of words is to actual usage. Lexicons are made by assembling the results of such study into a single volume. And if any person feels that he can make a better lexicon than has been made, he is always at liberty to do so.

However, the fact remains that many lexicons have been made by men of great ability and industry, and every one of them covering the fields of New Testament and classical Greek says that the primary meaning of *baptidzo* is "immerse." The best that men could do to avoid this



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evidence has been to select from those already studied by lexicographers, several cases which would lend themselves easily to misconstruction, and base their views on them. But even the cases cited can be shown to support the lexicons.

IGNORING GRAMMAR, AND HISTORY

Ignoring grammar and history is the method that has been used to avoid the teaching of triune action in the passage under consideration. Though the grammar of Matthew 28:19 is very simple, it has been argued that it teaches single action because the word "name" is singular. On this point, hear Dr. Heinrich Meyer's answer. "Had Jesus used the words 'the names' instead of 'the name,' then, however much He may have intended the names of three distinct persons to be understood, He would still have been liable to be misapprehended, for it might have been supposed that the plural was meant to refer to the various names of each person. The singular points to the specific name assigned in the text to each of the three respectively, so that 'into the name' is, of course, to be understood both before the Son and before the Holy Spirit."

It is argued also that the record of baptisms in the Acts points to a

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SWEETER THAN HONEY

What is more to be desired than gold and sweeter than honey? Sounds like a riddle or a joke, doesn't it? However, it is a serious question prompted by two verses of the Nineteenth Psalm. This psalm deals with the revelation of God in nature, in His Word, and in the life and experiences of His people. In the second section, verses 7-11, David speaks in glowing terms of the Word of God. He says that the Word is perfect, converting the soul; it is sure, making wise the simple; it is right, rejoicing the heart; it is pure, enlightening the eyes; it is clean, enduring forever; it is true and righteous altogether. Then, in verse 10, David gives his own heart attitude toward the Word. To him it is "more to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." This is more than a mere statement for the record. These words record the result of David's actual experience.

He is a man who has seen life from many different sides. He has been a shepherd who tenderly cared for newborn lambs even as he savagely slew wild, marauding beasts. He has been acclaimed a hero for rising to the challenge of the giant Goliath and slaying him, thus providing strength and courage and incentive to the fear-weakened army of Israel. He has been the darling of the court who alone could soothe the fevered spirit of King Saul. He has been a highly successful general in the army, of whom the maidens of Israel sang, "Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands."

He has known the life of a fugitive—running and hiding, always running and hiding from the wrath of the king. He is the mightiest king of Israel—the one who brought the kingdom to its greatest length and breadth, and the one to whom all succeeding kings of Israel were to be compared. He is the sweet singer of Israel, the psalmist extraordinary, a man through whom God speaks with clarity, force, simplicity, and beauty. And yet, even in the

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light of this diversified life experience, he says that the most precious, the sweetest thing in life to him is the Word of God.

Remember, David has seen both sides of life. He knows what it is to be poor, to be a "have-not," to have no power, position, or authority. He knows what it is to be atop the very upper strata of society, to have great wealth, power, position, and authority. And he says that the thing that really matters to him is the Word of God. It is more to be desired than all the benefits and things obtainable by money, and it satisfies the hunger and desires of the heart more completely than physical hunger is satisfied by honey and the honeycomb.

Not only is the Word precious and sweet to the heart, but it exercises a definitely practical ministry in the life. "Moreover by them (the precepts of the Word) is thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward." The pages of the Word are replete with words of instruction and warning. There is warning to the one who is proceeding down life's pathway oblivious to and careless of the claims of Christ upon his life—warning that the yawning pit of hell awaits at the end of the road. There is warning to the Christian who takes his obligations and responsibilities too lightly. Warning which compasses every realm of life—mental, physical, and spiritual. No matter what spiritual heights have been attained, there is yet instruction and warning to keep the eyes ever fixed upon Jesus, ever pressing toward the mark for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus, lest those who think they stand, should fall.

There is also the promise of reward to those who keep the Word of God. It seems to us that the greatest reward, and the one which encompasses all others, is that promised by the Lord himself. "He that hath my

commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." If we keep the words of our Lord, it is evidence that we love Him. All who love Him are loved by the Father and the Son. And not only so, but think of it! Jesus Christ, in whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form; who is the express image of God and the forthshining of the glory of the Father; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; who is God over all, blessed forever, *He* will manifest *himself* to us. Comparing Scripture with Scripture, we believe this to refer to the work of the Holy Spirit, who takes the Word and makes known, or manifests Christ to us. There is the external part, in which the applied Word works a change in the life, for as we behold the glory of the Lord in it, we are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

All this is contingent on our keeping His words. How will we do that if we do not know what His words are? How will we discern His way and His will if we do not read, study, and digest God's Word? What an incentive to become a people-of-the-Book! Only thus will we know the love of the Father and of the Son in its fullness and reality, and only thus will the Lord of Glory, and blessed Christ, reveal himself to us.

Have you desired to know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, and yet have wondered how it could be done? Let the Word of God become more precious than gold, and sweeter than honey to you. Let it take the place of prominence in your life. Let it become more important in your thinking than earning a living, and of more urgency than eating. He will keep His promise, He will manifest himself to you, and your life will become the more full and blessed, and greater blessing will flow from your life to thirsty souls about you.

ADVENTURE

CATERPILLARS FOR SUPPER

By Ruth Samarin

Toto balanced the yellow basket on her head as she ran along the jungle trail. Dodging wet branches and skipping over the nobby roots in the trail was fun today. Other days it was not fun, for the trail only led to the garden where she had to pull weeds. Those days she went in the afternoons when the sun was hot and the monkeys were still. But now it was early morning and all the world seemed damp and gray. The monkeys scolded loudly.

Bing, bing, bing came a familiar sound. Toto stopped and listened. Yes, that was the schoolbell. Every morning the schoolbell rang and every morning Toto went to school; every morning except this morning, that is. This was a special day and she didn't want to go to school. Today there were caterpillars in the jungle. Her mouth watered as she thought of those beautiful, juicy caterpillars. She would look all day and fill her basket. Her mother would boil them and they would have a feast. Or maybe she'd fry them in palm oil—that was even better.

Bing, bing, bing rang the schoolbell again. Sara and Marie and all her friends would be sitting on their benches now to hear the stories of Jesus and to learn to read. She would not be there, she thought, but she didn't care. "It's better to have a stomach full of caterpillars than to go to school," she said out loud.

She started down the trail again, but somehow it wasn't so much fun. The trail to the place of the caterpillars was longer than the trail to the gardens. The sun was higher and the monkeys had stopped scolding her. The way was narrow now and branches switched at her skirt. Then she heard it—the gentle thump of the caterpillars as they fell from the high trees. It sounded like drops of rain on her thatch-roof house. She dropped to the ground and snatched up the wiggling black-and-orange morsels that she would eat for supper.

The sun rose high and began to drop again before her basket was



full. The basket seemed alive. The caterpillars squirmed and wiggled in an attempt to escape from their prison. With a giggle, Toto put the basket on her head and started down the jungle trail for home. Now the sun was hot and the flies buzzed around her head, making angry noises. As she vainly swatted at them something stung her toe, then another toe. Oh! she had walked right into a line of "pincher ants." The basket full of caterpillars teetered and fell to the ground. Toto brushed at her feet 'til all the ants were gone. Quickly as she could, she gathered up her precious supper and hurried home. The sun was getting lower and she did not want to be on the trail when a shadow might be a leopard.

She saw the smoke from the village and she wondered where her friends were. "Sara! Marie!" she called. Someone answered, "Toto, where have you been?" Her two friends came closer and admired the caterpillars. "But, Toto," Sara said, "you missed the story of the plagues of Egypt. Now how will you be able to tell the life of Moses for the teacher at the end of the week?"

Toto hadn't thought of that. She was very good at Bible stories and she liked to review the stories for the teacher every Friday.

Marie gleefully added, "You'll never guess what we had today! The teacher cleaned her refrigerator and at recess she gave us all a piece of ice. It was the strangest stuff. It burned our tongues when we ate it and it turned to water in the sun." Toto's eyes widened. She had never heard of such a thing. "We're going caterpillar hunting on Saturday when we won't miss school," chided Marie. Toto hadn't thought of that either. She was so eager to get caterpillars that she hadn't thought at all. Now she'd missed part of Moses' story and she hadn't gotten any of that strange thing called "ice."

That night Toto ate her caterpillar dinner but her heart was sad. She wondered if she'd feel better if she'd take some to her teacher, but then she wasn't sure missionaries ate caterpillars. Well, she'd tell her teacher she wouldn't miss again and maybe Marie or Sara would tell her the story she missed. Then Saturday she would hunt caterpillars with a happy heart.

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REVELATION 3:7-13

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Thus the Spirit of God applies the message of each of the seven churches to the individual life of the believer. God is speaking; it would profit us to lend an ear to His message and then apply it to our own hearts and lives. The message written to the church of Philadelphia, Asia Minor, is a message for each of us today.

Favored Church

Of the seven churches, Philadelphia was the favored church. Only one other church escaped the words, "I have a few things against thee," and that was the persecuted church of Smyrna. All that is said concerning this church of "brotherly love" is commendation and promise. The fact that this church found favor in the eyes of God may be the reason why it is the only one of the seven historical towns that is yet standing with churches in her midst. God has blessed this church, according to the message in Revelation until this present day. The same God rules in the life of the individual and in the church today. He continues to bestow favor and to keep promises to those who meet the requirements. Let us consider the message of this church in light of this fact, seeking something for ourselves today.

The salutation of this letter introduces the one bestowing favor upon the church. The recorded characteristics of this One (vs. 7) are those that would be of greatest help to this church. To a people living in a city whose god was Bacchus, the god of wine, one of the greatest challenges to their spiritual life was God's holiness. All the immorality and evil connected with the worship of the wine god was present to draw this church from purity and holiness; yet a message comes to them from the One who in His very essence is purity and righteousness. He who said, "Be ye holy; for I am holy," was reassuring the church that they were still serving such a God.

The picture is strangely familiar today. The world is madly rushing

after the god of drink and immorality, seeking satisfaction and peace in that which can only bring sorrow and unrest. Therefore, the Spirit of God says to His children, "These things saith he that is holy."

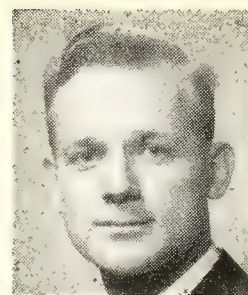
In the midst of a people who claim to be Jews, "and are not, but do lie," the Philadelphians rejoiced to receive the message from "he that is true." The opposition of the ones in the synagogue of Satan were Judaizers who sought to deceive the believers and bind them to the law, but the God of this church is the God who is "the way, the truth, and the life." To this church of weakness comes strength through the truth which is always able to drive out error and falsehood, "because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Amid the cries of peace and safety there comes ringing into our ears today the sad wail of those nations who have made peace and agreement with other nations only to find that truth has fled and falsehood has replaced it. In our schools today the message of truth has been replaced by theories and hypotheses, while in our churches the One who is the true God has been lowered until men claim to be on the same level with Him who is the source of all truth. "He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith."

Absolute Authority

The authority of this One speaking to the church is absolute. He is the One "that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth." To a city located in an area plagued by earthquakes, a place where the tremor might at any time close the door upon them so they could not flee to the open fields, or block the door open so they were not able to shut it again, this message was strength to a church with "a little strength."

The body of the letter begins with favor bestowed upon the church. First, the one having the key of David opens a door before these people. This may refer to the door of salvation as seen in Acts 16:14, when



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God opened the heart of Lydia to understand the message and be saved. "Whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul." The power that regenerates is the power of God, and even though we sing of opening our own hearts to Him, yet He must do the opening. So God's power acts upon the sinner to open the heart for salvation.

Understanding Enlightened

Following salvation our understanding is enlightened by His Spirit. "Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45). Spiritual truths are spiritually discerned, so for growth in a knowledge of God's Word, an open door of understanding must be given by God unto men.

Probably the primary inference of the open door, however, refers to service. The Apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 16:9, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." God opened the doors for Paul just as God opened the door for the Philadelphia church. In Acts 16:6-10 is recorded the shutting of doors for Paul when he was forbidden to preach in Asia and also in Bithynia, but the Macedonian door opened and Paul entered to serve.

The open doors of service which God has for us today are real favors bestowed upon His church. Yet how few are entering, how small are the gifts for those willing to enter, how few the prayers for those already entered. Truly there are many adversaries to the open door of service today, and they are not all on the outside of the church.

Second, the One who is holy causes the ones who are unholy to submit to worship at the feet of the church and to know of His love for the church. What a blessed favor from the hand of God! Someday, "saith

the Lord, every knee shall bow to me and every tongue shall confess to God" (Rom. 14:11). This will take place in the presence of His saints, the church. At that time the enemies of Christ and His church shall know of the love that He had for His church.

Synagogue of Satan

The synagogue of Satan is about us today, consisting of those who claim to be Christian, but lie, for they do not know Christ. In this age or in the age to come they shall know that the Christ of the church is the Christ of love for those who accept Him, but the Christ of judgment for those who reject.

Third comes a promise from Him that is true that the "hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world" shall be escaped. To the Philadelphians, this promise was a reality, for in the terrible persecution of the church by the Caesars, this little town of earthquakes was neglected by those who feared the power of the Almighty more than they desired to see the Christians blotted from the earth.

God has promised to us an escape

NEW TO YOU

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single action. These accounts record only that they were baptized "in the name of Jesus." Seldom, however, do the men who argue from this, use the phrase "in the name of Jesus" alone when baptizing; that is only for argument. They use the formula of Matthew 28:19. But if it is good enough to argue by, it should be good enough to practice, and they should leave out the mention of the Father and the Spirit when performing baptism. Why do such men continue to pronounce the full formula of Matthew 28:19 over the candidate? For one reason: they recognize it as the basic authority for baptism. Logically, they should abandon one of the two positions; either stop using Matthew 28:19, or stop arguing that the apostles did not use it.

As a matter of fact, the evidence of history should be sufficient to convince anyone that the apostles did use it, taught their disciples to use it, and so effectively established it that it continued to be used for several hundred years before the Arian heresy brought in single ac-

tion from the tribulation yet to come. We are His bride and He "has not given to us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Not only has He promised escape from tribulation, but also an escape from the fear of such.

The final favor bestowed upon this church is the promise of eternity in the temple of God as a pillar that shall never go out, containing memorial inscriptions of the name of God, the city of God, and the new name of Christ. This church, so accustomed to flee from the falling pillars caused by the tremors of the earth, was promised the blessing of never having to go out again. Possibly the new name written on the fleshly pillars of their hearts will be "Husband," for then Christ will have His bride with Him eternally.

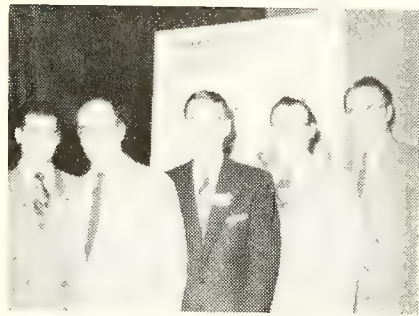
Why did God bestow such favor on these people? The basis for such favor is found in three short phrases. These phrases explain the character of the people of this church, a character giving ample basis for God's blessing upon them.

Had Little Strength

First, they had little strength. Is it not strange that this should be a basis for favor? Yet, when we read the words of the Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for thee for my strength is made perfect in weakness," could it not be that this church in its weakness was willing to let the strength of Christ be made perfect in them? God has chosen the weak things of this world to confound the mighty. Even a little faith is all that is required. Just a little strength in prayer can move the mountains. "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matt. 17:20).

Second, these people kept His word. This probably refers to both the spoken and written Word, for through both they learned of the Living Word. This church was a church which did "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). They followed not the doctrine of men, but that of God. Their lives were controlled by the Living Word dwelling within and were cleansed and energized by the written Word which they had in their hearts. The word here used for "keep" is in the tense

ATTEND PRESS CONFERENCE



Attending the annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association recently held at the Midland Hotel in Chicago were (l. to r.) Mr. Frank Poland, Dr. Paul Bauman, Dr. L. L. Grubb, Rev. Lester Pifer, and Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum.

Main speakers at the convention were Mr. Kenneth Butler, instructor in journalism at Northwestern University, and Mrs. Helen Sigrist, widely known editor, author, and journalist.

of the verb indicating that they got hold of the word once and then kept it continually.

Third, these people did not deny His name. The commandment of God is "that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ" (I John 3:23), and these people obeyed this commandment. This church tested the spirits to see whether they were of God or of Antichrist (I John 4:2-3), then they only accepted those that confessed "that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh." The factor determining the spiritual condition of this church was their attitude toward Christ. They did not deny His name, hence they were a godly church in opposition to the spirit of Antichrist.

Basis for Favor

Three small phrases which give to us a picture of the basis for such great favor upon this church—humility before God and submission to Him, steadfastness in the Word, and firm belief in His name. It seems small to require of a church in order for such great blessing, yet the same God today will give the same blessings to the church that will meet the requirements. Is your church prospering today with such great favor? If not, possibly each individual of the church should take to heart the admonition of the Word: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."



FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Continue to pray for the leading of the Lord in foreign-mission giving—the minimum need for present commitments is \$250,000, with unprecedented open doors inviting us.

2. Pray for the general secretary and the missionaries on furlough as they undertake a heavy schedule of deputation work during this foreign-mission season.

3. Pray for the national church in Argentina as it organizes and plans to assume responsibility for most of our present work, releasing our missionaries for new and larger endeavor.

4. Pray for the Fogles in France. They expected to begin Sunday services in Villerubanne (Lyon) during February. Pray especially for the 15-year-old girl and her mother who recently found the Lord through the Friday-night Bible class in the Fogle home.

5. Praise the Lord for the first baptismal service conducted by Bro. Tresise in Honolulu. Pray that this work may continue to grow and that many may come to know and accept the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour.

6. Pray for the missionaries in Brazil—Mrs. Zielasko is recuperating from an appendectomy. The Edward Miller family is preparing to come to the States for their first furlough. The Teeters will assume the responsibility at Macapa during the furlough of the Millers.

7. Pray for an increased number of national leaders in our various fields—this is one of our greatest needs.

8. Pray that the Lord will restore complete physical health and

strength to Bro. Samarin in Africa just as at present He has given remarkable healing.

9. Pray for the Donald Bishop family. They expect to sail for Argentina on March 12, arriving at Buenos Aires on March 31. They will be located at Rio Cuarto.

HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray that holding the Seattle services in the pastor's home will not be a barrier to new people coming, and that the Lord will give wisdom in plans for a church building.

2. Pray for the Christian day school in connection with the Temple City Brethren Church, that students and parents may be reached for Christ. Also pray that Brethren teachers will be available for the school as a missionary service for the Lord.

3. Pray for the work at Dryhill, Ky., under the direction of Evelyn Fuqua, especially for the Sunday-evening services and the WMC meetings which have just been started.

4. Pray that the Lord will provide a capable youth leader for the Albany, Oreg., church.

5. Pray that pastors will be provided for the home-mission churches that are without pastors at the present time.

6. Pray for the board of directors meeting of the Home Missions Council, which will convene on March 16 to make the final plans in home missions for 1954.

GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Give thanks for a number of special gifts which are providing for certain important needs, such as lounge furniture, chapel organ, classroom chairs, etc.

2. Continue to pray for the monthly offering plan that more of our people will adopt this method of giving.

3. Pray very definitely for students who are having difficulty find-

ing work, that the Lord will provide so that their preparation for His service may not be interrupted.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE—

1. Pray for a nationwide prayer burden for revival for our church.

2. Pray that February's evangelism blessings will stir us all to greater blessings in soul winning.

3. Pray for Team One in the March 29-April 11 meeting in the Peru Brethren Church.

4. Pray for Team Two in the Osceola meeting, March 9-21, and in the Philadelphia Third Church, March 28-April 11.

WMC (From the Iowa District)—

1. Pray that the love for God's Word and the prayer life of our WMC women may grow mightily.

2. Pray for a good representation from each local council at our district rallies.

3. Pray that the Lord might supply a pastor for the new work at Davenport, Iowa, and at Carrollton, Mo.

4. Pray for all the decisions that are made as the Crusade Teams visit the various churches.

SMM—

1. Pray that many local SMM's may aim at being honor societies.

2. Pray for junior girls.

3. Pray for all local patronesses that they might be true spiritual advisors to each girl.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray that our youth may take their responsibilities seriously and train for Christian leadership.

2. Pray for the adult sponsors of the youth work in every church.

3. Pray that the young people may catch a vision of what the Lord wishes to accomplish through them.

MISSIONARY HERALD—

1. Pray that the Lord will use the itinerary of the editor in his contact with the churches.

2. Pray that the new Teen-Ager Quarterly will be used of the Lord to touch the lives of many young people for Christ.

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LESSONS IN THE SCHOOL OF COMFORT

By Mrs. Myra Koontz

In a special way God has given to mothers unusual opportunities to comfort others. How often they are asked by their little children to "kiss the place and make it well" after some minor mishap in their children's affairs. Older children, husbands, sick people, friends, all have experiences of sorrow, disappointment, pain, and loss in which they need the ease of heart which a friend knows how to give when she herself has gone through the "School of Comfort." Of course this ministry is not limited to mothers; all women, especially Christian women, have been given a sympathetic nature, a quick understanding of another's need which God can use when He has educated it in His school.



Mrs. Koontz

The secret of knowing how to bring comfort to those who need it is found in II Corinthians 1:3-4: "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." These verses show us that tribulation is the basis of all the lessons we must learn in this school. When we can say, "This has happened to me, too, and the Lord comforted me," a bond will be formed between us and the sufferer which can be possible in no other way.

There are many courses in the "School of Comfort" and not one is easy. God has not promised us easy lessons with no tests. Instead He will make them as hard as we can bear that we may be fitted the sooner to be used in His work.

One course is that of pain. Perhaps He sends an illness that forces the Christian to lay aside her regular work. That takes money she can ill afford to spend. That drains physical strength and lowers spiritual vitality. When she finds through this experience that God does not fail her, but rather supplies her needs, both temporal and spiritual, she has passed one test He has placed before her.

Perhaps the lesson is disappointment. The Christian may have cherished some dream for years—a dream that was good and did not violate God's Word in any way—

only to have it ruthlessly torn away from her. Some have longed to go to the mission field. They were sure they were called to go. They have planned, worked, studied, and prayed toward that end. Then some circumstance—loss of health, perhaps—has closed the door, and their dreams have become dust and ashes. But in the depths of their despair the Lord Jesus Christ has come to them with comfort, and as time goes on they learn to find happiness in His will for their lives. They, too, have passed a test in God's school.

Perhaps the lessons are those of chastisement, or sorrow for the loss of a loved one, or lack of money for the necessities of life. God sends them all that, among other reasons, the Christian may be a willing, sharpened tool in the Master Builder's hands.

There are also rules to be used in learning these lessons from our Lord's hands, if we are to extract the greatest good from them, and if we are to become a blessing to others through them.

The first is that we should not rebel against trouble when it comes, but accept it as from God who sends it in love. This is the hardest rule to follow because the human heart continually wishes to ask why such things should have to happen instead of trusting everything to Him. Rebellion also builds a wall between the Christian and God which shuts off communion with Him just when it is most needed.

Again, we must realize that there is a gift hidden in every trial and that it is our duty to seek for it. Sometimes a valuable gift is placed in a small box, and then in box after box, each one a little larger, until the package is very large. It would be very sad if the recipient should grow impatient and throw the gift away before it is disclosed. God's gift to us in time of trouble is usually just as hard to find, but it is there and it is well for us to hunt until we find it.

Another rule is to pray for God's will rather than for alleviation of the trial, for strength to bear the load rather than to have it taken away. God gave Paul strength to bear his thorn in the flesh instead of taking it away. He even taught Paul to glory in his weakness for Christ's sake, and He can do the same for us.

Yet another rule is to be faithful in time of trouble, to continue to carry the tasks God has given us to the greatest possible extent. A family lost a child by death. The funeral was on Saturday, but on Sunday all the members of that family were in their usual places in

church. Though their hearts were full of sorrow, they honored God with their faithful, usual service.

The last rule is to learn that God's nature can give comfort. It is easy to be satisfied with God's gifts and so forget to go on to find God himself behind the gift. When He takes away the gift it is in order that He may make possible a personal revealing of himself through communion with Him.

When we have had experience in applying these rules in the school of suffering, we are ready to be used in comforting others. With love and sympathy in our hearts, we can go to the suffering Christian and as we read God's Word and pray, God himself will bring the needed comfort through us. To the unsaved we can take the message of salvation more effectively because the Lord Jesus himself has permitted us to learn of Him in the "School of Comfort."

OUR COVER PICTURE

Our cover picture this month has been prepared by the Foreign Missionary Society to indicate the beginning of the quarter during which we of the WMC give our national foreign-mission offering. The various pictures represent a few of the projects on our foreign-mission fields that have been made possible through the sacrificial giving of our WMC members.

The upper panel of the cover pictures the Bible Institute at Bozoum, Africa, showing the entrance to the campus and the school building built with WMC funds.

The second panel depicts water heaters supplied for the missionary residences in Argentina and also tracts and pamphlets sent to our missionaries in France and Baja California, with Mrs. Fogle dropping a tract into a mailbox in France.

The third panel presents two more large projects: the property purchased as a missionary resident at Icoraci, Brazil, and at present the home of Rev. and Mrs. John Zielasko; and the automobile purchased for our missionaries in France as a part of last year's project.

Our project for this year is represented by the bottom panel of the cover. With the exception of \$300, to be used for native church expansion in Hawaii, our entire foreign-mission offering is to be used for the purchasing of aluminum roofing for missionary residences in Africa. The word "fire" brings terror to the heart of many missionaries as they've seen time and time again many fine buildings destroyed because of their vulnerable grass roofs. This year we ladies are seeking to remove this ever-present threat from our missionaries. Can we count on you to help change these flaming grass roofs to shining metal ones?

APPRECIATION FROM HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL

"We, of the Brethren Home Missions Council, want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you, the other national officers, and every local council, who had a part in reaching the goal for home missions. Certainly the Lord honored your faith and answered your prayers.

"Your project offering will go a long way toward providing some needed buildings at our Navaho mission. It is our prayer that every dollar you have given will be used as a means to an end, for winning the Navahos for Christ. May every WMC member back every increased gift with an increased amount of prayer for that work."

BIBLE READING AND TRACT CORNER

"The Bible pays great dividends to anyone who, stemming the tide of popular opinion with lesser things, takes a little time daily to read this Word of God. It is tremendously worth while. Furthermore, it may be understood. But there are conditions for understanding it. Patience, persistence, and attention are needed, and, above all, a heart purpose of obedience."—Rev. James H. Taylor.

Bible reading for March—Luke, chapters 16-24; John, chapters 1-21.

Bible reading for April—The Acts of the Apostles.

Tracts of the Month

1. For OURSELVES—"The Fruit of the Spirit," by R. A. Laidlaw, published by the Good News Publishers.
2. For OTHERS—"Why Some Good People Don't Go to Heaven," by J. E. Conant, D. D., published by Moody Press.

Both of these tracts may be obtained through the Brethren Missionary Herald Company in quantities of 50 or more.



Africa—

Miss Grace Byron.....	May 7
Lois Irene Taber.....	May 8, 1940
Alberta Mae Dunning.....	May 11, 1949
Naomi Ruth Mason.....	May 28, 1948

Argentina—

Victor Ricardo Wagner.....	May 2, 1937
Mildred Isabel Wagner.....	May 11, 1936
Rita Dorene Hoyt.....	May 18, 1944
Mrs. James Marshall.....	May 25
Rev. James B. Marshall.....	May 28

Baja California—

Sharon Rachel Haag.....	May 9, 1948
Kathryn Sue Howard.....	May 29, 1948

Brazil—

Rev. John Zielasko.....	May 7
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France—

Victor Fredrick Fogle.....	May 1, 1949
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On Furlough—

Mary Hope Beaver.....	May 7, 1946
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In School in the United States—

Donna Marie Kliever.....	May 29, 1940
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Women Manifesting Christ AROUND THE WORLD

Our mission study for March brings us back once again to a Brethren mission field, with the spotlight turned upon a little group of African Christian women—the wives of the Christian men who are being trained for places of leadership in the growing African church.

The material for our study was prepared by Miss Ruth Snyder, who is one of the full-time teachers in the Bible Institute. Miss Snyder is a member of the Conemaugh Brethren Church and is now beginning her third term on the African mission field. Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver are the other regular teachers at the school. The Beavers are now on furlough, and Mrs. Beaver has given us, in the following article, a further glimpse of these "Women of the Gospel" as they grow in grace, in the Word, and in qualifications for Christian leadership.



Miss Ruth Snyder

OUR AFRICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE WOMEN

By Mrs. Wayne Beaver

When Pierre, André, Jacob, et al., pack up their baskets and net bags to go the many miles away to our Bible Institute in Bozoum, French Equatorial Africa, there to make their homes for two years, naturally Rachel, Marie, Rebecca, et al., their wives, go along with them. But what are these women going to do for two years in a strange village while their husbands are in school? The first thing they will do, of course, is set up housekeeping and make the mud-block houses that have been assigned to their family's "home"—for their husbands and little ones. Next they must scout for garden sites or locate the ones their husbands may have purchased from former students.

But housekeeping and gardening are not to be their sole occupations for the two years. No, they are to attend daily classes also. In fact, most of their mornings will be given over to classes. How difficult these classes are for them, as "book learning" is not for women—so says "old Africa." But as they study *The Book* how their eyes are opened as they behold wondrous things out of God's Word! It is a thrill to witness the growth in many of them, as they feed on the Word daily.

But there are extracurricular activities too. Once a month they meet with the local Christian women for their WMC meetings. They call themselves "Women of the Gospel." They enjoy the fellowship with the Lord and with one another in these meetings and are pleased with what their offerings have been able to do. Our Bible Institute "Women of the Gospel" have purchased nice dark blue draperies for the chancel railing in our chapel and several aluminum basins to be used in the communion services. Occasionally the women accom-



pany their husbands to village meetings and there give their testimonies also. And so the years slip quickly by.

This last year, for the first time, the women marched with their husbands in the graduation procession. We pray that this might be symbolical of their lives and witness together from now on; that they will walk and work side by side as they labor for the Lord in their villages. Pray for our Bible Institute graduates and their wives.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ECHOES

We who have the opportunity of attending the national conference sessions of WMC in August are greatly blessed by forums, messages, and discussion groups presented by representatives of the different district organizations. It is the desire of your editor to make some of these helpful suggestions available to a greater number of women from time to time as space permits in the pages of the Herald. This month we would like to present an outline résumé of a very helpful message presented by Mrs. Gladys Lindower, president of the Northern Ohio District, entitled—

HOW TO KEEP THE OLD MEMBERS AND WIN NEW ONES

1. *Friendliness.* Proverbs 16:24 (paraphrase): "A woman that hath friends must show herself friendly." A spirit of true Christian friendliness and mutual interest in one another's problems and pleasures has a great effect upon the regular attendance at the meetings.

2. *Avoid cliques.* Nothing can so quickly break the unity of a WMC group and make members or visitors feel they are ignored or unwanted as to have some members of the group so deeply engrossed in the interests of a select few that others in the group feel excluded.

3. *Secret Sisters or Prayer Partners.* The fact that each woman in the group has a specific link with one other individual in the group will often be the fact that will make certain women hesitate to miss a meeting where the other member of the twosome will be present.

4. *Provide transportation.* In every council there are times when it is impossible for a woman to be present unless transportation is provided. There are usually some women in a council who feel incapable of active part in the programs but who would enjoy being made responsible for solving some of the transportation difficulties of other members. Mrs. Lindower read us an interesting poem along this line entitled—

THE WOMAN WITH THE CONSECRATED CAR

She couldn't speak before a crowd; she couldn't teach a class.
But when she came to WMC she brought the ladies en masse.
And altho' she couldn't sing, nor teach, nor lead in prayer,
But always her "jalopy" was just crammed on mission-ary day.
And altho' she could sing, nor teach, nor lead in prayer,
She listened well; she had a smile, and she was always there
With all the others whom she brought who lived both near and far.
And God's work prospered, for she had a CONSECRATED CAR.

5. *Vary programs.* Try to make women curious enough to feel that they dare not miss a program. Avoid reading program parts. We can only warm another's

heart when *first* our own heart has been warmed through study and prayer.

6. *Give all members something definite to do.* We are just "little girls" grown up and we never quite outgrow the desire to DO things.

7. *Appoint a Lookout Committee.* Watch for new members in the church and Sunday school and for girls who have married or outgrown SMM.

8. *Have a Get-Acquainted Party or Tea.* There is something stimulating and intriguing to a group of women in the fellowship of an informal time of visiting and eating together.

9. *Form "afternoon councils"* for women who cannot attend evening meetings, and vice versa. In a good-sized church there may be two circles of one council, one meeting in the afternoon, the other at night, to care for the schedules of different women.

10. *Provide "baby sitters."* A number of councils are now paying SMM girls to attend the WMC meetings and care for the children while the mothers are free to enjoy the program.

A MOTHER'S SECRET

Someone asked a mother whose children had turned out very well the secret by which she had prepared them for usefulness and for the Christian life. Without hesitation she said:

"When in the morning I washed my children, I prayed that they might be cleansed by the Saviour's precious blood. When I put on their garments, I prayed that they might be arrayed in the garments of salvation and in the robe of God's righteousness. When I gave them food, I prayed that they might be fed with the Bread of Life. When I started them on the road to school, I prayed that their faith might be as the shining light, brighter and brighter to the perfect day. When I put them to sleep, I prayed that they might be enfolded in the Saviour's everlasting arms."

No wonder her children were early led to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and became adornments to the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things! What a joy to that mother's heart when her children rise up and call her blessed! Now that her secret is an open one, may hosts of other mothers follow it.—*Prophetic Voice.*

COME YE APART

Come ye apart awhile from selfish striving
For earthly pleasures and for worldly praise.
Forget the struggling and the tired contriving
And all the little cares that crowd your days.

Come ye apart, your own sore need confessing,
And know the peace our Lord alone can give.
Be still till you receive His wondrous blessing;
Then in His strength go out again to live.

Come ye apart, and then go out in gladness,
With strength renewed for problems you must face,
With balm to give to those who sit in sadness,
The wondrous message of our Saviour's grace.

—Lucile H. Smith, Ashland, Ohio, WMC.

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR APRIL

Bible Study—"Come Ye Apart for Fellowship."
Mission Study—"Problems and Needs in France."



Since the month of January was Family Altar Month the WMC groups sponsored a special Sunday service on January 24 at the *Winona Lake Brethren Church* with a special message by the pastor, Rev. Herman Koontz. Over 100 copies of the tract, "Let's Have a Family Altar," were distributed, one to a family.

The councils of the *Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.*, entertained the *Washington Heights* council at a delicious potluck supper. Mrs. Charles Sumey, missionary to Africa, was the featured speaker. An additional treat was a typical family altar scene presented by the pastor, Robert Miller, and his family.

Word comes to us from *Los Angeles, Calif.*, *First Church* that a third council has been organized, called the "Business Women's Missionary Fellowship," to meet in the evening, since many ladies cannot attend daytime meetings. They have an average attendance of 20. The senior council of the same church has been busy packing boxes of clothing for New Mexico. The ladies also made beautiful robes for the youth choir.

The newly organized *Michigan District* held their first rally at *New Troy*. Their offering, amounting to \$63.50, was used to buy a clock and to help furnish the new church at *Ozark, Mich.* The project for their April rally will be to help the *Berrien Springs* work. This new growing district needs our faithful prayers.

The *Spokane, Wash.*, council summarizes its activities as follows: "We have taken part in the district projects for Don and Hazel Bishop, who are our new missionaries to Argentina, and also for needed materials in our new church at Seattle. Each month we set aside 10 percent of the offering for Jewish mission work. We are also continuing the missionary birthday project this year. It is a real privilege to have a part in the support of our WMC missionary. We contribute regularly to the national offerings and do praise the Lord for the general response. There are some members who meet daytimes to sew for the Taos and Counselor missions. We are still sending used clothing also. For a local project the council has decided to supply the materials for cleaning and redecorating of the church auditorium."

We have been receiving letters from a number of our newer Brethren churches and praise the Lord for our ever-increasing WMC fellowship. The new home-mission church in *Washington Heights, Roanoke, Va.*, is now worshipping in the basement of its new building. The WMC members there are anxious to be a real testimony in that community where there are so many unsaved.

Another council that remembers the shut-ins of the local rest homes with gifts and food is the WMC of *Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio*. They recently held a joint meeting with the ladies of *Akron, Ohio*. One of their local projects this year is the making of choir robes for the members of their junior choir.

The ladies of the *North Riverdale, Dayton, Ohio*, WMC held an all-day meeting in January. The program was given in the morning, followed by a covered-dish lunch-

eon and an afternoon spent rolling bandages for the lepers in Africa. A fruit cake and a copy of the devotional book, "Daily Light on the Daily Path," was mailed at Christmas to each boy from the church in the service.

The ladies of the *Glendale, Calif.*, WMC enjoyed a special treat at their December meeting. Some of the members of the junior council gave the Christmas story in tableau, under the direction of Mrs. Charles Underwood. A trio, also from the junior group, sang "Christmas Lullaby" in keeping with the Christmas season.

From the secretary of the *Canton, Ohio, Sr. WMC* we have received an interesting account of their combined meeting and Christmas party. She writes in part as follows: "Our leader for the meeting, Miss Margaret Sutek, had gathered in members from all the various groups of our church and they in turn gave us a most wonderful program. We were privileged to have with us our own Ruth Bergert, who is home on furlough from South America. She led us in choruses, carols, and songs, and favored us with a flute solo and a number on the musical saw. Her mother accompanied her on the piano and also sang with her. We had with us David Garaux and Don Heaston, from the boys' group. David sang, "In the Stillness of the Night," which he dedicated to his mother, and Don played Christmas carols on the trumpet. Becky Jo Suffecol, from the junior SMM, gave us a beautiful piano solo. Ruth Robinson, from junior WMC, gave a reading, "The Place Where the Young Child Lay." The Bible study was brought by Beverly Forrester from the senior SMM. It was a great joy and blessing to have our young people with us, and a real inspiration to see their willingness to serve."

At the regular meeting of the *Leesburg, Ind.*, WMC, held January 6 at the home of Mrs. Paul Gingrich, one of its members, Mrs. Don Bishop was honored with a surprise shower of personal items for herself and baby daughter, Gail. Mrs. Bishop and daughter, along with her husband, are sailing for the Argentine mission field early in March.

A feature of the December meeting of the *Berne, Ind.*, WMC was a shower of baby clothes for the Baja California mission. In January the WMC and Laymen's Fellowship held "Family Night" with a missionary speaker from India and special emphasis on family devotions.

A report from *Artesia, Calif.*, states that their WMC is working toward their national goals and planning for their local projects.

The *Everett, Pa.*, WMC was planning to send an extra gift to the Navaho folk. They are finding their monthly meetings a real blessing.

Your editor had the privilege of attending the *Northern Ohio District* rally at Akron, Ohio, on January 25. More than 100 women were in attendance. A prayer session was held in the forenoon, after which we went to the dining room where the tables were beautifully decorated in pink and green. The district project for the quarter was the raising of \$200 to help Marguerite Taber finish her college work at Bryan University. At each place was a program in either pink or green, on the cover of which was a picture of Marguerite inside a heart. The project offering for Marguerite was a little more than the goal of \$200. It was a blessing and inspiration to your editor to meet with those ladies and to hear their testimonies of what the Lord was doing in their individual councils.

SISTERHOOD of MARY and MARTHA



BEAUTY OF PRAISE

By Althea S. Miller

"I don't have time to clean my room."

"Oh, Mother, you know I don't like that vegetable. Why do you insist that I eat it?"

"I wish we had a more up-to-date house. Cheryl's folks have *everything* in their house. And is her bedroom ever gorgeous! Just look at mine."

"Why can't I have a fur coat like Joan? And why must you insist that I be home from every date by 11 o'clock? Joan's mother doesn't care when she gets home. Mercy, Mother, why? why?"

"Why do I have to go to that stuffy meeting down at the church?"

Do you know any girl who fusses, complains, and is generally unpleasant at home? Is it possible that *you* may be one of this number? Yes, even Sisterhood girls have been known to be guilty of such actions. Rather than praise being their watchword, they are known by their fussing and complaints. May it not be that anyone can ever say you dishonor your Lord by such behavior.

There are many passages in the Bible which speak of praise. Psalm 33:1 is one of my favorites. "Rejoice in

the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright." The word "comely" is from the old English and means "becoming," "attractive," "lovely." Now let's read this verse with those words inserted: "... praise is becoming to the upright [Christian] girl." Praise makes the Sisterhood girl attractive; praise gives the Sisterhood girl a lovely glow. Is this a description of your life and character? What seems to be more natural for you to do: *praise* or *complain*?

Keeping in mind the fact that "praise is comely [becoming] for the upright [righteous]" shall we notice to whom and for what we should show praise and thanks? Always remember, thanksgiving goes hand in hand with praise. You cannot be praising the Lord without being thankful for your parents and *all* the disciplines of your life.

Our first praise belongs to God the Father. There is no sweeter music to His ear than the praise of His children. Such praise includes gratitude for all His works and Word as it affects your life. Please notice that when we give to God the praise due Him, our relationship to others will be right. For example, on the basis of the complaints mentioned at the first of this lesson, a Christian girl will not tell her Mother with an unkind pout that she doesn't have time to clean her room. She'll plan to *take* time in helping to bear the burdens of the home of which she is a part.

The chief matter for which we should praise our wonderful heavenly Father is our *salvation*. Do you *really* appreciate what God has done for you through Christ? Your salvation is not only a blessing to you now, but gives wonderful hope for an eternity with Christ. Because you are saved your life is far more profitable and satisfying now with a promise of an eternity unspeakably glorious. In view of this wonderful truth your life should abound with PRAISE. Are you beautiful with PRAISE? If not, why are you lacking this ornament?

The psalmist said: "My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation" (Psa. 22:25). "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise" (Psa. 100:4). We praise God, or should praise Him, in His "courts"—where His people gather. Praise is one of the reasons why we should go to His house. Why do you attend church? To gossip with the young people? To whisper and cause small commotion during the preaching service? What would your honest answer be?

At some time or other every human soul experiences a "midnight hour." Young folks are not immune to such times. And human nature being what it is, very few of us are able to sing praises to God in these hours of trial and stress. But "songs in the night" to our wonderful Lord are music indeed to His heart. The Bible tells us of two men who praised God not only at the midnight

THE ORIGIN OF THE YEAR'S THEME



Did you ever stop to think where this year's theme came from? Well, wouldn't you like to know?

Mrs. Robert Miller was walking down the street in Roanoke, Va., one day and happened to see this sign. Right then it came to her that it would be a good theme for Sisterhood, so she went home and wrote up some articles on it. This sign is the sign of a beauty shop. I think it was a good idea, don't you? Thank you, Mrs. Miller!

hour as to the time of day, but at a dark time in their lives. These men had been witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ whom they dearly loved. And because of their boldness in testimony they were cast into prison. But "at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them" (Acts 16:25). What a testimony their praise was in that dank prison where men languished in despair! When the dark times of trial come on you do you witness to His grace operating in your heart by praising God? God help you to sing songs in the night as continued proof of your love for Him and desire that His will be accomplished in your life.

Your response and reaction to the hour of trial reveals your true Christian character. When you can rejoice though the way is dark and you can't understand the why of your trial you will be able to obey the admonition and challenge of Ephesians 5:19: "Speaking to yourselves [one to another] in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." (You notice that nothing is said of discord of music which marks present-day so-called music.) The music talked about here encourages others as well as yourselves and constitutes an offering of praise unto God. Is your life beautiful with PRAISE? May it be so.



ADVENTURES WITH THE BIBLE IN BRAZIL

By Frederick C. Glass

LESSON 8

IA. Chapter 27—The Converted Usurer.

- 1b. Mr. Glass deals with a spiritist.
 - 1c. Mr. Glass hopes for his salvation (p. 163, pars. 3-4).
 - 2c. He does not believe in hell (p. 164, par. 4).
 - 3c. After he remains away from the meetings there is much success (p. 164, par. 7).
- 2b. The conversion of Samuel Mello (p. 164, par. 8; p. 165).
- 3b. He renounces his business and sins (p. 165, par. 4).
- 4b. He became a preacher (p. 166, pars. 1-2).
- 5b. He preaches in Paranagua.
 - 1c. Great success (p. 166, par. 4).
 - 2c. Opposition of the priests (p. 16, par. 5).
 - 3c. The colporteurs press the battle (p. 167, par. 5).
 - 4c. The result (pp. 168-169).

IIA. Chapter 28—The Leper.

- 1b. Camillo Roig as a Catholic.
 - 1c. A faithful son of the church (p. 170, par. 1).
 - 2c. His saints (p. 170, par. 2).
 - 3c. His attitude toward the Gospel (p. 170, par. 3).
- 2b. Camillo receives a Gospel of John (p. 171, pars. 1-4).
- 3b. His conversion (p. 171, par. 4).
- 4b. Camillo gives up his rum selling and is baptized (p. 172, par. 1).
- 5b. His leprosy is healed (p. 172, pars. 2-3).
- 6b. His many testings (p. 172, par. 4).
- 7b. He becomes a colporteur (p. 172, par. 4).
- 8b. His success (p. 172, par. 6).

IIIA. Chapter 29—Three "Impossible" Cases.

- 1b. The case of Manoel.
 - 1c. He hated the Gospel (p. 174, par. 2).
 - 2c. The plague comes (p. 174, par. 3).
 - 1d. Mr. Glass ministers to the sufferers (p. 174, par. 4; p. 175, par. 1).
 - 2d. Manoel hinders him in giving the Gospel to Manoel's wife (p. 175, pars. 2-4).
 - 3d. Manoel takes the plague (p. 175, par. 4).
 - 1e. Conditions in his home (p. 175, pars. 5-6).
 - 2e. Manoel refuses the Gospel (p. 175, par. 6).
 - 4d. Manoel calls for Mr. Glass and receives the Saviour (p. 176, par. 4).
 - 5d. Manoel's funeral (p. 176, pars. 5-6).
- 2b. The case of Blind John.
 - 1c. Before he was converted (p. 177, pars. 1-2).
 - 2c. After he was converted (p. 177, pars. 3-6).
 - 1d. The woman with the bone in her throat (p. 178, pars. 2-3).
- 3b. The case of Maria, the Woodpecker.
 - 1c. A description of her home (p. 178, pars. 4-5).
 - 2c. Her conversion and changed life (p. 179).

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PROGRAM GROOMING FOR APRIL

PRAISING VOICES—Begin by singing theme song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus," and repeat the year verse, I Chronicles 16:29. But don't stop there! Brush up on some favorite choruses.

SWEET SAVOR—Spend time in a prayer circle. If definite requests are given to a specific girl, much better results will be yours.

CLEANSSED HEARTS—Read the Scripture, Psalm 150.

GLOWING LIVING—Seniors study, "Beauty of Praise"; Middlers study, "Devotion of Praise."

SPARKLING TALENTS—Give a special number.

BEAUTIFUL FEET—Consider "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil." Close with the second stanza of theme song and repeat year's devotional benediction, Jude 24-25.

BUSINESS MEETING.

SMM BENEDICTION.

TWO SISTERS

In the little town of Bethany,
When Jesus here did dwell,
There lived a happy family,
And Jesus knew them well.

'Twas here He often came to rest
From wandering to and fro;
To seek sweet fellowship and peace
'Mong those who loved Him so.

'Twas here lived gentle Mary,
Who at His feet did sit,
And listen to His words of life,
And never tire of it.

That she might have more time with Him
She laid her work aside.
And the busy sister, Martha,
Would often pause to chide

Her for her seeming lethargy,
But Jesus made it clear
That Mary acted wisely,
For He'd not long be here.

Yes, Martha, too, loved Jesus,
But she preferred to serve
Choice viands to her Master
From off her sumptuous board.

And Jesus loved the ministry
Of Martha's able hands—
The motives of our work for Him
He always understands.

Let's strive to be like Mary,
And love to hear His Word.
Let's strive to be like Martha, too,
And ever seek to serve

The One who died on Calvary's tree
One dark and dreary day,
That we might have eternal life
And reign with Him for aye.

—Eva Kool, New Troy, Mich.

From BUENA VISTA, VA.:

"Our Sisterhood in Buena Vista has an enrollment of 15 girls. We started a sunshine bank in September. On rainy days we put five cents in our bank and when it is sunny we put a penny in the bank. We are also sending invitations to the new girls each month. At our December meeting we had a Christmas party in which we exchanged gifts and played games. In March we are planning to roll bandages."—Bonnie Miller, secretary.

From MARTINSBURG, PA., SR. SMM.:

"We have been having our meetings on schedule. For our November project we prepared a sunshine basket for one of the church members. We also conducted a church service in which the film "Betrayed" was shown. A food basket was sent to Marybeth Munn."—Kaye Griffith, secretary.

From the WATERLOO, IOWA, SR. SMM.:

The girls started in October by passing out tracts at the Dairy Cattle Congress. In November a box of food was sent to the missionary home in Winona Lake. A program was presented to the WMC ladies in which we presented the goals of Sisterhood.

From the JR. SMM. in MEYERSDALE, PA.:

"Our Sisterhood programs are enjoyed by all and we are getting new members continually. One of our projects is to give an offering to our new home-mission pastor's family in Cumberland, Md. We are planning to make the birthday month a big one by inviting our mothers to a covered-dish supper. Also, we are planning to give a program in the church soon."—Carol Purbaugh, secretary.

From the Jr. SMM. in PHILADELPHIA, PA.:

"Miss Clara Schwartz spoke at our meeting recently. During the meeting she also showed us many of her pictures from Africa. A Christmas party followed in which the girls exchanged gifts."—Janet Aeby, secretary.

From the SUMMIT MILLS, PA., SR. SMM.:

"We have enjoyed the prepared topics very much. As a local project we shared our Christmas with a little girl by giving her a small gift. We also packed a Christmas box for a family of children. Their mother went to be with the Lord a few weeks ago and their father is in the hospital. Another one of our projects is helping to buy emblems and rewards that are needed in the teaching of a child evangelism class which one of our Sisterhood girls teaches."—Catherine Lindeman, secretary.

From the PARAMOUNT, CALIF., MIDDLE SMM.:

"Our highest attendance was in November, with 19 present. Most of our meetings have been dinner meetings (the girls come at 5 o'clock bringing a covered dish). We do handwork, enjoy the fellowship around the table, and continue with our devotional and business meeting at 7. We truly enjoyed Miss Isobel Fraser being with us in December. She brought us such a timely message with Christmas-tree lights, showing how each of us is like unto one of these lights, all making us societies and units across the country."—Mrs. Wesley Williams, patroness.

Devotion of Praise

By MRS. H. LESLIE MOORE

"Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright" (Psa. 33:1). In the Psalms we read many passages that exhort us to praise the Lord. We are told to praise the Lord for His goodness, mercy, handiwork, protection, blessings, power, etc. This list could go on and on. In our modern life we are quick to praise the famous athlete, our favorite car, or food, but do we take time to praise the One who has made all things possible? If we only stop to think what all the Lord has done for us, we would begin to praise Him immediately, for our very existence would be impossible without Him.

Many times you as young girls might have thought, as you were asked to give a testimony, "I haven't lived long enough to give a glowing testimony like some of the older folks." You feel you haven't had any thrilling experience that you can relate, but let me say this, God is well pleased when any of His children give voice to His praise. You are His child, are you not? Tell others how glad you are! Most of us have enough to eat and clothes to wear. Tell others how glad you are that the Lord has supplied your need. In Psalm 150:6 it tells us, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord." Each one of us is still breathing (I think) and so we "owe it" to God to praise Him for the very breath He has given us. Are you glad you are alive? Tell it!

Each time we quote our Sisterhood benediction we promise our Lord something. Do we fulfill that promise? Let us all quote it now (Psa. 145:1-2). Each time we say these verses we promise our Lord that we will praise Him every day. You might say, "There isn't a testimony meeting every day." Maybe not, but we not only have to praise with our mouth but we can live our praise day by day. It has been said many times, "Many folks will never read the Bible bound in leather, but they read the Bible according to you each day." What kind of a Bible do they read in your life and mine. Is it a life of praise or are we spiritual "grumps"?

When I was a little girl in Bible school I was taught to answer the question, "Why did God make you?" by saying, "For His own glory." This has been with me over the years. I hope the truth of this statement will remain with you as well. Remember, whatever we do must be to glorify our Lord and Saviour and not ourselves. This includes our talents, our thoughts, and our actions. Be sure that in everything we do or say that the Lord gets the glory for it. We can daily praise Him by doing only those things that are pleasing to Him.

Let us come back to our first Scripture verse, Psalm 33:1. We also find practically the same words in Psalm 147:1b, where it says that "praise is comely." What do we mean by "comely"? The dictionary says it means "graceful," "handsome," or "beautiful." You see how easy it is to be beautiful for our Lord. Many girls take lessons and practice at being graceful, but we as Christians only need to read the Psalms to really find out how to live a gracious Christian life—that is by praising God. Is your life a praise to your Lord? Do you do things every day that bring praise to His name? Does



Hint 1. April is birthday month. This is the time when a birthday thank offering is given by the local SMM for the higher education of missionaries' children. We have set \$500 as our goal for this year. Do you think we can make it? Send your offering to the national treasurer before May 10.

Hint 2. Have you finished learning James or I John? If not, let's keep at it until you've finished it. Remember, the deadline for it is June 30. You will receive a great personal blessing from hiding away God's Word in your heart.

Hint 3. By this time most of you patronesses have received your new handbook. However, we do not have all of your names for various reasons, so if you have not received yours yet, please write to the literature secretary, Myra Joy Conner, and she will send you your copy. Please do not ask for more than one copy unless it is for another patroness. Thank you.

Hint 4. Juniors, here is an effective way for your monthly memory work. Example: print the verse on various pieces of paper. Have them all on the flannel-graph board at first, and then removing one section at a time let them read it. They will have learned it by the time it is all removed.

Hint 5. A few have been writing to the general secretary for project books. These can be obtained by simply writing to the literature secretary. What's the cost? Nothing!

your manner of dress or speech or habits show that you are a child of His? Or do your friends have to wonder if you mean business with the Lord? I pray that each girl may sincerely pray the Sisterhood benediction and as it is prayed promise God that they will not be just empty words, but each life will indeed be a life of devotion to our lovely Lord to whom all praise belongs.



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WOOSTER, OHIO—The home of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Ashman was a beehive of activity on Mar. 1. March came in like a lion in northern Ohio, and the result was the heaviest snowstorm of the winter. Roads were blocked in every direction, and a number of our ministers, on their way to Winona Lake, reached Wooster but found it impossible to continue their journey. First to retreat to the Ashman home were Dr. Herman Hoyt and Prof. Herbert Bess. Later Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum arrived seeking shelter from the storm (plus something to eat). Then came Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ogden and grandson Jimmy Ogden, followed by Rev. Ralph Hall, Rev. Ward Tressler, and Miss Clara Schwartz, missionary on furlough from Africa. Just as it was nearly dark, there was another knock, and this time it was Rev. Conard Sandy. To say the least, it was a housefull! Thanks to the Ashmans, all were well fed and housed for the night. All were following Route 30 toward Winona Lake. Needless to say, the caravan arrived at Winona Lake Mar. 2.

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Eighty-seven attended the Father and Son Banquet Feb. 15. Miss Clara Schwartz, missionary on furlough, was guest speaker on Feb. 28. Dr. W. A. Ogden is pastor.

ARTESIA, CALIF.—Evangelist Bill Smith closes a two-weeks evangelistic meeting at the Carson Ave. Brethren Church on Mar. 14. Rev. Adam Rager is pastor.

GOSHEN, IND.—A new Brethren church was organized here on Feb. 14 under the direction of Dr. L. L. Grubb. Mr. Herman Hein, senior in the seminary, is pastor.

RITTMAN, OHIO—Recent speakers at the First Brethren Church, during the vacation of the pastor, were Dr. Paul Bauman, Dr. James Boyer, and Mr. Homer Miller, senior

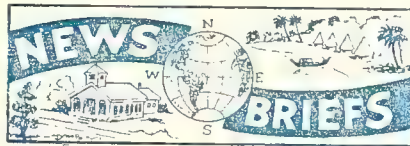
in the seminary. One Sunday was in charge of the seminary quartet. Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., is pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF.—A citywide singspiration was conducted in the Community Brethren Church on Jan. 31. Rev. Ward Miller is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Seventeen home-mission pastors attended the "workshop" conducted at Winona Lake Mar. 2-4 by the Brethren Home Missions Council.

CANTON, OHIO—Rev. John Dilling was ordained to the Christian ministry on Feb. 28 at the First Brethren Church. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt was the guest speaker for the day.

DENVER, COLO.—The new address of Rev. Thomas Inman is 590 S. Dale Court. Please change your annual.



TIFFIN, OHIO—Rev. Gordon Bracker, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Fremont, Ohio, is conducting a Bible class here every Thursday night. If you know of anyone living in this area, write them of the class conducted at 202 S. Sandusky St. Twenty-two were present Feb. 18.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA.—As a direct result of the evangelistic meeting conducted by Team One of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, a large group of believers were baptized on Feb. 21. Forty-four believers were taken into the baptismal waters by Rev. William Wiles. Thirty of these were adults. The baptistry of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Md., was used for the service.

LISTIE, PA.—The young people of the Listie Brethren Church surprised their pastor, Rev. John Burns, with a birthday party on Feb. 21. A leather brief case was presented to Brother Burns, together with other gifts.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Mr. Don Sterrenburg, a member of the Second Brethren Church, has been awarded the annual trophy presented by the Long Beach Press-Telegram. The award is presented in

recognition of the student who practices good business, good citizenship, and maintains a high scholastic record.

COVINGTON, VA.—Rev. Paul Mohler, pastor of the First Brethren Church, was assembly speaker at the Dunlap High School on Feb. 10.

LA VERNE, CALIF.—Rev. Glenn O'Neal, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Inglewood, Calif., conducted a week of meetings here Mar. 7-14. Rev. Victor Meyers is pastor.

WINCHESTER, VA.—Rev. Robert Cessna was speaker at the Atlantic District youth rally Mar. 5-6.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—The new address of Rev. Charles Underwood is 2008 Ostrom, Long Beach 15, Calif. Please change annual.

COMPTON, CALIF.—Rev. C. H. Ashman, Jr., pastor of the First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Feb. 7.

SPECIAL—Rev. Robert Markley, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Berrien Springs, Mich., and Rev. Richard Jackson, pastor of the New Troy Brethren Church, exchanged pulpits on Feb. 28.

MASSILLON, OHIO—Rev. Milo D. Williams, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, has received notice from the Stark County commissioners of his appointment as chaplain of the Stark County Home, Canton, Ohio.

WHITTIER, CALIF.—Approximately 30 young people and a staff of 10 from the First Brethren Church attended the two-day spiritual retreat at Forest Home Feb. 5-6. Louis Zamperini was the guest speaker. Rev. Lewis Hohenstein is pastor.

MT. VERNON, OHIO—Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Haller are the proud parents of a 7-lb. 15-oz. son, John Edward, born Feb. 24. Rev. Haller is pastor-elect of the First Brethren Church of Middlebranch, Ohio.

SEATTLE, WASH.—The young people of the View Ridge Brethren Church made a "snow trip" to Snoqualmie on Mar. 6. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Rev. John Neely, youth director of the First Brethren Church, is in charge of the Lawndale Christian Youth Center, sponsored by the aforementioned church. Youth services are conducted each Saturday evening. Already there have been several decisions for Christ.



THE fifth chapter of Daniel presents five contributions to a wicked, God-dishonoring feast. In order to properly appreciate the events of this chapter one must be acquainted with the historical setting. The ancient city of Babylon was highly fortified. The walls surrounding this city, we are told, were 300 feet high and 85 feet wide. It is easily understood why there was the feeling of false security. It was within the seemingly absolute safety of this city that the impious feast was in progress. But on the very night of the feast, Gobryas, the general of Cyrus, was at the gates of the city secretly completing the project of diverting the course of the river that ran through the heart of the city. With the river diverted, his army could easily march up the dry river bed under the massive city gates.

With this setting in mind, let us consider the five contributions to the ungodly feast.

1. *Belshazzar's Contribution to the Feast (1-4).*

Belshazzar, king of Babylon, completely ignored the truth: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Instead he "made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand." Belshazzar's contribution to the feast was food, wine, and reveling. He acted as if he were master of his destiny. He was mocking the very God into whose hands he would fall that same night. He was unaware that God at that very moment was going to interrupt the devilish feast.

2. *God's Contribution to the Feast (5-6).*

During the height of the hilarity and revelry, God presented His contribution to the impious feast. The Lord, looking down upon that blasphemous scene, could restrain himself no longer. He wrote a message upon the palace wall with the fingers of a man's hand. An ominous silence fell upon the feast. The feast was ended. The king who had been

laughing and pointing a finger of mockery at God was now silent. The king who had desecrated the temple silver and had been praising the gods of silver and gold, was speechless. The king who only moments before was intoxicated with wine is now dead sober and afraid. He is so frightened that Daniel says "his knees smote one against another." His knees began to beat out a tune of fear. Upon the wall he saw God's warning of impending doom. In order that he might learn what the message contained, he called for his wise men.

kingdom and finished it," or, Belshazzar, your number is up. **TEKEL**—"Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." **PERES**—"Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." If only Belshazzar would have permitted Daniel to preach to him sooner he would have escaped this tragic hour. Those awful words—too late.

5. *Darius' Contribution to the Feast (29-31).*

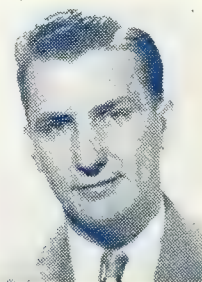
The final hour had come. God's longsuffering with Belshazzar had run its course. The last night upon

Contributions to an UNGODLY FEAST

DANIEL FIVE

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3. *The Wise Men's Contribution to the Feast (7-9).*

The wise men of Belshazzar's kingdom were wholly inadequate for the task of deciphering the message. Without exception, men of the world are incapable of helping in time of real spiritual need. The only contribution these wise men could make was astonishment.

4. *Daniel's Contribution to the Feast (10-28).*

As a last resort, and when it was too late for Daniel to give beneficial assistance, he was called to contribute to the feast. It is like permitting the minister to preach only the funeral service. Daniel preached the funeral service when he interpreted the writing on the wall. The writing was: **MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN**. The interpretation was: **MENE**—"God hath numbered thy

the earth had arrived. There would be no more opportunities for making a right decision for the Lord. How solemn that truth is for our hearts. The day is coming and may be upon us already, when our opportunities are ended. The verdict for Belshazzar was announced, and the sentence carried out. "In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain, and Darius the Median took the kingdom." Judgment came suddenly and unexpectedly.

Conclusion: We have absolutely no assurance of tomorrow. Today is the day of salvation. Let us be busy in doing our Father's work. Win that precious soul for Christ before the Lord removes the opportunity. "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

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SIGNS OF CHRIST'S COMING

By Rev. Alfred Dodds, Pastor
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Students of industry study the "signs of the times" in the business world; students of political economy study the "signs of the times" in present world governmental conditions; but it is the task of the Christian to study "the signs of the times" in the light of God's Word. The spirit of the Antichrist, who is called the Mystery of Iniquity, is at work all around us today. The full light will fall upon Antichrist after the rapture of the church. Thank God, we shall not be living on earth when he appears on the scene. One thing seems certain from the many references to him—he will be a COUNTERFEIT indeed, a clever imitation of the true Christ. There are many signs predicted in God's Word relative to the coming of Christ, but we have only time and space to emphasize the following.

THE JEWISH SIGN

It is evident that God, in His program for this earth, has primarily but ONE nation before His eyes. Gathered about Israel are all the eternal purposes of God for this earth, and other nations are considered only as they are related to Israel. The church, on the other hand, is heavenly; her people are said to be "strangers and pilgrims" in the earth, "ambassadors" in the enemy's land, "citizens of heaven." Approximately five-sixths of the Bible is written concerning the nation Israel. We cannot understand God's Word aright if we do not give Israel her God-appointed place—past, present, and future. This nation is to abide for all time and she is to possess her own land forever (Gen. 13:15; 17:6-8). It was also predicted that this nation should be dispossessed of her land three times and be restored to the land three times (Gen. 15:13, 14, 16; Jer. 25:11-12; Deut. 28:62-65; 30:1-10). Bible history tells us that Israel has now been dispossessed of her land three times, and is in the process of her third repossession.

Every prophecy concerning Israel that has been fulfilled up to this hour has been fulfilled literally. The nation was "plucked off from the land" and "scattered through all the nations." Now look at this same nation today—established in the land promised her by God (although not occu-

pying all of it as yet); acknowledged by the nations of the world, and her governmental headquarters now in Jerusalem. To this end the Jews have been miraculously preserved by God as a separate people; even the skeptic must acknowledge this fact. What other nation could be so scattered among the peoples of the world and still maintain their national identity through the centuries. God is LITERALLY placing them back in the land which He has given them for an everlasting possession.

There have been many great purges by military machines through the centuries seeking the destruction of this people Israel, but God has wonderfully protected and prospered them. Through the various persecutions God has been forcing His people back to the land (Palestine), even though they have been returning in unbelief; God's program is steadily working itself out. For centuries the Jews were mostly of the poor and suffering peoples of Europe, yet as a nation today they are fast becoming the people of greatest influence in the world. Out of all proportion, they have become the financiers, statesmen, scientists, artists, and leaders. Way back in World War I England needed formulas for high explosives, and a prominent Jewish scientist provided them. When asked to name his reward, he requested only that Palestine be given back to the Jew.

Within the past generation the Zionist movement started, and its purpose was the restoration of Israel in Palestine. This movement made feeble progress until the convulsions of the world wars, and the aftermath of the second. We have not space to pass through the various steps of its development, but today, behold ISRAELI "IN THE LAND," and a recognized world power.

THE JERUSALEM SIGN

Looking at the world in the light of the Scriptures we see that JERUSALEM is the abiding city. She is to be the center of governmental au-

thority when Jehovah establishes His everlasting kingdom in the earth. Jerusalem is the city of David. It is the seat of His throne, which is to continue forever (II Sam. 7:16; Psa. 89:34-37). There has been a real transformation of this city since Israeli became a recognized nation (i. e., the portion occupied by the Jews); the most modern structures have been built, modern machinery and industry is now flooding the land. We believe that even greater developments will follow the moving of the capital of Israeli from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The Palestinian desert has taken on a "new look" in recent years, for through much toil and stress, against opposition of both elements and mankind, "the desert" is beginning to "blossom like the rose."

Israeli today stands out before the world as a thriving nation. New modern machinery and plants are being installed in and around the Dead Sea area just as fast as money can buy them. Modern methods will soon make this the wealthiest mining area in the world. The vegetable areas over the whole country have been tripled, and production is almost nearing demand. The sad part of the picture, however, is that Israeli has come thus far in unbelief. Yet she stands out as handwriting on the wall to every child of God; she is God's "timepiece"—indeed "when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

NEWS from the CHURCHES

(Items in this column are compiled from reports of pastors and evangelists.)

Elkhart, Ind.

For the sake of those who have prayed for the work here in Elkhart we would like to note a few of the Lord's blessings.

Since the beginning of the work in June 1953 the membership has almost doubled. It was then 30 and now it is 53. The Lord has blessed us with a group of fine Christian families and earnest workers. We have as many as eight people out in visitation work on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Others have done much calling independently. Our prayer service reached 51 last week, and it thrills us to see the faith of these people.

In a recent Sunday-school contest with the Osceola church our average was 102 and our highest attendance was 113. At the conclusion of the contest our Sunday school was presented with four maps for use in the classes.

We request the continued prayers of God's people.—*Lowell Hoyt, pastor.*

Covington, Ohio

We would like to report a blessed time of revival at Covington, Ohio, January 17-31.

We were confident from the very outset of the meeting that the Lord was going to work. Our faith was encouraged by the interest, attendance, and decisions made. There were 22 public decisions made during the two weeks—5 first-time and 17 rededications.

It was a pleasure to work with Bro. James Young, pastor of the church, and to have a share in his untiring labors for the Lord.

As we look back upon this meeting, we are forced to declare: our blessed Lord Jesus Christ has done this work.—*Bill Smith, evangelist.*

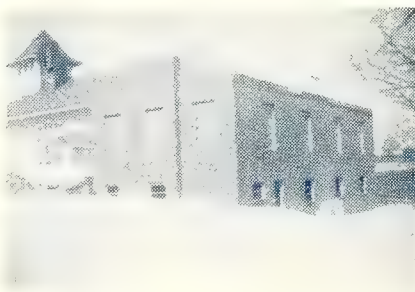
We are happy to report that the spirit of revival still remains with us and that God has given an increase of five to the church roll. We

were happy to have five who followed the Lord's command in the rite of Christian baptism by triune immersion.

May the Spirit of God be with our Brother Smith as he continues his service for his Lord in the field of evangelism.—*James O. Young, pastor.*

Clayton, Ohio

The first Sunday in June 1953 was the date for our ground-breaking service with Dr. Bauman and the Grace Trumpeters, which started us in our Sunday-school annex building program. In July the actual work was started and the bricks and blocks began to take their place in an orderly fashion to compose the 30-by-60-foot addition which shall serve several purposes for the Clayton Brethren. The main auditorium will be enlarged to seat approximately 75 more. A new baptistry will be installed, six Sunday-school



rooms, and a pastor's study will all be found on the second floor. The basement, more correctly the first floor, since it is mostly above ground, will have modern rest rooms, furnace room, and a large auditorium for junior Sunday school.

All this has been done by the men of the church and their pastor. All of this has been paid for by the members of the church by their sacrificial giving. All work is expected to be completed by late summer or early fall and dedicated to the glory of the Lord. All this has been a testimony as to what God can do when the people have a mind to work and give. It's true—all things can be done when Christ is in the work and supplying the strength.—*Clair Brickel, pastor.*

Harrah, Wash.

It has been some time since any news has been sent in to the Herald concerning the church at Harrah. We are still carrying on in every good work of the church. There

have been disappointments, but our victories have been many.

Rev. Jesse Hall is our pastor. He and Mrs. Hall have been with us for a little more than a year. We do appreciate their unselfish devotion to the affairs of our church.

Reports show that 562 pastoral calls were made and 17 have been added to the church during the year. Our Lord's Day offerings have been sufficient to meet all current expenses. The offering for foreign missions amounted to \$1,302, and for home missions, \$665.

Just recently our church building has been redecorated both inside and out; we have also added new rugs, drapes, and other improvements; this was at a cost of \$1,200. We are rejoicing and are truly thankful that it has been possible for us to make these improvements.

On November 22, 1953, our church celebrated its 25th anniversary. Besides the special music, a very interesting part of the day's program was from several of our charter members who spoke reminiscently of the early days of the church. Dr. L. L. Grubb was the morning speaker, after which a potluck dinner was served. Rev. F. V. Kinzie, who was pastor here for five years, spoke in the afternoon. His message, too, was of early experiences and brought to our minds interesting and sometimes humorous incidents many of us had forgotten. The day closed with the regular evening service.

Due to bad road conditions and much sickness, our Sunday-school attendance has been down, but absentees are coming back and we are confident all will be with us again soon. One adult class and three BYF groups meet before the Sunday-evening service. Other auxiliary groups are the WMC, SMM, and Jr. SMM. The Sky Pilots organization have an average attendance of 23. These boys have adult help in building their planes, but conduct their own devotional programs. One of these groups assists in each Sunday-evening church service.

We are looking forward to the fall campaign with Crusade Team Two. Our pastor's evening messages for the month of January were of revival emphasis and for the month of February were evangelistic. Sunday-school teachers and members met last Sunday for the purpose of inaugurating a visitation and transportation program to cover as large

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I Had Tea With the Wife of the Prime Minister

(FIRST OF A SERIES)

(Editor: Recent retirement of Israel's first Prime Minister and his wife to a Jewish cooperative settlement in Negev, makes this article by Rev. Nathan Meyer very timely.)

It was 10 p. m. on top of Mt. Carmel and all was quiet in our small hotel. I would have been preparing for bed, too, had it not been for my roommate, Dr. Salstrand, from Chattanooga. He needed some writing paper and prevailed upon me to go down to the clerk in the lobby to secure hotel stationery.

It was the least I could do for him—or was it? The man at the desk answered in German and I retorted in Pennsylvania Dutch, but the best I could get out of him was a newspaper. Suddenly, "May I help you?" spoke a pleasant voice in very understandable English. I looked around to find the voice belonged to a young lady who, upon learning of my request, said, "There is no more in the desk, but I'll go get you some."

Meanwhile an older lady entered the small hotel lobby and with a wistful smile began to question me concerning my reactions and observations in Israel. Presently she introduced herself: "I am Mrs. Ben-Gurion, wife of the Prime Minister—and this is Mrs. —, wife of the manager of this hotel. The young lady had returned with my stationery. For a brief moment I was speechless. I think my brain sent an SOS to my backbone. Should I bow, curtsy, or just shake hands?"

Quickly I decided the best thing to do was to look pleased as possible and say, "I'm certainly glad to meet you." From then on it was easy.

"Won't you sit down and have a cup of tea?" she asked as she motioned me toward the furniture in the lobby.

I suggested that it was getting late and perhaps I should be retiring, but she insisted and I consented.

I said it was easy. It was. All I had to do was to listen and ask a question now and then. Being of an inquisitive nature I didn't need to force myself to show an interest.

For the first half hour she told me of her family, her husband—"He's a great man," she said. She was proud of her son, too. "I wish you could meet him, but that's impossible. He's on secret duty right now—head of the police, you know!" She told me of her native New York and how she came to Palestine some 30 years ago when the modern city of Tel Aviv was only barren sand.

At this point a very ordinary-looking man strolled through the otherwise deserted lounge. "That's my bodyguard," said the wife of the Prime Minister. "I get so tired of him."

Then we got to the subject of religion and I did most of the talking in answer to her questions. She said she believes everybody has a right to think the way he pleases and "I respect them all. Now Mrs. — here is Catholic and she's a *very* fine girl." The manager's wife began telling her history, and wound up by saying: "I went to mass regularly and they taught us that Jesus was born of a virgin. Later on I found out he had brothers and sisters. Then I quit going. Now can you explain how that could be?"

Both ladies were very attentive when I said very calmly, "Why certainly; that's easy."

But Mrs. Ben-Gurion interrupted with a question of her own: "Perhaps you can explain to me why Jesus had to die if He was as powerful as they say He was." Now my time had come. With supreme confidence I smiled and said, "That's easy, too; I'll be happy to explain both of these problems. But permit me to begin at the beginning." (I breathed a prayer for divine wisdom and Spirit-given words.) Then, as the ladies listened with such rapt attention that I almost felt uncomfortable, I began:

"You know how your Scriptures (I looked at Mrs. Ben-Gurion) tell the account of creation. God made two perfect people and placed them in a perfect world."

"Yes," she said.

"But they sinned against God, as



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every human being ever since them has done."

Again she seemed to agree with me.

"In so doing they brought upon themselves the death penalty, for God had issued an irrevocable decree: 'The soul that sinneth it shall die!' The same is true of us today, for we are all sinners and that penalty still stands."

"Yes, yes?" She simply drew it out of me.

"But God loved men and women so much He didn't want them to die. So He devised a plan whereby His decree could stand and yet the people He had created did not need to die." (No time for theological complications like foreknowledge, etc.; I was teaching first grade.)

I continued: "There was only one thing God could do." The attention had become so intense that I almost wished something funny would happen so I could laugh and relieve the pressure. But this was no time for laughter. This was serious business. God was using me to give the Gospel to perhaps the most influential member of His chosen people alive today.

Mrs. Ben-Gurion couldn't wait for the answer. "Yes, yes," she urged me on. "What did He do?"

Naturally I took advantage of the suspense and restated the problem before I went on with the solution.

"God sent His own Son, Jesus Christ, who was without sin, to pay the penalty for sin. Thus He died in our place and God has promised to let all those go free who accept Him as their substitute."

"But what about the virgin birth?" one of them reminded me.

"That's the method God used to bring His Son into the world as a man. Jesus' mother was Mary, but He had no human father. He was

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the divine Son of God. His brothers and sisters were only half brothers and half sisters because they were the children of Joseph and Mary. Jesus was not. Jesus was born first; they were born later."

The Catholic lady said, "I understand."

But Mrs. Ben-Gurion said, "Mr. Meyer, now you are being illogical. I'm surprised that an intellectual man like you (she said that, I didn't) would believe in something that wasn't rational."

"Don't you believe in miracles, Mrs. Ben-Gurion?" I asked.

"No," she said. "I believe in science, in reason and logic."

"Do you know, Mrs. Ben-Gurion, that the reason I am in Israel tonight is because I believe in miracles?"

"What do you mean?"

"For over 2,000 years your people, the Jews, have been scattered all over the world. They have been terribly persecuted and killed almost everywhere they went. They have had nothing to keep them together and no one to help them."

"That is true," she agreed.

"They had no country, no king, no flag, no organization of any kind, and by all the laws of science, reason, and logic (I emphasized these words—her words) the Jewish people should have gone the way of the Amorites, the Hittites, and the Philistines."

She seemed fascinated, and a smile broke across her face that revealed a deep-seated Hebrew pride. I continued.

"But God worked a miracle. In fact, more than one." I rehearsed the promises God made to Abraham. And then I said: "More than 1,500 years ago God told Ezekiel to write the prophecy telling how He would eventually bring back His people from every nation and cause them to return to *Israel*, the state which didn't exist for nearly two millennia until May 15, 1948.

She was much impressed, but she had her own explanation, "Yes, but my husband did that." I smiled and she continued, "You know, Mr. Meyer, you are like my husband. You have a strong faith; he has a strong faith." She went on: "I wouldn't

try to get you to change your religion."

I hastened to assure her: "There is no danger of that; it could never be done." She seemed pleased, and then she added: "My husband believes in the Bible."

How I wished I could talk with him, but I didn't dare ask for the privilege. By this time it was after midnight. (My roommate never got his stationery.) I went to my room thanking the Lord for the privilege of telling the story of the true Messiah to one of the daughters of Jerusalem.

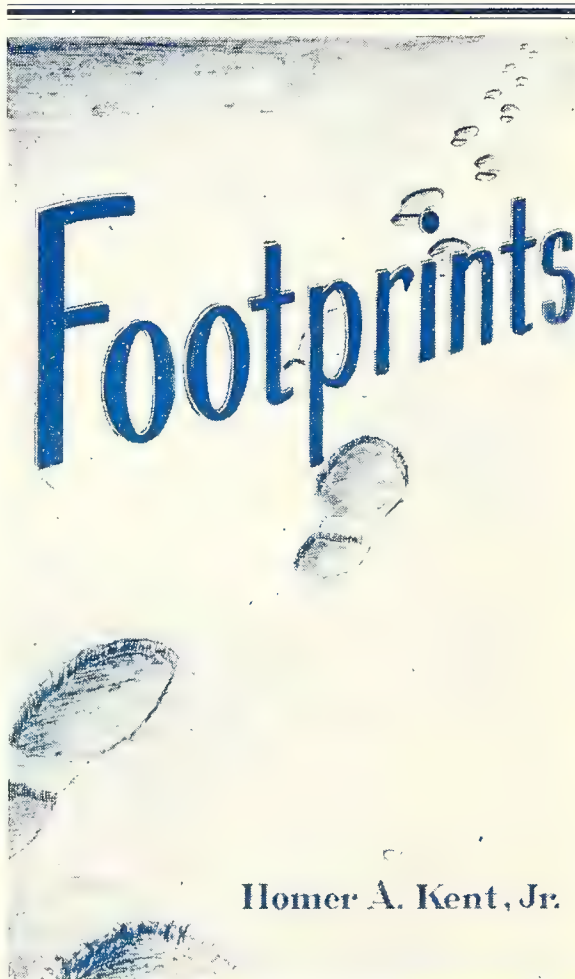
NOTE: To my recollection the tea was very good. I remember there was sugar and milk.

(Next week: "A Talk With the Prime Minister Himself.")

a portion of this community as possible and to begin as soon as assignments can be made. We ask for the Lord's leading and for a great harvest of souls. Pray with us.—Mrs. S. C. Culver.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

It is the consensus of opinion that the Grace Brethren Church experienced its most stirring evangelistic service in the past weeks with Evangelistic Crusade Team Two. We had an average attendance of 85 in all of the services. There were 16 first-time confessions and 21 rededications of life. The people are still rejoicing in the blessings received from God's bountiful supply. May God continue to bless these Spirit-filled men, and may God continue to bless the Brethren Church with the much-needed revival.—Richard E. Grant, pastor.



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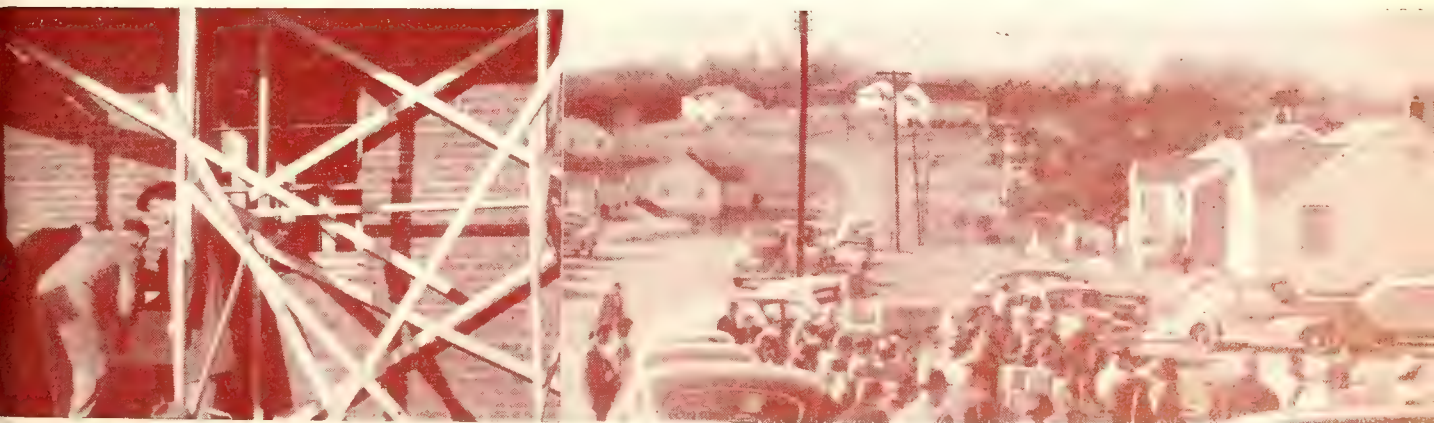
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Washington Heights, Roanoke, Virginia, Lays Cornerstone

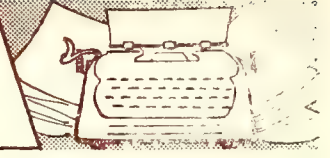


The cornerstone-laying service was held on February 7 for the new Washington Heights Brethren Church, shown above. In the lower left picture, Rev. W. Carl Miller, pastor, and Mr. O. R. Keith, Mr. John Wright, and Mr. B. H. Conner, the building committee, insert the cornerstone in place. At the right is a portion of the crowd and a view of the immediate neighborhood.



Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



Foreign-Mission Season

At this time of the year Brethren people the world around think especially of supporting and expanding the great foreign-mission program God has given into our care.

The Easter season is the time set aside for a special foreign-mission offering. But the weeks preceding are times of prayer, foreign-mission emphasis, systematic giving, and missionary education.

Through the Foreign Missionary Society the Lord has given us a wide and ever-expanding gospel testimony in several sections of the globe. Our present missionaries are sacrificially representing us in South America, Africa, France, Hawaii, and Mexico. We know that where there are Brethren missionaries there is the full testimony of the Word of God.

Every missionary on the field or home on furlough deserves our support. Those now awaiting the time when they can enter into foreign service find themselves praying that a larger offering may be given this year that they may be about the King's business. God will certainly hold us responsible for the service of these missionaries who cannot go to the field because funds are not available.

YOU MUST EITHER GO OR SEND A SUBSTITUTE! Our Lord will settle for nothing less. Not many can go to Africa, South America, or other fields of the world. Not many are called. But each child of God who cannot go faces the responsibility of sending someone in his place.

Let us remember this challenge as we approach the Easter season and give a faithful account of our stewardship in supporting this strong and growing missionary arm of our church.

Crime in Business

All the crime in America is not in a skid row or in the brothels or other houses of sin. Some of the cleverest and most difficult to solve crimes are committed against American big business. Subversives in industrial plants and offices, pilferage and embezzlement by employees, passing of bad checks, and other misdemeanors constantly harass business leaders.

There are 5,000 detective agencies in the United States which constantly thrive on this kind of business. A business executive said recently, "Every big corporation in the United States employs a private detective at one time or another during the year." Revenue to these agencies exceeds \$150 million a year. The vice president of Pinkerton's recently said, "Our volume of activity has more than doubled in the last four years, and this year it is 20 percent ahead of 1952."

Some of this increasing crime wave in big business is due to the activities of Communist subversives. Infil-

tration into such key plants as General Electric makes available military secrets and information on many new inventions. A Senate investigation recently revealed that four Communist cells are still operating in G. E. Fraudulent insurance claims constitute a large section of this "private-eye" business.

The story of crime in America constantly becomes a more sordid and tragic picture which has been squarely faced by very few Christians. These statistics should startle every American to attention and action.

America's Red Shroud

If you share the sentiments of this editor during the past 10 years, and especially during the past several months, you have been shocked, sickened, and stunned by the repeated revelations that a well-organized group of Soviet agents have been working inside our Government and even inside the White House. In order to see this picture through unprejudiced eyes politics must be blotted from the picture.

The Reds took advantage of the late thirties and the war years of the forties to infiltrate key positions in our Government. Take Lauchlin Currie, for instance, who for years with his office in the White House was the eyes and ears of the President. He was a Communist sympathizer and responsible for the appointment of Michael Greenberg to the Board of Economic Warfare, who in turn was well known as strongly pro-Communist. Alger Hiss, whose address is now the Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa.; Harry Dexter White, whose dubious career recently received nationwide publicity; Gregory Silvermaster, named by the FBI as a top Red agent; and others of the same class, all were friends of Lauchlin Currie. Strangely enough, when things became warm for him several years ago he left the country in a hurry and now works for the Government of Colombia. This puts him beyond the power of Senate subpoenas.

Is it any wonder that the Kremlin knew about the atom bomb while it was being perfected. They also knew about D-Day when it was still a top-echelon secret. They knew where the Allied armies would strike in Europe and so were enabled to take over the Balkans, East Germany, and Poland. They knew of the atom-bomb test in New Mexico and when a bomb was to be dropped on Hiroshima. This advance information enabled them to be ready to declare war on Japan August 8, when she was already beaten. In return for her "aid" at Yalta, Russia received Manchuria and an opening into Korea which has already cost many thousands of American casualties and deaths.

We certainly have nothing good to say of men who will use their high office to betray the American people. Our son's sons will still be paying the bill incurred by

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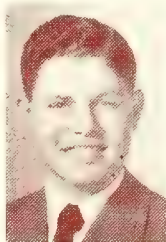
WASHINGTON HEIGHTS LAYS CORNERSTONE

By W. Carl Miller, Pastor

The Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., held its cornerstone-laying service on Sunday afternoon, February 7, 1954, with the building nearly 75 percent completed. The Lord blessed with a beautiful springlike day, although the weather forecast predicted bad weather. Over 150 from the local and neighboring churches gathered to witness the event.

Another blessing we enjoyed was having the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade Team One with us for the occasion. The team had just begun a series of meetings at the Ghent church, and so they were present to assist in the service. Bro. Max Williams, of the team, led in the singing and provided special music on his trombone. Rev. R. Paul Miller, team evangelist and father of the pastor, Carl Miller, brought the special message for the cornerstone service. Rev. Edward Bowman, Rev. Robert Miller, and Rev. Edward Lewis also participated in the service.

Bro. B. H. Conner, the church secretary, read a concise and interesting history of the church. It was started in June 1951 as the result of a four-week tent meeting held by the speaker, R. Paul Miller. The laymen of the



Carl Miller

southeast district were instrumental in carrying on the work after the tent meeting, and the church was organized in the fall of the same year. The following year the Brethren Home Missions Council was asked to help in administration and financing, looking toward the erection of a building. On September 6, 1953, ground was broken and the Brethren Construction Company moved in from Dayton, Ohio, to begin the building in which the cornerstone was placed today.

The cornerstone was placed in the church by the building committee composed of O. R. Keith, John Wright, and B. H. Conner, chairman. Just six months previous these same men were breaking ground, which gives an idea of the fine progress made on the building. It was an occasion for the community and district to see the marvelous way in which the Lord blessed their faithful praying and giving.

The Brethren Construction Company crew has done a fine job in keeping the building going up. When subcontractors failed to carry out their work these men took over and avoided many delays that would have been necessary otherwise. The Lord willing, this crew will be on their way to build another home-mission church by April 1. For the help of these and all others who have made this blessed milestone a reality, we thank God.

DAYTON GROUP JOINING NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES



Even though the Dayton, Ohio, area has a generous number of Brethren churches already, the Lord has led in the organization of another new Brethren church northwest of the city, near Englewood, Ohio. This group consists mostly of those who have come out of a denomination which is a part of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. They fully hold our doctrinal position and plan to apply for membership in the Southern Ohio District at the next conference.

They are now meeting in the community hall near Brookville, Ohio, and need the prayers of all Brethren people. They need lots, a building, and furnishings. We praise the Lord for this additional group of God's children coming into our fellowship because they refuse to bow the knee to Modernism.

POINTERS ON THE MISSIONARY EMPHASIS

By Lester E. Pifer

Our Lord gave to His church a worldwide commission for missionary enterprise (Matt. 28:19). He promised that power would be given so that all those comprising the church would become witnesses unto Him in this sinful world (Acts 1:8). The early church received these words and went about everywhere preaching the Word without fear. The Book of Acts bears the infallible record of this missionary boldness. We believe that the Great Commission, the example of the early church, the spirituality of the early church, and the evident blessing of God are sufficient reasons to declare that God's will for the church today is missionary service on a worldwide program. The church which limits its vision of the missionary field will certainly forfeit a portion of God's blessings.

In the Sunday School

The Sunday-school superintendent, along with the pastor, is the key to a missionary spirit in the Sunday school. Certainly in the light of this fact every church should consider at its annual election this qualification in choosing the superintendent. He will have splendid opportunities to promote missionary emphasis at the cabinet meetings and at all departmental meetings. Urging the Sunday school as a whole and the classes as separate units to support missionaries should be one of happy tasks. Each teacher should be encouraged to be missionary-minded.

It is not out of the range of possibility that a good many of our Sunday schools could support a missionary full time. In some of the larger schools some of the adult classes could assume this privilege. In order to prepare for this program, education must come first. The teacher will be the key in the class. If she will insert little illustrations along with the lesson, pray regularly for the missionaries, and urge them to give to missions she will be well on the road to the full support of one at a later time.

The six-point system with its encouraged systematic

plan of giving will help greatly in missionary offerings. Every church should have missionary offerings from every class in the Sunday school. The dime cards, pottery banks, and other means stimulate such giving. Even a little friendly competition between classes will help them to give more. In any event, it must be said of Brethren Sunday schools, we are missionary-minded.

In the Church Program

If God has given a worldwide commission to each member of the church, then certainly the church program should be in direct harmony with it. Its program in detail should reflect and tell of the concern for lost souls. No church can be called a true missionary church that does not have a burden for lost souls in its own community. Such a burden will be based upon a knowledge of the fact that God's Word declares that men everywhere are lost and need a Saviour. This church will preach that Christ is the Saviour from sin (Acts 4:12; I Pet. 2:24). These truths then will have a definite part in the ministry of the Word in its application to the lives of believers in that congregation. The members will in turn demonstrate in practical personal soul winning and giving both in their lives and material goods that men will be saved at home and abroad.

Every church should welcome into its pulpit as many missionaries from the various fields as they can wisely use. These servants of Christ will build a worldwide vision of missionary endeavor in the minds of our people. The various fields and their peculiar needs presented will produce a burden for prayer, a need for more workers and missionaries, and even a greater generosity in the over-all missionary offering.

Some have felt that too much missionary emphasis will rob the local church of needed funds. This is not true! Recently I read of an outstanding missionary-minded church which made it a practice to always receive a missionary offering when they met a financial crisis in the local finance program. This was in addition to their regular missionary offerings. The result was always encouraging because they gave sacrificially to meet God's needs in those fields close to His heart, and He in turn supplied their needs (Phil. 4:19).

Letters from missionaries stating special needs which they may have or victories which they may have experienced, even defeats, will be of tremendous interest to Christian folk. These items presented in public services, printed in the church calendar, or prayed for in the prayer meeting will increase missionary zeal and interest.

Encouraging your prayer groups to remember the missionaries by name and their respective field will help to create interest. Some churches have made it a practice to remember these servants of Christ on their birthdays. Others encourage their folk to write personal letters regularly. All of these ideas help to build the missionary emphasis.

The missionary map placed in a conspicuous place will be a constant reminder of our missionary fields. These can easily be obtained from your missionary boards or constructed by the local church. I have never forgotten the morning service which I attended in a great church

CAUGHT HIDING GOD'S WORD



The three boys pictured here, Fred Colwell, Daniel Begley, and Grant Huff, were caught with the camera by Miss Evelyn Fuqua. They are members of the Dry-hill Boys Club and they were in Miss Evelyn's yard learning their memory verses assigned in the club. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psa. 119:11).

on the west coast. In the early part of the service the church was darkened and a huge missionary map came into full view. In each place where a missionary was being supported by the church a red light appeared. It became a vivid reminder of the believer's responsibility here at home to pray and give. Special prayer followed for these missionaries. If you are interested in constructing such a map some good ideas can be gathered from the prominent airline offices in their wall map displays. But above all, keep your people informed on missionary activity if you want your church to become missionary-minded.

In the Auxiliary Organizations

A number of the above suggestions will apply in these organizations of the church. A special missionary prayer meeting can be held. A meeting devoted to the various missionary organizations of your denomination will prove very interesting. Each organization should keep its members well informed on how missionary work is accomplished, who the missionaries are, and where they are serving. It may be possible that your organization will be enabled by God's blessing to assume the support of a missionary on the field. If this is not possible, then perhaps valuable needs in equipment may be supplied. Each group ought to have a missionary spirit in its work. May God help us in this season to remember our foreign missionaries, pray for them, give for their support, and most of all that we at home may realize the great responsibility to win souls whether at home or abroad.

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL HOLDS WORKSHOPS

The first home-mission workshops, held in Chico, Calif., and Winona Lake, Ind., are now history. Twenty-five men from the western States assembled in the main auditorium of our beautiful home-mission church at Chico, Calif., on February 23, 24, and 25. Twenty men from the eastern States attended the workshop which followed on March 2, 3, and 4, in Grace Seminary at Winona Lake, Ind. These days of instruction, discussion, and precious fellowship were a dream come true of home-mission planning for a number of years.

Instruction classes on practical material such as: "The Preacher, His Ministry, and His Family," "Organizing, Locating, and Building the Church," "Administering the Church," "Public Relations," "Publicity and Personal Evangelism," were held throughout the day and evening hours. In each section time was spent in very valuable discussion of new ideas and problems in these fields. Some open-forum discussions were held on the current problems of the pastorate, the home-mission constitution, the home-mission reports, and the general working plan of the Home Missions Council. Joint prayer meetings and inspirational services added zest and blessing to the program.

These first workshops were unanimously acclaimed by the missionaries as a tremendous help to their ministry. It is the plan of the council that this will become an annual event, to be held in the month of February. We believe that each home-mission church will greatly profit and enjoy added blessing and growth as a result of the effort. It is our earnest desire that this might be another step in efficiency in making your home-mission dollars count more to evangelize lost America and win many more souls to Jesus Christ.



TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. (Leo Polman, pastor)—

Our dedication yesterday was a great day. We broke our Sunday-school record with 158 present. We had a decision for Christ in the morning and another in the evening service. Over 325 were present for the dedication of the building and the "Dedication to Service" in the afternoon. I believe the people are sold on the new building, for the reaction has been wonderful. It remains to be seen what the rest of the week will bring in our continued dedication services.

ROANOKE, VA. (Carl Miller, pastor)—

We have been enjoying good attendance at our services since moving into the basement of our new church. We had 92 in Bible school last Sunday and we are aiming for 125 on Easter Sunday. The roof is now on and the church is rapidly nearing completion. This month will about finish the work by the Brethren Construction Company. Some of the crew have already moved into York, Pa., to start the next project.

NAVAHO MISSION (Evan Adams, missionary)—

The mission started a weekly Bible class on December 31, and the attendance has varied from five to nine. We are handicapped at present for lack of an interpreter, but there is evidence of growth in some. At a recent session the discussion centered around the baptism of the believer. We are glad that five are ready to obey the Lord in baptism as soon as warm weather permits us to hold the service. We realize this is a small number considering the confessions made, but some are too weak to stand in the face of trials, and others do not understand enough about the Christian life to see the need for obedience in baptism.

YORK, PA. (Gerald Polman, pastor)—

I know we are not deserving of all the blessings coming our way, but we do praise Him for them. We had a wonderful meeting last month with Team One of the Evangelistic Crusade. And since that meeting 16 new members have been received into our membership. This brings our total to 49. Then another blessing was the granting of a loan by a local bank for construction of our new church. With this news our people are looking forward to the arrival of the Brethren Construction Company.

FINDLAY, OHIO (Forest F. Lance, pastor)—

Our meetings with Team One of the Evangelistic Crusade just ended with excellent results. The attendance was good, running between 60 and 115. Twenty-five

decisions were registered, of which five were first-time decisions. One of the direct blessings of the meeting was the manner in which the Holy Spirit gave our church leaders a new sense of spiritual responsibility to the Lord and His church. Several of the new Christians made victorious decisions over some of their bad habits. The men of the team did a fine job for us.

TAOS, N. MEX. (*Sam Horney, missionary superintendent*)—

David Tollardo is now giving his full time to the ministry at Arroyo Hondo. Many of the people are leaving the town to look for work elsewhere, which means we must keep getting new people to take their places. David is calling four days a week and in spite of the dark side, things look bright for the future of Arroyo Hondo.

TIFFIN, OHIO (*Forest Lance, Bible-Class Teacher*)—

As for the Bible class we are having a good attendance. Twenty or more are gathering each Thursday evening and showing a real spiritual interest. Rev. Gordon Bracker, the new pastor at Fremont, Ohio, is assisting in the teaching. It is our prayer that this work may soon have a full-time pastor, thus becoming a strong fundamental testimony in this area.

COLUMBUS, OHIO (*Bernard Schneider, Bible-Class teacher*)—

I am happy to report that last night we had the most encouraging response thus far in the Monday-night Bible class. We have four or five young couples along with a number of other folks who are showing a steady interest in our work. These make up our attendance of from 15 to 20 each week. The number is not large, but the quality is excellent for building a home-mission church. Pray for us as we continue in the Upper Arlington area, a vast new home-mission field.

ARTESIA, CALIF. (*Adam Rager, pastor*)—

Seven new members were added to the church last week. Among these were two married couples and one member making another family complete in the Lord. Our Sunday school is running from 175 to 185 each week. The time seems ripe for our evangelistic effort with Bro. Bill Smith. Pray that the Lord will lead us in our investigation concerning our building location.

HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE?

An English preacher once asked some British soldiers: "If Queen Victoria were to issue a proclamation and, placing it in the hands of her army and navy, were to say, 'Go ye into all the world and proclaim it to every creature,' how long do you think it would take to do it?"

One of the officers replied without hesitation, "We could manage it in 18 months!"

Means of communication have greatly changed since that day. Yet the church has still failed to reach the uttermost parts.—*Prophecy*.

FINDLAY DEDICATION MARCH 21

The Findlay Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio, will dedicate their new church on Sunday, March 21, 1954. Watch for your April Home Mission Number, which will contain complete details and pictures on this new home-mission church.

JENNERS COMPLETING THEIR BUILDING



This is the Jenners Brethren Church, Jenners, Pa., as it looked to Rev. Lester Pifer when he visited there in January. The basement unit was used a number of years, and about a year ago the superstructure of concrete blocks was completed. Now the brick facing has been added and the building is expected to be finished in the near future. Only the basement is usable at the present time.

DON'TS FOR A NEW PASTOR

Don't imagine that your predecessor accomplished nothing, or knew nothing. The probability is that he was about your size.

Don't be jealous of him. You will be glad to have the folks speak well of you when you are gone.

Don't publish that your congregations have doubled, prayer meetings quadrupled, etc. If they have, be thankful, but publication may be premature. If all the reports from the first six months were true and ratios maintained, the problem of the "evangelization of the world in this generation would be solved in two years or less.

Don't imagine that you have become another man in the new place; you are no larger and no different. Your sublime head is no nearer the stars.

Don't issue bulletins of victory on the day of assuming command.

Don't regale your new people upon the beauties, delights, and virtues of the old field. Few second wives like that sort of thing. They might wish you back with your first love.

Don't forget that you are an extremely ignorant, fallible, imperfect, and unimportant human being, in the midst of forces, tendencies, and conditions which are not easily read and are still less easily handled, and that you need guidance and grace every step of the way that you may be saved from conceit, rashness, and folly.—*Alabama Wesleyan Conference Paper*.

EXCUSES

A man refused to lend a rope because he was going to tie up a heap of sand with it. "But you can't tie sand with a rope!" exclaimed his neighbor. "Yes," he replied, "you can do anything with a rope, when you don't care to lend it." What surprising uses we often claim for the time which Christians are supposed to spend at church! Let's stop making excuses for not doing the things we ought to do—let's try doing them!—*Earnest Worker*.

ISRAEL CALLS!

AN ORDINARY DAY

By Leanore Button

The day was hot for February as I went up the walk. A Jewess with blonde hair was sweeping the front stoop. "Please don't stop at the back apartment," she said. "My husband is sleeping there for the first time in days. He is ill with heart trouble." I smiled at her and handed her a copy of the Mediator.

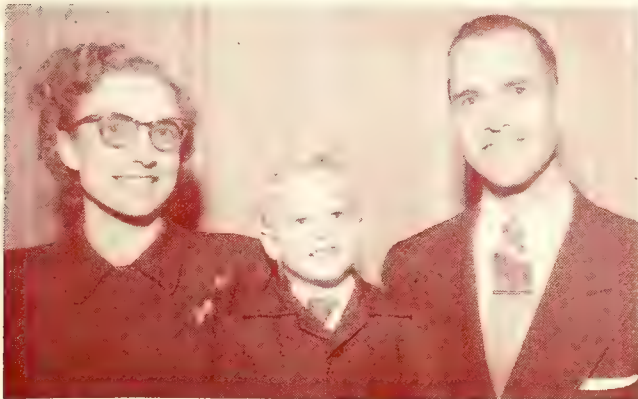
"I'll let you have it," I told her, "but please let him read it later." She sighed. "He hasn't been able to work for months. That's why I am here sitting with a little baby. I haven't worked since I was married, but I must find something soon."

We began to talk and I tried to tell her something of Jesus, the Messiah. She listened politely, but I could tell her own troubles were uppermost in her mind.

"I was raised in Oklahoma. We were one of three Jewish families in the town. My parents weren't really religious and I hadn't much opportunity to follow my religion as there was no synagogue nearby." She went on to tell me of her early life and then her immediate troubles concerning her husband and their finances. Suddenly tears were running down her cheeks. "I wanted my children to attend Sunday school at the temple, but it costs \$100 for a family membership and they are not welcome unless we have it."

I tried to explain that the worship of God was from the heart and that money or belonging to a temple had nothing to do with it. She seemed willing to listen, but I could tell that what I said had little effect on her. The One who was able to share her burdens and give her peace she brushed aside hastily. I said a few more words about the Messiah before leaving. As I went down the walk she called after me: "Come back again. It did help to talk to you."

NEW MISSIONARIES TO THE NAVAHOS



Kathryn, David, and Hubert Sylvester left Winona Lake, Ind., on February 23 to join the Navaho Mission staff at Cuba, N. Mex. The Sylvesters are members of the First Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif., and they were living in Winona Lake while Brother Sylvester was taking some work at Grace Seminary. Pray for this family as they enter upon this very difficult task.

The next few calls were uneventful—a few words at the door, and the Mediator. I stopped to talk to the mailman and handed him a tract, only to find he was a real believer. As I rang the next bell, the door opened from an upstairs apartment and I went up the stairs to meet an elderly lady whose enthusiasm dampened somewhat when she discovered it was the missionary. However, she invited me to sit down and allowed me to talk and to give her a Gospel of Matthew. She, too, told me her troubles and wasn't really interested in what I had to say. I sighed to myself as I left her, feeling that the time I was with her had accomplished nothing. She had experienced nothing but intolerance at the hands of "so-called" Christians, so she was very bitter. But the Gospel of Matthew remained behind and so I felt at least the rest was safely in His hands. How hard it is sometimes to leave it there!

More calls. More doors opened a few inches. More hostile faces. A few amusing incidents. The smell of Jewish cooking. Children and dogs and telephones.

Again I was going up stairs. I could hear children crying and the door at the top was open wide. A young woman was dressing a little boy. Her smile froze when she saw the Mediator. "I don't want it," she said, handing it back.

I told her it told of One whom we believed to be the Messiah but that we wanted her to be interested in the Tenach. Did she know what that was? Her blank look was answer enough. I explained it was the Jewish book—the Law, the Prophets, the Writings—the Old Testament."

"I'm not interested."

"Not interested in your own Book?"

"My husband has his own ideas. I don't know anything about these things."

I told her her husband wasn't going to have to answer for her. She was going to have to face God someday and give an account to Him. No one could do it for her. Not only that, but she was responsible for her children finding the Truth. And how did she know her husband's ideas were God's ideas? How could she know what God's will for her life was if she never read His Word?

"I don't care," she said. "My husband has his own ideas. I agree with him and that's the way it's going to be."

"Even if his way is the wrong way? The Prophet Jeremiah says the heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. God's Word says there is a way which seemeth right unto men but the end thereof are the ways of death."

"I told you we do these things our own way."

I took the Mediator and left without further argument. As I went down the stairs I heard the little boy say, "What did that lady want to give you, Mommie?"

"Oh, just an old paper," I heard her answer.

As I waited for the car to pick me up, I couldn't help but think that it was no wonder they were a stiffnecked people. Their hearts are heavy with unhappiness and yet they aren't interested in even finding out if the One

who claimed to be their Messiah might have been speaking the truth, after all.

The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.

For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;

In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood (Isa. 59:8, 9, 10, 12, 13).

(The second installment of "Bigot, Don't Be One" (Feb. 20) will appear in next month's Home Mission Number of the Herald.)

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these traitors. The suffering of China's millions, brought about by such unscrupulous men as Currie, will cry out through eternity against them.

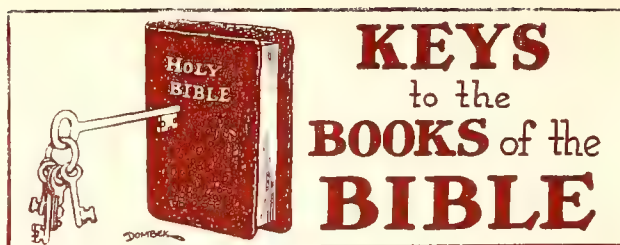
We thank God that at least something is being done now to root out these traitors to the American way of life. The job is far from finished and we pray that it will not stop until it is complete. Our foreign policy in respect to Red China will pretty much indicate the trend.

It is plain to every child of God that we need Christian men in public life. Others often will succumb to temptation, lacking the power to say no to sin. Believers should exercise their right of suffrage and see to it that men are put in office who will hold high the banner of Christ.

SOMETHING NEW IN DEDICATIONS

The dedication of the Temple City Brethren Church was something new and different in church dedications. It will be featured in pictures and story in the April Home Mission Number. Here is the schedule of Dedication Sunday, February 28, 1954, and for the following week: The Sunday-school hour, "Dedication to Teaching"; the morning worship hour, "Dedication to Worship"; the afternoon service, "Dedication to Service"; the BYF hour, "Dedication to Youth"; evening worship hour, "Dedication to Evangelism"; Monday night, "Dedication to Missions"; Tuesday night, "Dedication to Music"; Wednesday night, "Dedication to Prayer and Church Fellowship"; Thursday night, "Dedication to the Word of God"; and Friday night, "Dedication to Christian Education."

The dedication of this church was indeed something new in home-mission church buildings. It was designed by Neptune and Thomas, architects, and is one of several units to be erected on the site. The sketch of the entire development was featured in the January 13 edition of the Pasadena News.



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HEBREWS

I. Presentation.

A. To urge the unsaved to go on to faith in Messiah as High Priest (3:12; 4:1-2; 10:19-20; 10:38-39).

B. To establish believing Jews in New Testament truth.

C. It sets forth:

1. The perfection of the revelation through the Son.
2. The principle of life by faith.
3. The peril of death through apostasy.

II. Key Words.

A. Better (1:4; 6:9; 7:7, 19, 22; 8:6; 9:23; 10:34; 11:16, 35, 40; 12:24).

B. Priest (7:3, 11, 15, 20; 8:4; 10:11).

C. High Priest (2:17; 3:1; 4:14, 15; 5:1, 5, 10; 6:20; 7:26; 8:1, 3; 9:7, 11, 25; 10:21; 13:11).

D. Priesthood (7:5, 11, 12, 14, 24).

E. Faith (4:2; 6:1; 10:22, 23; 11:1, 6; 12:2; 13:7).

F. By faith (11:4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, 31).

G. Through faith (6:12; 11:3, 11, 28, 33, 39).

H. Eternal (5:9; 6:2; 9:12, 14, 15; 13:20).

I. Lest (2:1; 3:12, 13; 4:11; 12:3, 13, 15).

J. Let us (4:1, 11, 14, 16; 6:1; 10:22, 23, 24; 12:1; 13:13, 15).

III. Key Verses.

A. 8:6—Paul's proposition.

B. 6:1—Let us go on.

C. 10:22—Let us go in.

D. 13:13—Let us go forth.

IV. Key Outline.

A. The New Testament is superior to and takes the place of the First Testament because its Founder, the Messiah, is better than:

1. The prophets (1:1-3).
2. The angels (1:4 to 2:18).
3. Moses (3:1-5).
4. Joshua (3:6 to 4:13).
5. Aaron (4:14 to 8:5).

B. The New Testament is superior to and takes the place of the First Testament because:

1. It was prophesied to be superior (8:7-13).
2. It is actual; the First Testament is only typical (9:1-15).

3. It is sealed with better blood (9:16 to 10:39).

C. Faith, not works, is the true way of salvation, as proved by instances of First Testament saints (11:1 to 12:2).

D. Final warnings and exhortations (12:3 to 13:25).

V. Key Thoughts for Today.

A. Call to separation.

CLAYHOLE, KENTUCKY, CAPTURES SEVENTH PRIZE

THE CLAYHOLE BRETHREN SUNDAY SCHOOL WAS RECENTLY NOTIFIED THAT IT HAD WON THE SEVENTH PRIZE IN THE ANNUAL CHRISTIAN LIFE SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONTEST. THE PRIZE CONSISTED OF AN AUDIO MASTER THREE-SPEED RECORD PLAYER, A NUMBER OF SUPER SOUND RECORDS, AND TWO JUDSON CHALK BOARDS. THEY WERE ENTERED IN CLASS D. FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS RANGING FROM 100-249.



The girl at the extreme left in the upper left corner, Miss Katherine Campbell, won the grand prize for bringing the most during the contest. She brought 39 one Sunday and 31 another. Upper right, Rev. Sewell Landrum and Rev. Robert Ashman assisting in releasing balloons at the beginning of the contest. Lower left, the Sunday-school bus with the banner, "We're Out to Win."

1. From the shadow to the substance.
2. From the type to the antitype.
3. From the good (in Judaism) to the better (in Christianity).
4. From the incomplete to perfection.
5. From the carnal ordinances to spiritual reality.
6. From the earthly sanctuary to the heavenly sanctuary.
7. From the old covenant with its conditional promises to the new covenant of unconditional grace.

B. Its one concern.

A warning against one sin, namely, that of renouncing their professed faith in Messiah and returning to the

abrogated sacrifices of the First Testament. This sin is described in a series of four warnings:

1. Allowing the New Testament truth to slip away (2:1-4).
2. Hardening the heart against the Holy Spirit who gave the truth (3:7-19).
3. Falling away, crucifying the Son of God afresh (6:6).
4. Willfully sinning (10:26-29).
 - a. Treading underfoot the Son of God.
 - b. Counting Jesus' blood as common blood.
 - c. Doing despite to the Holy Spirit.



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TRACY, CALIF.—Rev. William Clough, pastor of the First Brethren Church, will undergo surgery of major proportions on March 24 at the Mary's Help Hospital, San Francisco, Calif. Two specialists will assist in the operation. Prayer is requested on behalf of Rev. Clough.

WHITTIER, CALIF.—Dr. Irving Ahlquist, assistant professor of history at Long Beach State College, Long Beach, Calif., was the guest speaker at the Parent-Teachers Fellowship, Feb. 26, at the Brethren Elementary School of the Community Brethren Church. Rev. Ward Miller is pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Dr. Keith L. Brooks, editor of Prophecy magazine, went to be with the Lord on Feb. 24, the date of his birth. He had been in poor health for some time. From 1917 to 1928 Dr. Brooks was the editor of the King's Business magazine, and editor of Prophecy magazine since 1930. He wrote over 50 books during his earthly sojourn.

TROY, OHIO—Laymen were in charge of the services on Feb. 28. Mr. John Martin spoke at the morning worship hour, and Mr. Ed Jackson at the evening service. Richard McIntosh is pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (E/P).—President Eisenhower attended a breakfast prayer meeting at which Chief Justice Earl Warren spoke of the United States as "a Christian land governed by Christian principles."

JOLIET, ILL.—The sidewalk pulpit (bulletin board) of the Ottawa Street Methodist Episcopal Church carried the following suggestion: "The Jewish synagogue has great preaching on up-to-date problems. Visit there Friday." This was one of seven suggestions that appeared in this bulletin board. (Editor: When the well goes dry, it really doesn't make much difference which faucet

you open; just don't expect to get a drink.)

DETROIT, MICH.—In response to a telephone call from Joe Lewis, former heavyweight boxing champion, Evangelist Billy Graham went to the hospital to pray for Louis' mother, who has since died. Through this contact, Billy Graham had opportunity to present the Gospel to the ex-champion.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—A meeting of the junior-high youth of the Brethren churches of southern California was held at the First Brethren Church on Mar. 12.

SOUTH GATE, CALIF.—The WMC of the First Brethren Church has purchased stainless steel silverware for the church. Alfred Dodds is pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF.—The First Brethren Church reached a new high on Mar. 7, with 189 present. Victor Meyers is pastor.



CANTON, OHIO—Rev. John Dilling, pastor of the First Brethren Church, was given a surprise birthday party on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 28, following his ordination to the Christian ministry. A gift of \$100 was presented to him. Dr. Herman Hoyt was the guest speaker.

KITTANNING, PA.—Rev. Samuel Hemberger, pastor of the St. Lawrence Congregation Church, of Portland, Me., was the evangelist at the North Buffalo church Mar. 8-21. Rev. Donald Rossman is pastor.

ARTESIA, CALIF. — Evangelist Bill Smith concluded a two-weeks evangelistic meeting at the Carson Avenue Brethren Church on Mar. 14. Rev. Adam Rager is pastor.

HARRISBURG, PA.—Two young men, Mr. Charles Stoner and Mr. Curtis Stroman, both students at Hershey Junior College, and candidates for the Christian ministry, were in charge of the evening service at the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church on Feb. 21. Rev. Conard Sandy is pastor.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF.—On Dedication Day, Feb. 28, over 350 were present for the dedication of the Temple City Brethren Church and

to hear the message of Dr. Charles Ashman, pastor of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif. Feb. 28 the Sunday-school attendance record was broken with 158 present. Rev. Leo Polman is pastor.

ALTOONA, PA.—Rev. James Dixon, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Washington, D. C., addressed the ministers and Sunday-school superintendents of the city on Mar. 4.

DRYHILL, KY.—Rev. Dennis Holiday, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa., conducted evangelistic meetings here Mar. 21-25.

KITTANNING, PA.—During the absence of Rev. Donald Rossman, pastor of the North Buffalo Brethren Church, two laymen brought the messages. Mr. Edward Bowser spoke at the morning service and Mr. Clarence Creel at the evening hour. A new Stromberg-Carlson public-address system has recently been installed in the church.

ALLENTOWN, PA.—Rev. William Gray is now back in his pulpit following a period of confinement in the hospital. During Rev. Gray's illness, Mr. Kenneth Kohler, of the Third Brethren Church of Philadelphia, did the preaching.

GOSHEN, IND.—The new address of Rev. Lowell Hoyt is R. R. 3. Please change your annual. Two records were recently broken at the Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind., with 113 in attendance Feb. 7. There were 51 at prayer meeting.

LEESBURG, IND.—A new record in Sunday-school attendance was reached during February with 176 present. Rev. Nathan Meyer is pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—A pre-Easter attendance campaign is under way at the View Ridge Brethren Church. The aim is a full church by Easter. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

LIMESTONE, TENN.—The WMC of the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene here Apr. 22. Dr. and Mrs. Barnard will be present to tell of God's working in our South American fields.

SPECIAL.—The Indiana supreme court ruled recently that churches cannot be refused building permits because of the lack of parking facilities. The court held that such refusal violated the constitutional freedom of worship.

'SNO FUN WITHOUT SNOW!

By Ralph Colburn

National Youth Director

People who accused the youth director of going to California to avoid the snow might find difficulty in reconciling the fact that he spent three successive week ends in California going to week-end snow conferences with different youth groups! And the main reason he quit with three was that there weren't enough week ends, for a crowded schedule made it impossible to accept two similar invitations from other groups.

The first of these, in January, was with the young people of the Glendale and La Crescenta churches at Tahquitz Pines, scene of Brethren summer camps. About 50 young people were present, and snow was plentiful. We had a wonderful time of fun and fellowship, but best of all, a number of decisions were made for the Lord on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Pastors Bob Dell and Charles Underwood were with the group, too.

The next week end he went with 23 Temple City young people to Crestline. BYF Sponsors Byron and Grace Frick have a cabin there which can house about that many, as long as some of them are willing to sleep on the floor! There was no snow at Crestline, for warm rain and sun had melted it, but we found some about 15 miles away, which made for some good fights, snow facials, and sports. Again, the Lord blessed with wonderful times of spiritual fellowship. We returned home Saturday night, and the young people who had been to the mountains formed a choir and sang one of the songs we learned together there.

Then the following week end we met with another 50 young people and their sponsors at Acorn Lodge in Wrightwood. Again no snow there, but plenty in nearby Big Pines, where sledding, tobogganning, scooter riding, and snow saucering were enjoyed all day. Of course, there were some snow fights here, too.

Pastor Glenn O'Neal led in brief devotions after each meal, and Youth Director Ralph Colburn spoke on Saturday night and Sunday morning. One public decision was re-



Temple City Youth at Frick's Cabin in Crestline; Sponsor Byron Frick, With Ar; Mrs. Frick and Mrs. Polman Marked by Arrows.



Part of L. A. 1st Youth at Acorn Lodge Waiting for Dinner; Pastor Glenn O'Neal at Extreme Right.



Glendale Youth in Sunday Morning Service, Tahquitz Pines Lodge

corded, and real spiritual fellowship was enjoyed.

Many of the California churches plan such week-end snow confer-

ences with their young people, and this year the district is sponsoring one too, in March, with Evangelist Bill Smith as the speaker.

"It's in the Book"



BRETHREN
DOCTRINE

"It's in the Book. What are you going to do about it?" This oft-quoted expression of the late Dr. L. S. Bauman stands as a direct challenge to the Brethren Church in these days—days when the practice of forms once *overstressed* are rapidly becoming *understressed*. Perhaps the quotation will be more expressive to the individual when written thus: "It's in the Book. What are *you* going to do about it?" Form in the ultimate is a personal matter.

Among the practices coming under scrutiny at this point along with many others is the practice of the

Romans 16:16: "Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you."

I Corinthians 16:20: "All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss."

II Corinthians 13:12: "Greet one another with an holy kiss."

I Thessalonians 5:26: "Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss."

I Peter 5:14 ASV: "Salute one another with a kiss of love. Peace be unto you all that are in Christ."

On this point the Bible seems to be quite clear, doesn't it? Now, lest you are saying to yourself that five passages are too few to serve for a basis for such a practice, be reminded that some of the reportedly cardinal practices have *fewer* than five such clear passages as their basis.

IS ITS SPIRITUAL MEANING TO BE FOUND IN THE BOOK?

If such a "holy kiss" is commanded in the Bible, certainly there must be a spiritual significance for the practice set forth.

First, it is a *holy kiss* (Rom. 16:16; I Cor. 16:20; II Cor. 13:12; I Thess. 5:14). Thus it is a *sanctified* practice, that is, set aside to a sinless and sacred use. The meaning involves all that "holy" expresses elsewhere in the Scriptures. The Book has taken a custom and elevated it to new heights by endowing it with new meaning and solemnity.

Second, it is a "kiss of love" (I Pet. 5:14 ASV). This is to be a token which issues forth from love—not necessarily a personal affection of one saint for another, but a realization of the value and preciousness of his soul and for him as a member of the family of God.

Thus the kiss becomes a symbol of the spiritual union in holiness (sanctification) and love which has been implanted in the hearts of the saints by the Lord Jesus Christ and which binds them together in the kinship of the family of God.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Having seen that the "holy kiss" is commanded in the Book and that it does have spiritual significance, what about its practice in *our* lives? Such a sacred symbol is certainly not to be flaunted before the eyes of the unbelievers where it would most certainly be misunderstood.

A most logical place for such a kiss and its display of Christian love for other members of the family of God is at the feast of love (Jude 12), our communion service. Here we have Christians gathered in a most sacred and intimate service where love is to be the keynote. Within the service itself, the most logical time of practice is immediately following the practice of feetwashing when, having been reminded afresh

THE HOLY KISS

"holy kiss." The question as to whether the "holy kiss" is an ordinance or not, although important at times, seems quite unimportant at the moment. Rather the basic problems as seen by the writer are: Is it in the Book? Is its spiritual meaning to be found in the Book? What are *we* going to do about it? Let us deal with each of these problems in turn.

IS IT IN THE BOOK?

Lest you fail to get your Bible and read on this point, the following appropriate verses are quoted for your convenience:

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of the Lord's daily cleansing of believers from sin for fellowship both with Him and fellow Christians, we look forward to a time of blessed fellowship around the Lord's table. This particular time solves any problems which might arise concerning the limitation which modesty places upon the practice limiting the kiss to those of one's own sex. Thus the sacredness and beauty of the practice is preserved from taint.

In closing, may we observe that some believers feel that the handshake has replaced this "holy kiss" of former days. The writer can but ponder that if such is the case, why has not the kiss been replaced in other areas of life, seeing that an equal amount of feeling is so expressed?

WANTED---

Dynamic Christians

By Robert Griffith, Pastor
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You have walked down the streets of your town or city and observed a sign in the window of a store or restaurant reading, "Help Wanted." I believe as we look in God's window we also see a "Help Wanted" sign, this one reading, "Wanted—Dynamic Christians." The reason this is true is because there are so many dormant Christians in our churches today. The question is often asked, "Why aren't all Christians wide awake and on fire for the Lord?" After all, we are all saved by the same atoning blood of Jesus and we all have the same Bible to read. Why then aren't all Christians rejoicing in their salvation and trying to win someone else for Christ? The Bible sets a standard for Christians, but today they are too busy getting ahead in the world to follow this standard. Let us look now at some characteristics of a dynamic Christian.

I. A DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN HAS FAITH IN GOD.

In I Corinthians 16:13 we read, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." Then in II Corinthians 5:7 we read, "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Faith in God knows no obstacles and no difficulties. Our God is bigger than any difficulties that we may encounter. We have a God who is allpowerful and there is nothing that He cannot do which is according to His will. Faith in God is a faith that will never fail. When we put our faith in men we are disappointed so many times because they fail. When we put our faith in God we never need to worry about whether He will fail because He will not. A genuine faith in God will enable you to sing in the darkest night. There will be no trial or suffering so heavy that you will not be able to rejoice in it. Many Christians today are inactive because they

do not have a genuine faith in God. We are afraid to try anything for the Lord because we do not have faith that He will help us to do it. The dynamic Christian can say to God, "You are the pilot of my life, so take over. I will trust you to bring me through, whether it be sunshine or storm."

II. A DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN IS ACTIVE IN THE WORK OF THE LORD.

Many people today are saying that they are wholeheartedly supporting the work of the Lord, yet if you ask them to do something they readily give many excuses why they cannot do anything for Christ. If we would spend less time thinking up excuses we would have more time to work for Christ. What matters most in your life, whether you get ahead in this world, which may end tomorrow, or whether you will have any rewards in eternity?

Too many Christians today are using the church for a refuge or a rest home. They go out all week and live as they please, then come to church Sunday morning and profess to rest on the promises of the Lord. This soothes their conscience and they can forget God again until the next Sunday. How strong would you be by Friday or Saturday if you had only eaten one meal the Sunday before and did not expect to eat again until the next Sunday? Most Christians expect to live all week on the spiritual food they can get Sunday morning. It is no wonder we have so many weak professing Christians in the world today when they try to live on one spiritual meal a week. A dynamic Christian does not live for the Lord on Sunday only, but makes it an everyday affair.

III. A DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN IS ONE WHO HAS A ZEAL FOR THE LOST.

Statistics show that only about 5 percent of the Christians ever win anyone to Christ. Yet there is even a greater tragedy, and this is that not many more than that have ever

talked to anyone about Christ. Some Christians seem to think that winning the lost is for the preacher to do and thus they are excused. The greatest concern of the Christian today should be for lost souls. If we are going to be the kind of Christians God wants, we will show a concern for lost men and women. Too many are excusing themselves from this by saying they cannot witness for Christ because they tried once and failed. Luke 1:37 says, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." We are not told to go out and win them, but we are told to go out and sow the seed. We will not be held accountable for how many souls we actually won, but we will be held accountable for how faithful we have witnessed for Christ. God affirms in Isaiah 55:11 that His word "shall not return unto me void." If you have a deep concern for the lost then just let go and let God; you will be a dynamic witness for Him.

IV. A DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN LOOKS WITH EAGERNESS TO THE PREMILLENNIAL COMING OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

The Apostle Paul continually looked for Christ's return. In Philippians 3:20 we read, "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." We should not be any less concerned about his return than Paul. The way people live today shows that they are not looking for the return of Christ. A Christian will get very lax if he is not looking for Christ to return soon.

If a Christian really believes Christ will come soon it will change his whole life. He will not let himself become indifferent. If we aren't looking for His coming then we show by our actions that we are not in love with Him. The real reason Christians falter is due to the fact that they do not really love Christ. Are you ashamed to let others know you belong to Christ? Apply these characteristics to your life and see if you are a dynamic Christian.



Please keep reports from churches to about 300 words. Thank you.

South Gate, Calif.

Being assured that prayer is the real basis for blessing, we have started out the new year with this slogan: "Pray More in '54." Appropriately, the results thus far have been gratifying, and splendid plans are being made for the future, should the Lord tarry.

The new year was ushered in with prayer at our annual Watch Night service, and the month of January was highlighted by a meeting with Rev. Sam Horney, of the Spanish-American mission, and a trip to Acorn Lodge (near Wrightwood, Calif.) by 50 members of our youth group (Jan. 29-31). The young folks and sponsors as well have voiced of the good time had in the snow, and each individual was definitely challenged from the Book of Philippians by the guest speaker, Dr. Aijian, a teacher at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

At the business meeting of February 3, a vote of confidence was given the pastor by a practically unanimous vote. Minor changes in our church constitution have been recently accepted.

The Marksmen Class held its annual banquet February 12, during which the officers for the new year were installed. Guest speaker was Chief of Police Paul Kerr, of Lynwood, Calif.

Our new building program is progressing very rapidly, although there yet remains a definite need for prayer that the new chapel will be available for the meetings with Evangelist Bill Smith April 4-18.

As part of our expanding youth program, the church is encouraging athletic activities. A basketball team was organized toward the end of the season, and although no games have been won as yet, there is a growing interest, and we believe a strong team will be built up for next season. Tentative plans are also under way to organize a church softball team, to take part in church or city league

competition. Our young people employ these activities to bring in other youth of the neighborhood, as we seek to reach them for Christ.

The boys club is developing favorably, and soon we shall have to divide the age groups; we have an average attendance of 15 out every Monday night. Most of the boys are now "Soldiers," having fulfilled the requirements for their first merit badge, and two or three have the "Overcomers" badge. Even as we pen this, our national youth director, Rev. Ralph Colburn, is with us for three days of special meetings, and our young people are really being blessed.—*Alf. Dodds, pastor.*

Roanoke, Va.

The Brethren Evangelistic Crusade recently conducted at the Ghent Brethren Church was the fourth meeting for the evangelist, but the first for Crusade Team One. The Ghent congregation is very loyal to its services and with the splendid interest of the several churches we have in this area the attendance was good all the way through. The results of this meeting are not wholly indicated by the number of decisions. This church received a new vision from our Lord.

Several leading men voiced the conviction that they should now start new churches in new sections of this fast-growing city. That is worth its weight in gold among the laymen. Seventeen teams were formed in a new Crusaders Band to carry on an efficient soul-winning program all year long. The pastor, with characteristic efficiency, took over these Crusaders at once. This movement forecasts a real future for this expanding congregation.—*R. Paul Miller, evangelist.*

With anticipation, prayer, and looking to the Lord for revival and souls, Ghent Brethren planned a Brethren Evangelistic Crusade with Team One. This was something a bit new for the church, but it has proved to be just what we needed. The team works together with the pastor to revive the membership and to inspire them to go out for souls. In two weeks we barely got started in this big job but we are hopeful for the future. The Crusaders Band should prove to be the greatest out-reaching arm the church has ever known in this community.

We thank God for the tangible results. A total of 33 definite decisions

In Memoriam

Names appear in this column only when sent in by pastor.

MRS. V. A. ANTHONY, 81, died Feb. 1. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.—*Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor.*

CLARK A. GABLER departed from this life on Jan. 22. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa.—*Rev. Dennis Holliday, pastor.*

MRS. LOUISE N. BALDWIN, 73, died on Tuesday, Feb. 16. A native of Mulberry, Ind., Mrs. Baldwin, together with her husband, moved to Pomona, Calif., in 1906. In 1937 the family moved to San Bernardino and she became a charter member of the Arrowhead Brethren Church. She was active as a Sunday-school teacher and young people's counselor.—*Rev. Lyle W. Marvin, pastor.*

were made. It will mean some new members, some families united in Christ, and some new families contacted. All decisions were made by those 12 years or older. Attendance was excellent, and the church has been strengthened to go forward with greater determination than ever before. This is the fourth revival and evangelistic effort the pastor has experienced with this congregation. It is by far the one that has gotten down to the basic needs of the field and the people.

We are thoroughly convinced that the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade is the answer to the tremendous need for evangelism in our brotherhood today.—*Robert E. A. Miller, pastor.*

Berne, Ind.

Greetings in His blessed name!

We always enjoy hearing of the activities of other Brethren in other portions of His vineyard, so we thought perhaps you might enjoy hearing from us here. We are admonished to share our cares and joys as Brethren, thus this news letter.

We have just closed a three-weeks campaign under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and directed by the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade Team Two. Their ministry in our midst was well received and His blessings were manifested. Satan sought every possible means to thwart the

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Meet the Prime Minister Himself

SECOND OF A SERIES

By Rev. Nathan M. Meyer, Pastor
Leesburg (Ind.) Brethren Church

Last week I told you of my interview with Mrs. Ben-Gurion, wife of Israel's first Prime Minister. Now let's meet the Prime Minister himself.

Mrs. Ben-Gurion asked if I would like to meet the Prime Minister. With enthusiasm I quickly replied, "I certainly would."

"Well, I won't make any promises, but if you write a note requesting an interview I'll see that he gets it," she said.

I lost no time in taking advantage of her offer. And sure enough, when we returned from a day's excursion to the Sea of Galilee, Mrs. Paula Ben-Gurion informed us that the Prime Minister would see us in the second-floor lounge at 8:30.

Of course all 38 members of our Flying Seminar party were thrilled to learn that the Prime Minister was staying in our hotel. Not a few were amused by my story of what happened the night before (my Jewish tea-party episode), but all were noticeably excited with the news that we were to meet Mr. Ben-Gurion.

Everybody "dressed up." Sports shirts were exchanged for dress shirts, ties, coats, etc. Imagine our surprise when at the appointed time the Prime Minister emerged from his room adjoining the lounge wearing a short-sleeved sport shirt with an open collar. He smiled graciously as all of us rose to our feet, and he said, "Please be seated."

At this point I advanced to his chair and introduced myself as the author of the note. He stood up as he offered me his hand, whereupon I introduced Mr. Chase, who was in charge of our party (Mr. Hoffman, our regular leader, was interviewing the two boy-kings of Jordan and Iran).

Mr. Chase expressed our appreciation for this interview and told the Prime Minister we were a group of Protestant ministers, college professors, and lay people who had come to Israel to see Bible prophecy being fulfilled. Said he, "We see you have a tremendous problem; we have heard the Arab side of the

story; we would also like to hear your side."

Then Mr. Ben-Gurion began to tell us the history of his people from Abraham to the present time. We were especially pleased to observe his constant reference to the Bible. Said he, "The Jew keeps the Book and the Book keeps the Jew." In the course of rehearsing the history of the Jews he spent some time emphasizing the account of how the Christians have persecuted the Jews. At this point Mr. Chase interrupted him to say:

"We know that's true, but we want you to know that many who go by the name 'Christians' are really not Christians at all."

Finally Mr. Ben-Gurion came to the recent history of his people. He told us that when Great Britain threw up her hands, being apparently unable to cope with the Palestine problem, there was only one thing for Israel to do and that was to declare her independence. So it was that on May 15, 1948, the state of Israel came into being. Immediately the Arab soldiers began to march. Arab families left everything and rushed to cross the Jewish-Arab border, having been told that within two weeks the Jews would be defeated and they could return. Many of those people are still living in miserable refugee camps without the necessities of life and without hope—their hope being the driving out of the Jews.

We said to our smiling and congenial host, "Do you realize how bitter the Arabs are toward the Jews? It seems that practically to a man their one ambition is to 'finish the Jew.'"

"Yes," said the Prime Minister, "we know it. And I can't exactly blame them. They have been living in this land for many hundreds of years, and now they feel they have been driven out and dispossessed of their homes and property."

"What about that?" we inquired. "Our Arab guide told us he had a comfortable home and was well off financially before he fled at the outbreak of hostilities. Now he has

nothing, and his property has been taken by the Jews." I could recall the extreme emotion with which our guide had perhaps unwittingly given vent to his bitterness when he spoke of this.

But again Mr. Ben-Gurion very graciously, calmly, and without any trace of bitterness, explained that the Arabs were not forced to leave the new Jewish territory. "It was their own choice in response to the official Arab radio appeals." To prove his point, he referred us to Nazareth, a town of some 25,000 Arabs living in Jewish territory.

"Furthermore," he continued, "we have records of Arab properties and are prepared to pay them for their loss just as soon as they agree to a peace treaty. This they refuse to do and so there is nothing more we can do."

We were much impressed and pleased to see that Mr. Ben-Gurion saw both sides and was trying to be as fair as possible. So we went on to ask him: "What is the solution to the pitiful Arab refugee problem—over 800,000 people living in pathetic poverty and squalor? We visited a large camp where as many as eight people lived in a single tent no larger than perhaps 10 by 12 feet. Herded together like cattle with only the meager rations given them by the United Nations, without adequate food, shelter, or clothing, thousands are huddled together in these camps. Isn't there something that can be done about this?"

The Prime Minister reminded us of several things. First of all he told us that 150,000 Jews were forced to leave their property and flee for their lives from the Arab-held territory. Today there is not a single Jew living in the Arab states. By way of contrast there are about 160,000 Arabs living peacefully in Jewish territory.

He told us that little Israel has absorbed 750,000 Jews in the last five years and we saw with our own eyes how it was done. Every immigrant moved first of all into an immigrant settlement known as a *kibbutz*. Everyone was put to work,

raising food, building roads, building homes, planting millions of trees, etc. Everybody sacrificed and worked hard, but everybody had food and a home. If that home was a tent, it didn't remain a tent indefinitely. Our minds returned to Jordan and to the Arabs resting in their tents while the most beautiful raw building stone lay all around unused.

The Prime Minister continued as he explained that the Arab rulers do not want the refugee problem solved for political reasons. As long as they can point to these unfortunate people they have a talking point before the UN regarding the Jews.

He then pointed to the solution. He said that Syria and Iraq have the most fertile land in the world. Thousands and thousands of acres are waiting only for someone to handle them as the Jews are handling the arid regions of the Negev. Dams and irrigation in these areas would make it possible to absorb millions of people. He told us that the Jews always have been intruders since the day Abraham obeyed God and left Mesopotamia for Palestine. "Actually," he said, "I often wondered why Abraham left the Euphrates valley. The country he left was much better than the one to which he went. But God called him and he obeyed. And God gave him, and therefore us, all the land of Palestine—not just the small part we have now."

"In view of this fact are you going to be satisfied with what you have?" someone asked him.

"We know that eventually it will all be ours because of God's promise to Abraham, but we won't start a war to get it," he said.

"What about Jerusalem? Can you be satisfied as long as half of the city so dear to your people is still in the hands of the Arabs?" I asked this question having in mind what Jesus said in Luke 21:24: "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Knowing that the Lord must come before all of Jerusalem is in Jewish hands, I eagerly awaited his answer.

"My answer is just the same as it was for the last question," he said.

"Would you mind telling us why the capital of Israel was moved to

Jerusalem?" was the next question. This had happened while we were in Cairo, Egypt.

The Prime Minister's answer brought laughter from his audience as he demonstrated both his sense of humor and his knowledge of the Bible. "Who moved the capital to Jerusalem?" he queried. "The way I understand it, King David moved the capital from Hebron to Jerusalem, and to my knowledge it has never been taken away."

This seemed the proper time to ask, "Do you look upon all that is happening in Israel as the fulfillment of Bible prophecy?"

We were much pleased to get a confident and assuring answer in the affirmative. His wife had said, "My husband has a strong faith." We observed that this was true as far as it went. We all admired this elderly gentleman. He seemed so kind, humble, and understanding. At the same time he radiated a supreme confidence which left one with the feeling that he knew what he wanted and there was nothing lacking but time. He worked hard, 14 to 16 hours a day. Even on vacation he kept long hours "writing books" as his wife had expressed it. "He works *very* hard," she had told me.

Except for the bodyguards one would not have known that the man who guided the ship of state for the new nation of Israel was staying at our hotel. He ate in the same dining room with the rest of us and we were told no room in the hotel had a private bath. This was the man who started in a community *kibbutz* himself a good many years ago—a man who had climbed to the top but had not lost the charm of the common touch. He obviously was a man of the people, and proud of his people. He said, "Israel is trying to be self-sufficient. We make everything we possibly can. Even now we are drilling for oil to replace our lost supply from Arab states. And we use the Bible as our basis for believing we'll find more."

For an hour and a half at his request the interview continued. One last thing we wanted to know: Did he believe in a personal Messiah?

His answer made us sad. Mes-

siah was an ideal and that ideal Israel is now attaining.

True to Ezekiel's prophecy God's ancient people have returned to *the land* in unbelief. We left this "hub of the world" with mixed feeling. The Jews are back home after millenniums of wandering. The flow of immigration to Israel has all but stopped. Only the United States Jew (who doesn't want to return) and the Russian Jew (who cannot return) remain outside of Israel. God's calendar is plain. The next event is the return of the One whom they pierced. We saw the Word of God literally being fulfilled and we felt that there is no solution to the problems of the Holy Land apart from the coming of the Lord. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

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work of the Spirit in our midst, but we feel definitely sure that He gave us the victory. There were approximately 100 decisions in all. Even though only three of these were first-time decisions, we feel that the others were necessary and that other decisions will follow as we continue to serve Him.

This is a needy field! I doubt if there is a better-churched field in the country, but there are many right around us who need the Lord. They have lived under the sound of the Gospel all their lives and have lived very good lives from the standpoint of man's standards, but they are without Christ as Saviour! So we are praying definitely that the Lord will make it possible for us to reach them with His salvation before it is too late.

The trio singing of this team is tops. We enjoyed it greatly and we received many favorable comments from other sources outside the Brethren Church. They received a warm welcome in the local high school in the presentation of the Gospel in song and word. Brother Lepp did a very fine job of preaching the Word, which was enjoyed by all who heard him.

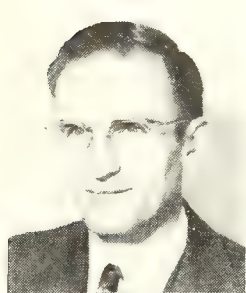
We very deeply appreciated the presence of Crusade Team Two in our midst, and we pray God's richest blessings upon them as they continue their ministry for Him.—Ord Gehman, pastor.

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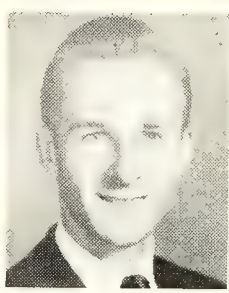
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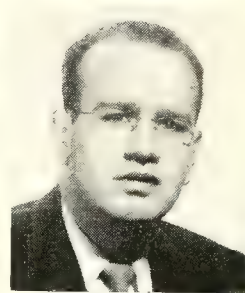
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Mr. Donald Ogden



Mrs. Edisene Whitcomb



Mr. Wayne Snider

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean

In meetings held in Winona Lake February 11, the executive committee of the board of trustees of Grace Theological Seminary approved recommendations for the enlargement of the curriculum to meet the growing needs of the denomination. This expansion is primarily in Grace College and includes the enlargement of offerings in music to a full department and the addition of a full training schedule in the field of elementary and secondary education.

Rev. Norman H. Uphouse, who will shortly receive the doctor's degree in the field of education from the University of Tennessee, has been called to head up a department of education in Grace College. He is eminently qualified for this position not only because of his training but also because of his experience. He has done considerable teaching in secondary schools, and for some years was on the faculty of Bryan University. His full theological training and pastoral experience provide an excellent spiritual background for this undertaking.

Miss Ava Schnittjer, at present head of the department of English in Monticello High School in Iowa, has been appointed as assistant professor in English and Speech. She received her master of arts degree in English from the University of Iowa. Her field of specialization is the communicative skills such as English composition, journalism, speech, debate, and dramatics. At present the master of religious education degree is in preparation. In addition to her duties as teacher in this field, she has also been appointed as the dean of women for the coming year.

Donald Ogden, who for the past four years has been serving as instructor in music while pursuing work toward the bachelor of divinity degree in Grace Seminary, has been called as assistant professor in music. Mr. Ogden received his A. B. degree from Bob Jones University, majoring in music. Later he received the master of arts degree from the same institution in the field of music. Under his direction the music department is being enlarged so that students desiring to major in music may do so.

Assisting Mr. Ogden in this department will be a number of special instructors who will be available for private lessons in various phases of music training. Edwin Cashman specializes in brass instruments, and Robert Zimmer in woodwind instruments. David Hal-

vorsen instructs in organ and piano. Mrs. Beverly Kent will be available for private voice lessons. Other arrangements may also be made under the direction of Professor Ogden.

Wayne Snider, currently pursuing work in the seminary toward the master of theology degree and instructing in practical work in the college, has been added to the staff as a full-time instructor in science and history with an adjunct of practical work and physical education. His trip to the Holy Land on the Flying Seminar in the summer of 1953 and experience in practical work and presentation of religious films help to enrich his background for this teaching ministry. Mr. Snider will also serve as the dean of men.

For the school year 1953-54 Mrs. Edisene Whitcomb, wife of Professor Whitcomb, has been serving as instructor in physical education for women. She will continue to serve in this capacity for the ensuing year. She will be graduating from Grace College in May with a major in science. Considerable training in other institutions brings her to this position able to make a worthwhile contribution.

These advances in the field of liberal arts education are made with a view to provide a wider range of opportunity for Christian young people and especially Brethren young people to prepare for service. Most Christian young people will be able to get all they want in the way of training in the liberal arts field in Grace College. Many will be able to get preliminary training in preparation for specialization elsewhere.

Every advance in broadening the scope of training for Christian young people in Grace College has been made, insofar as humanly possible, with the express purpose of protecting the Christian faith, promoting growth in grace, and preparing young people to make a Christian contribution in their own field of service. To accomplish this end, every faculty member has been selected not only because he is academically trained for teaching his specialty, but also and more importantly because he is highly spiritual and thoroughly trained in sound theological learning.

Every Brethren pastor and every Brethren parent is urged to join with the faculty and board of trustees in support of these new advances. We solicit the prayers of God's people, the giving of their substance, and most of all the entrustment of Brethren young people into our hands for training. Join us in these things, will you?

Education That Exalts Christ

By Norman H. Uphouse

There will be a new department at Grace College beginning in the fall of 1954. It will be the department of education. This innovation comes as a result of popular request. Several groups have made requests before the seminary and college administration, as well as before the members of the board of trustees. These requests seem to point up the need for an expanded curriculum that will enable young people to obtain professional preparation adequate for teaching experience.

One of the most challenging fields for Christian service today is that of teaching in Christian day schools. It is natural for those in administrative positions in day schools to look to the church college for some help in preparing teachers. In a real sense, all Christians are in this program together and can understand objectives and aims that have a definite Christian emphasis. It is the writer's opinion that the Christian day schools will increase in number and that the demand for Christian teachers will increase. Now is the time to develop a program of study that will place some of our most promising young people in position to accept the challenge of teaching under Christian auspices.

Another aspect of Christian education is that more and more mission boards are urging candidates to prepare themselves for school teaching on the mission field. Among the many duties of a missionary there is the one that has to do with teaching the natives to read and write in their own language. There are national and governmental regulations that need to be met by those proposing to teach on the field. Usually, if the missionary has met the teacher requirements in the United States, he will be acceptable in the country to which he is going as a missionary.

Still another factor entering into the consideration of a department of education at Grace is that some of the young people of our church want to go into public-school teaching as a vocation. They have felt the need for such courses at Grace College that would lead to certification. In the department of education we will be acquainted with the various regulations and requirements for certification. Although regulations vary in many States, it appears essential that everywhere school men insist upon some kind of directed student teaching experience. Years ago this was known as practice teaching. It is the purpose of the department of education to work out amiable relationships with the schools near Winona Lake to assist in this phase of the educational program.

Several years ago the writer caught a vision of the need for teacher preparation with a distinct Christian emphasis. This was more than a type of Christian education limited to the preparation of church workers. Certainly it is necessary to develop Sunday-school teachers and workers as well as others to take responsible positions within the church. Education at Grace

will be slanted toward developing leadership for the church. However, this new move will be a step toward making it broader and more professional. It is hoped that the expansion of the curriculum will enable many to make teaching a career. Whether the person is employed by the church or not, he ought to be able to do a better job as a helper in the church after he has had professional preparation.

The Lord has made it possible for the writer to pursue graduate work to the place where he has become a candidate for the degree, doctor of education, majoring in school administration and supervision and carrying two correlatives as minors, one in curriculum and instruction, and the other in elementary education. His M. A. was taken at the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, and the Ed. D. program was taken at the University of Tennessee, in Knoxville. The research topic under way at present is a study of teacher tenure in Tennessee. It will be completed during this spring quarter.

One of the implications of the creation of the department of education is that it should bring about an increase in enrollment in the college division of Grace. We will want to get the message out to prospective students, that now they will be able to receive basic courses in education leading to certification. The program will emerge as we move along and eventually we will have the thing we need that will work.

Another implication is that we will be in a most favorable position to develop understandings between what is traditionally known as a strictly liberal arts program on the one hand, and a kind of methodology that has been fostered by educators on the other hand. The advantage we will have is that we begin with Christian understandings and a philosophy that is in harmony with God's Word. In other words, we support an interpretation of professional education and liberal arts that is in keeping with Christianity. It results in a collaboration that is sensible. It might be looked upon as a happy medium position.

Still another implication is that we believe there is some good in education that needs to be rescued. We are not ready to turn the system over to the Devil. After all, our children need the best type of education we can afford them. Grace College will now have a part in the educational program as it sponsors professional education with a Christian emphasis.

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COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS

By Ava Schnittjer

With the constant growth through recent years of mass media of communication, most people are never free for long at a time from some attempt to communicate an idea to them. Newspapers scream their headlines, novels intrigue, movies allure, radio programs invade the privacy of every home, and television is rapidly replacing the fine art of conversation. Anyone with a product or an idea to sell or propagate must compete with the best talent, skill, and inventiveness of other enterprising producers.

Now of all the people in the world who have something worthwhile to communicate, surely the child of God heads the list.

What course shall the young Christian follow that he might best put himself in a position to be used of God? What shall he do to make his life count for the Lord? How can he prepare himself to be effective in whatever work God calls him? High-school seniors, you've a decision before you, and many have been praying for you that your decision might be wisely made.

Though mass media of communication have been used by the world for pleasure and profit, still these same media can be and have been used for the glory of God. Countless people have been influenced by good Christian novels. Souls have been saved as a result of reading a message from the printed page, a tract, a testimony. Others have forsaken sin and turned to Christ upon hearing a radio message. Souls were born again on witnessing such movies as "Mr. Texas" and "Oiltown, U. S. A." For the one who will prepare and equip himself for the task, television holds infinite possibilities in reaching souls with the Gospel.

The administration at Grace College is well aware of the need of training students in the communicative skills, and courses are being planned with the specific purpose in mind of equipping the students in these fields: reading, writing, speaking, listening, and dramatics.

Courses are being planned in English composition in which it is hoped that the aim of proficiency in verbal communication may be the minimum goal, and that creative writing, in all its types, may be fostered and encouraged. A course in essay writing will feature a particular type of journalistic writing.

The primary aim of speech is to communicate. In order to convey thoughts effectively, the speaker must understand the meaning of what he wants to communicate; he must be able to evaluate the effect of his communication on the audience, and he must know the principles underlying all speech situations, public or private. Principles of speech, an elementary speech course with training specific to the individual needs, will begin with voice training and an attempt to secure the best possible use of the vocal mechanism. The course will include training in all speech activities—oral interpretation of both prose and poetry, parliamentary procedure, group discussion, such as panel and symposium, radio speaking, acting, and play production. It is our plan that these last classroom activities will lead into actual production, both for radio and for platform.

Public speaking courses will be concerned with selec-

A Growing Music Department

By Donald Ogden

The department of music in our college is expanding year by year to keep pace with the general expansion of the college and the increased demand for music courses. For the past four years we have been offering a course in basic music theory to lay a foundation for those who lacked familiarity with the rudiments of music. Along with this course we have been teaching the subject of church music, acquainting the students with many of the details faced by the average pastor or church musician.

In the past, students have found it possible to study piano and voice with competent teachers in the community, and they have been given college credit for acceptable work done under our supervision. With the opening of the coming fall semester we are adding to our staff four highly trained teachers, accomplished musicians in the fields of voice, piano, brass instruments, and woodwind instruments. We also rejoice in the possibility of offering for the first time in our school, instruction in organ.

A two-year course in harmony was inaugurated this year. Courses in sight singing, orchestration, choral conducting, hymn arranging, hymnology, and history of music will be offered in the next year or two according to demand. These additions will provide the opportunity for students to elect a major or a minor concentration in the field of music.

The Lord has blessed us with the facilities that are at our disposal. Through the kindness of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly, which operates its conference program only in the summer months, we have the use of any of their pianos in our own building throughout the school year. Included in this equipment are several grand pianos.

Open to all students in the school are the possibilities of cooperating in musical groups. Organizations now functioning on the campus are two very fine male quartets, a 16-voice mixed choir, and a brass ensemble.

Each year brings us new thrills with the discovery of talents among our new students. We trust that in the years that are ahead of us we will continue to see young people whom God has blessed with special abilities coming to Grace College to further develop their talents to His glory and to share with us in the wonderful fellowship of a truly music-minded school.

tion of subject, choice of thought, finding and testing of supporting materials, organization, language, bodily action, pronunciation, and voice, and will feature practice in speaking to classroom audience. Emphasis here will be on expository and persuasive speaking.

In other words, young people, Grace College is attempting to provide the means whereby you may develop your own skills, under guidance, and be effectively prepared for the work of your choice. Whether you plan to enter what you might call "full-time" Christian work or not, in making your plans for the fall of 1954, it is our earnest prayer that you will consider the advantage to you of choosing such a Christian college as Grace College for your higher education.

Fulfilling God's Purpose

By R. Wayne Snider

One of the most encouraging signs in a Christian college is the desire of the students to go out on their own time and voluntarily do personal work, carrying the message of salvation and life to a lost and dying world. It is not always easy to find time to engage in this type of work when studying and other activities vie for the student's time and energy. Especially when the faculty of the college does not assign particular duties of practical work along this line, it is easy to understand that it is the love of Christ that constrains these students to take an active interest in the matter of personal work. Although the faculty does not assign this work, it does very definitely encourage each student to use what he is learning in the classroom and also to learn by doing only those things that can be acquired through experience. In doing personal work, these things are put to good use.

There is no better basis than the Word of God for this ministry. The Lord has told us plainly that we are to go out into the highways and hedges and bring men to himself. The Lord has shown us clearly through His own ministry that we should be desirous to reach the individual, for He spent more time in dealing with individuals than He did with multitudes. The Apostle Paul in his own words tells us that he went from house to house to teach people God's message for them. The Great Commission states that all believers are to go into all the world to preach the Gospel. Your hometown is just as much a part of the world as is Africa, or India, or whatever geographical location you might name.

Too often people have the idea that the preaching of the Gospel belongs to the sanctuary and that to take it into the market place and factory is to cheapen it, but a quick glance through the Bible will reveal that all of the great sermons recorded there were preached in the open. Therefore, it follows that all of the great preachers were open-air preachers. Thus, if we do not preach the Gospel where men are found, we are not obeying the Lord's command and not even following Biblical examples.

The day when the unsaved would be found in church services and assemblies of believers has long since passed away. Very few unbelievers come to evangelistic services even after continual persuasion on the part of believers. Also, many are not able to come because of

work or sickness. Others, naturally, have no interest whatever in spiritual things. Is this great host of people never to hear of the Lord's love for them and His death in their behalf?

Believing that God's Word is to be obeyed and that in the students of this school we have a powerful force for God, the faculty has organized a practical work department to channel the efforts of the students into avenues which appeal to them. Activities such as street meetings, jail visitation, hospital and nursing-home visitation, house-to-house evangelism, and work camp ministry, as



Mr. Snider and Audio-Visual Equipment.

well as student pastorates, give plenty of opportunities for each student to find that for which he is best suited.

This semester marks the introduction of a course into the curriculum of Grace College that teaches how to do personal work and how to meet the difficulties of the unsaved with answers from the Bible. Also included in the course is a series of lectures on how to teach effectively, by learning the correct principles of teaching and how to apply them, and a series of lectures on the use of the audio-visual motion-picture projector and the slide film-strip projector, using mechanical means to teach spiritual truths.

In the last year or so some new changes have developed in this department. With the addition of the 16-mm. sound projector a start was made in the audio-visual division, so that now Christian films can be used by the students as well as educational films in the classrooms. Then other equipment came to the department, including a 35-mm. slide projector, 16-mm. silent projector, and a new tape recorder.

Because many Christians throughout the years have been slow to use modern inventions to the glory of the Lord and have let Satan have full use of these mediums of instruction, it is the purpose of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College to keep abreast of these instruments, as much as possible, and use them for the glory of the Lord and to cause the message of salvation to be more clearly presented and more widely known. Even though the message is the same as that preached

Do you know Christian young people who may be interested in enrolling in Grace Seminary or College next September? If so, send us their names and addresses.

Participating in the Red Cross Blood Program

By Paul R. Bauman, Vice President

February 19 was a busy day at Grace Theological Seminary and College! Classes met as usual—with interruptions. It was on this day that the school cooperated with the American Red Cross by contributing 130 pints of blood to its blood bank program. According to a carefully arranged plan, the Bloodmobile rolled up to the back door of the building at 9 o'clock in the morning. Students assisted in removing a large amount of equipment, and under the direction of nurses and technicians, the large auditorium was soon transformed into what appeared more like an emergency hospital than anything else. Shortly before 10 o'clock the first students were called from classes to make their contribution. They were kept coming in a steady stream until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Donation was on a purely voluntary basis, and the Red Cross officials were greatly pleased at the splendid response by the students and faculty, and employees of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

The front cover of the magazine pictures, from left to right, top row: (1) the arrival of the Bloodmobile from Fort Wayne (two members of the Fort Wayne church accompany this unit from place to place throughout northern Indiana); (2) the arrival of the nurses in a special car; (3) the volunteers from the local community who prepared food for the staff and refreshments for the donors. The middle row shows (1) members of the Herald Company signing up for blood donation; (2)

nurses checking students before blood donation; (3) students drinking lemonade before donation. Lower row shows student giving blood, attended by nurses. A second student is visible between the two nurses toward the left of the picture; (2) students enjoying sandwiches, cakes, and coffee as they relax, read, and talk after blood donation; (3) nurses eat in relays at special table curtailed off for the staff.

Many a life has been saved through the use of blood given the American Red Cross. Not a drop of the precious fluid is wasted. Some is used in blood transfusions for military and civilian personnel. When the rest has passed the time when it can be used as blood, the plasma is separated from the other component parts, and all are made into useful medical products. The donor not only has the opportunity of giving, but he receives something as well because of his donation. His blood is typed, and he is presented with a card containing a record of his blood type. Because of his donation he also has the privilege of receiving blood free in case of emergency.

Grace Seminary and College believes its students and faculty should be good citizens. Soldiers of the cross should be willing to share their lifeblood with those who shed it for their country. February 19 brought to the minds of many at the school the precious thought of One who, in a much fuller and richer sense, gave His blood that men might live, not for just a few more years, but through eternity!

by the early church, methods do change and we believers must use them if possible, if we are to have an effective presentation of the Good News.

With the coming of more students next year, plans are being formulated to expand this practical work department. We would like to start a film library of good Biblical Christian films so that always there would be a source from which personal workers and especially student pastors could draw. Film strips are extremely versatile in teaching God's truth and instructing through the lecture method. With film strips go also slides which are effective as lecturing tools. Then, too, it is proposed to send out more teams into the churches around in this area and possibly within a radius of 200 miles. As the needs and the possibilities present themselves, more will be done in this area of service.

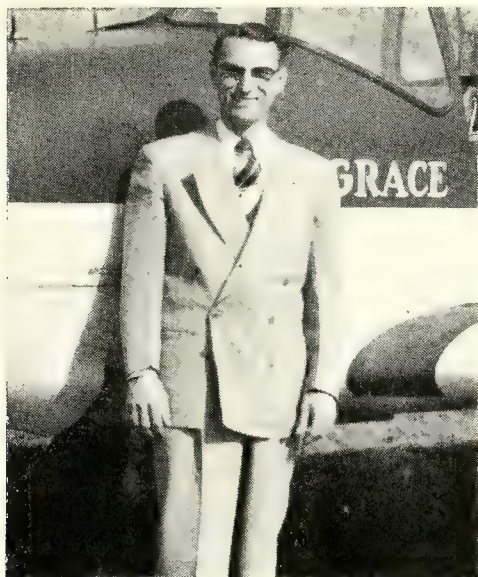
We are glad that the Lord has sent to this school a group of fine consecrated believers who are interested in the spiritual welfare of lost men and women to forego some pleasures to reach those who, maybe in the next moment or tomorrow, will have to stand before Christ as their Judge rather than their Saviour. Then who has failed to fulfill his responsibilities before the Lord and them? Will you not pray with us that the purpose of the practical work department will be realized and that the presentation of God's message to a lost world might be given more effectively, more efficiently, more energetically, and more earnestly in the days that lie before us.

GRACE SEMINARY GIFTS FOR FEBRUARY 1954

Alto, Mich.	\$55.25	New Troy, Mich.	\$28.00
Berne, Ind.	30.00	North English, Iowa ...	15.00
Berne, Ind. (special) ..	500.00	Peru, Ind.	20.00
Berrien Springs, Mich.	4.30	Philadelphia, Pa. (1) ..	225.00
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Claypool, Ind.	7.11	Rittman, Ohio	334.08
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Covington, Va.	211.25	Sharpsville, Ind.	15.60
Danville, Ohio	103.00	Sidney, Ind.	6.00
Dayton, Ohio (1)	319.00	South Gate, Calif.	10.00
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Elkhart, Ind.	122.50	Summit Mills, Pa.	10.00
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Everett, Pa.	37.00	Tracy, Calif.	50.00
Flora, Ind.	45.00	Uniontown, Pa.	100.00
Fort Wayne, Ind.	438.17	Washington, D. C.	432.50
Hagerstown, Md.	625.61	Waterloo, Iowa	447.60
Harrah, Wash.	33.00	Waynesboro, Pa.	463.52
Harrisburg, Pa.	159.45	Whittier, Calif. (1)	64.00
Homerville, Ohio	130.00	Whittier, Calif. (Com.) ..	51.37
Kittanning, Pa. (1)	116.00	Winchester, Va.	43.25
Kittanning, Pa. (N. B.) ..	30.44	Winona Lake, Ind. (sp.) ..	4.00
Leamersville, Pa.	11.00	Yellow Creek, Pa.	82.00
Limestone, Tenn.	62.00	Miscellaneous	
Long Beach, Calif. (1) ..	1,517.06	Isolated Brethren	56.60
Los Angeles, Calif. (1) ..	157.00	Non-Brethren	132.40
Martinsburg, Pa.	2.00	Non-Brethren (special)	75.00
Middlebranch, Ohio	12.00		
Mundy's Corner, Pa.	70.75	Total	8,789.26

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Jewish Missions To Be Visited



Dr. L. L. Grubb



Dr. Paul R. Bauman

On March 29 two members of the family of Brethren institutions at Winona Lake will be leaving for a tour of Europe and Bible lands. Dr. Paul R. Bauman, vice president of the seminary, and Dr. Luther L. Grubb, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, will accompany a group of men who are making the trip under the direction of the American Association for Jewish Evangelism. The trip is being made primarily for the purpose of preparing a sound motion picture which will show the association's work among the Jews of Europe and Israel. Among others who expect to make the trip are Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, director of the Winona Lake Bible Conference, and Dr. Abraham Machlin, field secretary for the American Association. Dr. Bauman and Dr. Grubb, who are members of the advisory council for the organization, have been invited to go along and do the work of preparing the film. Their expenses, like those of others in the group, are being cared for by interested individuals, and no funds from the association itself are being used for this purpose.

Both men are seasoned travelers by air. In 1949-50 Dr. Bauman spent four and one-half months traveling through 27 countries around the world with Dr. Louis T. Talbot, of Los Angeles. At that time he took 15,000 feet of color film, showing missionary activity in many lands. Many have seen and have received a blessing from these films. The above picture shows Dr. Bauman as he waved good-by and stepped aboard a Pan-American Stratocruiser for the first leg of the former trip. Dr. Grubb, a private pilot, is seen standing by the Brethren Home Mission Council's Navion, *Grace Ambassador*, which he has flown many thousands of miles to visit home-mission points all over America.

The present party expects to be gone for a period of six weeks, arriving home May 4. It is hoped that it will be possible for Dr. Bauman and Dr. Grubb to secure

pictures also for a second film which will show the fulfillment of prophecy in Bible lands. Because of the unrest in these countries at the present time the group is asking God's people to pray that the Lord will not only give them journeying mercies and an entrance into the various countries which they expect to visit, but especially that they will be given an opportunity to take the pictures which they need for the two films.

In order that each one may follow the progress of the trip and pray more intelligently, the following schedule should be preserved:

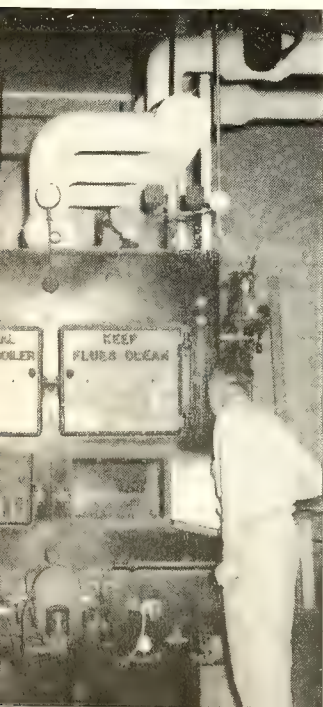
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Arrive Paris.....	April 3
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Arrive Cairo (Egypt).....	April 6
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Arrive Beirut (Lebanon).....	April 10
Leave Lydda (Israel).....	April 29
Arrive Nicosia (Cyprus).....	April 29
Leave Nicosia.....	April 30
Arrive Athens.....	April 30
Leave Athens.....	April 30
Arrive Zurich (Switzerland).....	April 30
Leave Zurich.....	May 1
Arrive Frankfurt (Germany).....	May 1
Leave Frankfurt.....	May 2
Arrive Brussels (Belgium).....	May 2
Leave Brussels.....	May 3
Arrive New York.....	May 4

Any changes in the schedule will be reported in the Herald, and reports of the progress of the trip will appear from time to time. Watch for them.



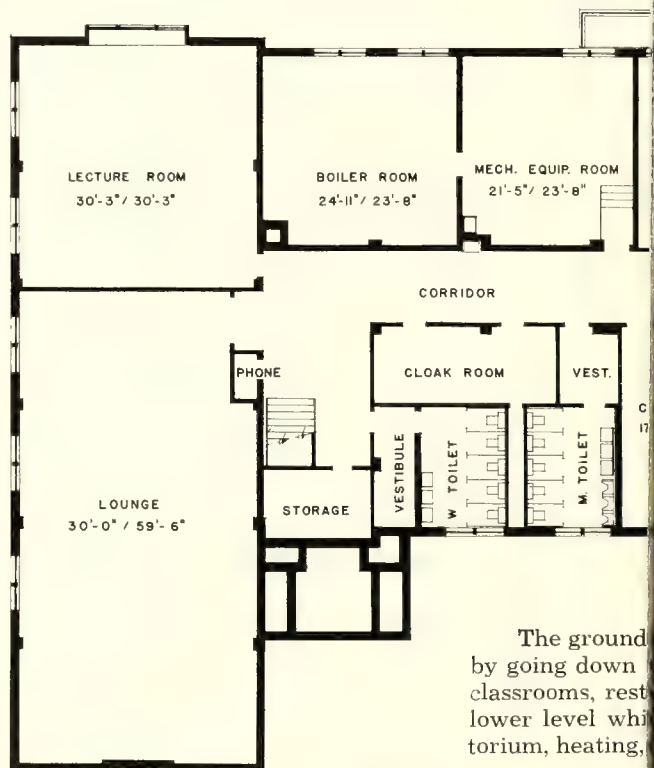
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Visiting the Seminary Building



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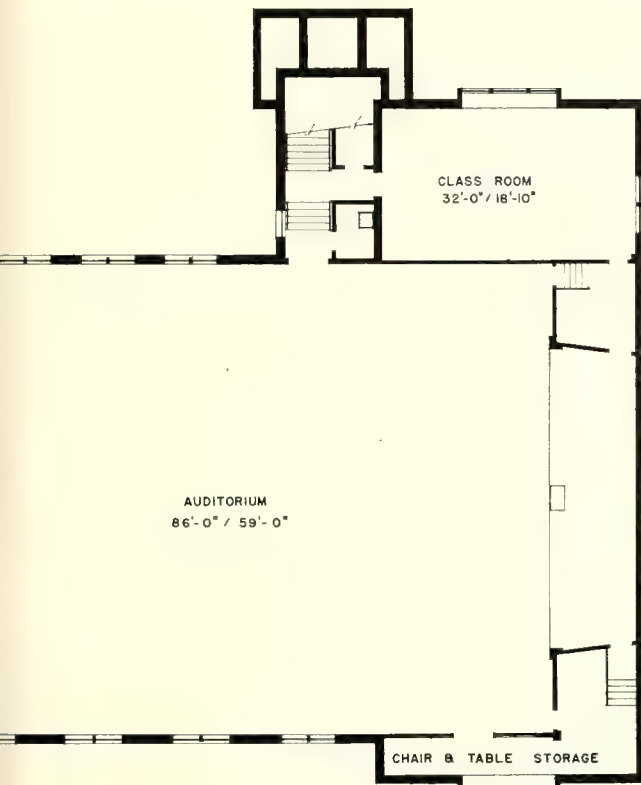


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constructed on two levels. The upper level is reached from the front entrance level, and includes the lounge, the main corridor from which four steps descend to the auditorium. The higher ceilings desirable for the large auditorium are also located on this level. The kitchen is also located on this level.

room.



The faculty reception is held in the auditorium at the beginning of the school year.

The auditorium is a good place to relax between classes.



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WAYNESBORO, PA.—A youth prayer meeting is conducted each Wednesday night at the First Brethren Church for those who are 12 years of age and above. Rev. Dennis Holliday is pastor.

KITTANNING, PA.—A father-and-son banquet will be held at the First Brethren Church Apr. 5 as a welcome to the new pastor, Rev. William Schaffer.

RITTMAN, OHIO—A community singspiration was conducted at the First Brethren Church on Mar. 14. Charles Ashman, Jr., is pastor.

TRACY, CALIF.—"Two hundred and four in fifty-four" is the slogan of the First Brethren Church. This means they are working to double their attendance in Sunday school and church. Rev. William Clough is pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Rev. Dennis Holliday, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Waynesboro, Pa., will be the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church in pre-Easter meetings Apr. 15-17. Rev. Russell Weber is pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO—There were 150 in attendance at the ordination service for Rev. Don Bishop at the West Tenth Street Brethren Church Mar. 7.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO—On Feb. 28 the Sunday school of the Grace Brethren Church attained its highest attendance since Apr. 17, 1949. This was also the second highest attendance record in the history of the church. Rev. Richard Burch is pastor. New church hymnals were recently presented to the church by an anonymous donor.

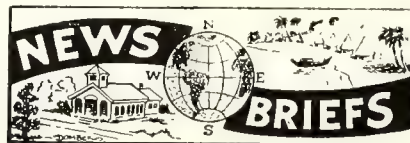
WATERLOO, IOWA—The Brethren Missionary Herald salutes the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa, for the neatest and most attractive bulletin of the month. Rev. Richard DeArmey is pastor.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., was the guest speaker Mar. 7 at the Sunnymede Brethren Church, pastored by Rev. W. Russell Ogden, son of the speaker.

GOSHEN, IND.—The new Brethren church in Goshen is off to a good start as a new Sunday-school attendance record was set on Mar. 7. Bro. Herman Hein, senior in Grace Seminary, is the pastor.

DANVILLE, OHIO—Rev. Neil Beery, pastor of the Danville Brethren Church for several years, has resigned and accepted the pastorate of the First Brethren Church of Ankenytown, Ohio. Brother Beery will assume his new work about April 1.

LISTIE, PA.—A Sunday-school workshop for all teachers and officers was conducted Mar. 25-26 at the Listie Brethren Church. Rev. Harold Etling, Sunday-school director for the Brethren Church, conducted the workshop. Rev. John Burns is pastor.



SPECIAL.—A foreign-missionary conference will be conducted the week before Easter, with speakers rotating between the First Brethren Church of Altoona, Pa. (Rev. Mark Males, pastor), the First Brethren Church of Martinsburg, Pa. (Rev. Gerald Teeter, pastor), and the Leamersville Brethren Church of Leamersville, Pa. (Rev. Robert Crees, pastor). The speakers at the conference will be Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver and Dr. Russell Barnard.

FILLMORE, CALIF.—The young people of the First Brethren Church enjoyed a three-day retreat to the snow Mar. 19-21. Rev. Maxwell Brenneman is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—The Patterson Park Brethren Church established a new Sunday-school attendance record on Feb. 28 with 100 present, or over a 100-percent gain in two years. Rev. C. S. Zimmerman is pastor.

BEAUMONT, CALIF.—The Cherry Valley Brethren Church Sunday School has assumed a fine foreign-mission project. They are working

to raise \$2,000 to purchase a ¾-ton truck for the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, to be used by our missionaries in Africa. Rev. Gene Farrell is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Dr. Paul R. Bauman, vice president of Grace Seminary, and Dr. L. L. Grubb, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, will leave New York by air on Mar. 29 on a trip to the Holy Land. They will be a part of the party sponsored by the American Association for Jewish Evangelism. (See "Jewish Missions To Be Visited," on page 203 of this issue.)

ALTO, MICH.—The Michigan district youth rally was conducted here Mar. 12-13. Rev. Scott Weaver, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind., was the speaker. Rev. Earl Funderburg was the host pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Youth for Christ International will convene here for their main conference July 4-18. This conference will mark the 10th anniversary of the movement.

WOOSTER, OHIO—Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Mar. 7. Future speakers include Rev. Theodore Epp on Apr. 4, and Dr. R. D. Barnard on May 9. Rev. Kenneth Ashman is pastor.

YORK, PA.—The ground-breaking service for the new Grace Brethren Church was conducted on Sunday, Mar. 14. Rev. Gerald Polman is pastor.

FINDLAY, OHIO—The Findlay Brethren Church was dedicated on Sunday, Mar. 21. Dr. L. L. Grubb was the speaker. Rev. Forest Lance is pastor.

HOLLINS, VA.—Elizabeth Sue Bowman arrived at the parsonage of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Bowman on Mar. 9, weighing 7 lb., 1 oz. Rev. Bowman, pastor of the Mountain View Brethren Church, is recovering rapidly.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Two additions will be made to the faculty of Grace College next fall. Rev. Norman Uphouse, a member of the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, will head the department of education, and Miss Ava Schnittjer, well known in many of our Iowa churches, will become assistant professor of English and speech. (See "Grace College Makes Another Advance for Christ," page 198 in this issue.)

From the Catacombs to St. Peter's

THIRD OF A SERIES

By Nathan M. Meyer, Pastor
Leesburg (Ind.) Brethren Church

Just outside the city of Rome and deep in the heart of the cold dark earth we worshiped the Lord. And we rejoiced to know that we had the same Lord present with us who was with the persecuted Christians of the early centuries.

The subterranean room was nearly filled by our party of 38. I estimated its size to be about 18 x 12 x 15 feet. We were nearly 50 feet below the surface of the ground. The walls of our chapel concealed more than two dozen tombs of those who were martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ.

There was no pulpit; there were no rugs on the floor; there was no furniture of any kind. The place was just what you'd expect an underground tomb to be. We were in the Catacombs.

Then Dr. Lewis began to speak. He rehearsed the account of the great persecution of the early Christians. He told of how they were burned at the stake, torn to pieces by the wild animals in the arena, or boiled in oil rather than deny the Lord that bought them with His own precious blood. He told us how the early Christians dug 11 miles of these underground corridors and here they secured 85,000 tombs.

What price some of God's children have paid to perpetuate the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that we might be the recipients of the Truth.

I think every eye shed tears of joy as Dr. Lewis read from Revelation of the day when justice shall be done and martyrs of Christ shall live again. He read of their rewards and then closed with Revelation 19:6: "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

We prayed to the God of the Christian martyrs—our God. And we sang with deep emotion, "O How I Love Jesus."

We were deep in the earth. Under no conceivable conditions could the surroundings have been more lowly, but we all sensed the power of the Spirit of God and in those precious

moments He touched our hearts and made us rejoice and glory in the power of the crucified Christ—our risen Saviour.

The next day we walked through the great doors past the guard, and entered the greatest and most magnificent cathedral on earth. The wealth of continents for centuries was forwarded to Rome to build St. Peter's. The size of it and the display of gold, silver, purple cloth, and precious stones was staggering to the human mind. The art work, the architecture, the massive statues, and lavish display of wealth defy description.

Peter was there. His giant stone form sat on a pedestal with his foot in a convenient position for his worshipers to kiss his toe. Actually half of the toe was worn away by the idolatry of superstitious pilgrims. If Peter had really been present I'm sure he could have found words to describe the situation. I could not.

The Pope was there, too—not the present Pope; he was vacationing at his country villa (from August to November). It was the former Pope, Pius X, whom we saw. His flesh was covered with gold, as some people cover their baby shoes with bronze. The robes he wore—the ring on his finger—indescribable!

Like Peter, he was dead. Even so, many worshipers gathered for mass before the altar where he lay on display inside a glass showcase.

St. Peter's Cathedral is big, and many priests were conducting mass at the various altars.

Presently a procession appeared, the like of which I never saw in my life. We joined the march toward the main altar for high mass. I leave it to your imagination to name the officials who took part, to picture the robes they wore, to smell the obnoxious smoke that rose up fully 25 feet over the altar as the "incense lantern" was swung to and fro. The atmosphere was heavy and tense. I began to sweat drops of righteous indignation and then tears of sorrow filled my eyes as I thought of this awful scene of ritualism, idolatry,

and spiritual whoredom that was taking place before my eyes.

My mind wandered out to the ends of the earth and I thought of the Judgment Day—of the millions of souls that would spend eternity in hell because these men were their spiritual leaders. I said to the fellows around me, "Let's go up to the dome and have our own worship service." It was Sunday morning and we wanted spiritual refreshing from the Lord.

We paid a healthy fee and rode the elevator up, up, up—high in the great dome we stood and looked down on the spectacle before the great altar far below.

There I opened my Bible and I began to read aloud from the Book of Revelation: "And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: and upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus . . . The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth [Just the day before our guide showed us the seven hills on which Rome is 'sitting'] . . . And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

". . . And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues: for her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. . . .

"Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. . . . Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls. . . .

(Continued on Page 212)

Does it seem a bit early to be talking about daily vacation Bible school? It is March, and Sunday schools ought to be on the *march*! One of the finest methods of getting the Gospel out, and getting the people in, will be found through your daily vacation Bible school. If you have conducted one in your church in years past, then you will know that there are many details that will have to be worked out carefully if your school is to be run smoothly, and if it is to accomplish that for which you are holding it. March is not too early to begin planning for that school.

1. You ought to determine now just when you will conduct your school this year. Be sure to keep it out of the dates of your district summer camps, for they have become important in the life of every active local Brethren church. Likewise, insofar as possible, keep the other dates and meetings of the church at a minimum. Your leaders and teachers will have extra work during these days. A two-week school, Monday through Friday, will give you 10 wonderful days of extra Bible teaching.

2. You should make the decision quick as to the materials you will want to use, and order all materials early in April. Get them into the hands of your teachers and workers in plenty of time. This will insure to every worker the right preparation time, and permit them to do a better job during the days of the school. We have already looked over some of the early packets of materials, and find many new and interesting things for the coming year. Get your orders in to the Brethren Missionary Herald NOW! Be sure to order sufficient for your school—it is better to have a few extra than to be even one pupil's material short.

3. Choose your leaders and workers soon. Too often we fail in our efforts because we do not give those who are to help in the school sufficient time to do their work. Remember, every individual has plenty of work to do. To give them an extra load is to invite trouble unless

we give plenty of time in which to plan and prepare.

IN BRIEF—YOUR DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IF YOU PLAN NOW!

IS YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL A MISSIONARY-MINDED SCHOOL?

The month of March in Brethren churches across the land is a part of the period set aside each year for the receiving of our foreign-mission offering. Is the emphasis of this season being passed down to the members of your Sunday school? We know that it is being emphasized through the pages of the Missionary Herald, and through letters and materials from the foreign-mission office to your church, but are you giving our missionary program a place in your Sunday school? Find some enthusiastic person in your Sunday school that can plan for at least a five-minute emphasis once each month. Plan an entire Sunday-school program for one Sunday during March or April, in which our foreign-missionary program can be presented from the platform of the superintendent, right on through the classes of the school. A missionary-minded Sunday school will be a growing Sunday school!

RECENT REPORTS

Sunday-school rallies and conferences have been held by your national Sunday-school director in a number of our schools. We found the Sunday school at Martinsburg, Pa., literally bulging at the seams. Never have we seen a Sunday school utilizing every available inch of space for the entire morning period as we did in this school. When one class moved out of the opening devotional period, another moved in to take its place for study. It is efficiency plus! A fine teachers-and-workers conference on Sunday afternoon saw a 100-percent cooperation of teachers and officers with the pastor.

The Leamersville, Pa., Sunday school is looking forward to addi-

tional departmental divisions in order that a more complete program might be carried on by children, as well as adults. We believe the future will bring real dividends in Leamersville.

A growing Sunday school was evident at Everett, Pa., where we were privileged to peek in at the bulletin board on Monday morning. Almost 100 pupils present the day before, and it was not an ideal day for Sunday-school records either. Snow was piled up on the streets all around.

Yes, our Sunday schools are on the march! We have been receiving reports from many of our schools concerning the perfect attendance of their pupils. We wish it were possible for us to publish the names of the individuals who have had perfect attendance, but to do so would be a list of several thousand names. We congratulate all who have had perfect attendance for the past year. We should like to urge all of our members in every school to "go thou and do likewise." Brethren, this is as it ought to be! We did receive a report from one school which included the names of those who had had perfect attendance for seven years. If any school has those with perfect attendance records for 10 years we will publish their names in the Missionary Herald.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS ON THE MARCH IN MARCH

It ought to be more than a catchy slogan. It ought to capture our best imagination of just what could be done if everyone of us would "get on the march" by making the month of March a month of visitation. If you want to fill your Sunday schools the only known method is hard work. There is no substitute for ringing doorbells and inviting people to be with you on Sunday morning. If we seem to keep constantly talking about visitation, it is only because we have seen it work, and know that nothing succeeds like it in building Sunday schools. Let's make March the "on-the-march" month in Brethren Sunday schools.

A LOOK

At Brethren Boys Clubs

By REV. RALPH COLBURN
National Youth Director

Brethren Boys Clubs have been meeting a real need in about 60 of our churches across the land, in providing wholesome, spiritual activities for boys that strengthens them for Christ, and in encouraging a real avenue of service for men. Ten fine clubs are now going in the California district, and it has been my privilege to visit several of them. I've picked up a few ideas, and I hope have imparted a few.

At the Long Beach Second Brethren Church, more than 20 boys meet in the church basement every Monday night in this club, and they've done some fine work with both Bible memory and hobby projects. The two men need more help, but have been doing an exceptional job, handling it alone.

South Pasadena started their club only a very few months ago, and almost meet each Monday night. When I visited them just recently, I was privileged to award the first club rank and membership cards to almost every boy present. They've been making model planes, and some have done excellent work. Now they're starting on plaque painting. Club attendance averages about 15 boys, and 6 men, besides Dr. Charles Ashman, pastor, are helpers. They've fixed up a shed on the back of the church for a workshop, and each boy has a private work area and drawer for his hobby project. Most of these boys have done exceptionally well on their memory work.

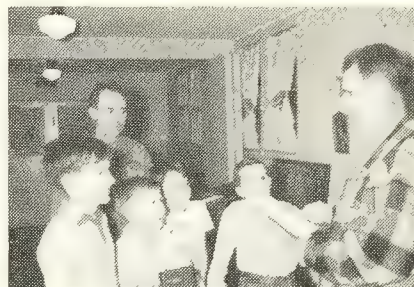
San Bernardino does not have a large club—they average about 10 boys, but have an average of four helpers. They have made some lovely mottoes, with plastic letters on large background, and with letters cut away from heavy paper, exposing a colored foil background.



Brethren Boys Club of the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.



Club Chief Walter Hough checking one of the South Pasadena boys on Bible memory work.



South Pasadena, Calif., BBC in their workshop back of the church.



Chief Al Rager talking to boys of San Bernardino, Calif., BBC.



Club Chief Bud Ballard talking with new BBC officers at Long Beach Second Church. Left to right are: Treasurer David Ballard, Counselor Stan O'Connor (in rear), Secretary Robert Ellis, President Mike O'Connor, Vice President Ross Carey, and Bud Ballard.

BOYS' BOOKS

"Reaching Boys With a Christian Program," by Dimmock Steves . . .	60c
"The New Boy," by Capt. Reginald Wallis	\$1.00
"The New Man," by Capt. Reginald Wallis	\$1.00
"The New Life," by Capt. Reginald Wallis	\$1.00
"Paths to Noble Manhood," by Clayton Derstine	\$1.25
"Workable Young People's Programs," by Theodore Engstrom . . .	\$2.00
"Youthspiration Handbook," by George Santa	\$1.00

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HI THERE . . .

Follow me as I poke my head into the various nooks and crannies of our Brethren churches to see what our laymen have been, are, and will be doing. Laymen's Fellowship at the MEYERSDALE, PA., church on Feb. 23 was attended by 35 men, of whom many were visitors. Rev. Walter Otto, a Mennonite pastor of Springs, Pa., spoke. He was impressed by the fine fellowship shared and asked permission to bring some of his men to the next meeting. . . . The first Men's Fellowship of the COMPTON, CALIF., church was in the form of a dinner meeting on Feb. 19. . . . Several eastern church bulletins are announcing the district laymen's rally to be held April 3 at YORK, PA. . . . At the HAGERTOWN, MD., organization meeting which was announced last month we learn that 32 men attended, and the following officers were elected: pres., Frank Tewalt; v. pres., James McCarter; sec., Frank Allen; asst. sec., Charles Jones; treas., Harold Martin; asst. treas., Frank Wiles. . . . ELKHART, IND., men met Feb. 15 for a potluck dinner, with Bro. Wesley Miller in charge and 16 members and visitors present. Rev. Ivan French, a graduate of Grace Seminary, serving a Baptist church in Elkhart, was speaker. An offering of \$15.50 was taken. . . . A film was shown to the RITTMAN, OHIO, men when they met March 11 for their monthly fellowship. . . . The Northern Ohio Brethren Men's Rally was held March 21 at ASHLAND. Bro. S. Wayne Beaver was the speaker. . . . From the Community Brethren Church bulletin (Feb. 28): "Sixty-one hungry men met February 22 to feast on literal and spiritual steak. Arthur Mouw thrilled our souls with the presentation of the Lord's bless-

OUCH!

Reaction to my "ducking" the opportunity to speak to Indiana ministers came in the form of a verbal chiding by Rev. Walter Lepp, a card from Rev. Gordon Bracker in which he says, "Don't you think we have to speak sometimes when we too are scared?" and a letter from Rev. Leslie Moore, which starts out: "Dear Lunk Head . . ." and goes on to really let me have it." Thank you, brethren, for your criticism. I did ask for it, didn't I?—J. B. D.

ing in Borneo. The Men's Fellowship voted to assume the project of lighting our church building and parking lot through a timing control." On March 7, Rev. Bruce Button, missionary to the Jews, was the speaker at a special men's night service in this church. . . . SOUTH GATE, CALIF., Men's Brotherhood met for a potluck supper Feb. 26, at which the speaker was Rev. Alfred B. Lau, ex-Hitler youth leader. . . . On March 6 the men at CLEVELAND, OHIO, met for their monthly time of blessing. . . . Pastor Edward Lewis, BUENA VISTA, VA., tells us that his laymen are really active. They had 21 at their last meeting. Services are held in three different prisons on Sundays and two of the laymen are caring for churches that have no pastors. . . . The WOOSTER, OHIO, laymen enjoyed a unique

National Fellowship OF Brethren Laymen

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

time of Christian fellowship on Feb. 22 in their annual Men and Boys Fellowship. The bountiful meal had been prepared by the WMC's. There were 98 men and boys in attendance. Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor of the newest mission church in the district, at Elyria, Ohio, brought the main message on the theme, "Faith." The offering for the evening, \$41.50, was presented to the Elyria church toward their building fund. The men and boys will return the favor to the women in May for the Mother-Daughter Banquet. . . . Mr. William Faas (morning) and Mr. Robert Clinton (evening) were the speakers at CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, on Feb. 28, when the laymen had complete charge of both services. . . . I guess that's all the snooping I can do for this time. Bro. Carl Uphouse, secretary of the East Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, has some more information for you in the next column. Say, do you realize that half a year has passed since conference? I wonder if we have done *half* the things we planned. Keep looking up!—J. B. D.

LAYMEN'S DAY ACTIVITIES IN GREATER JOHNSTOWN AREA

JENNERS observed their Laymen's Day a week early, due to the Crusade Team One being scheduled to start a campaign on Feb. 23. The laymen had full charge of the evening service, which was attended by 55 persons and an offering lifted for the Board of Evangelism amounting to \$10.16.

The EVERETT laymen had full charge of the program in the church on Laymen's Sunday. One layman taught the Men's Bible Class, another led the song service, another made the announcements; one layman delivered the morning message, and another the evening message. Offering for the Crusade Teams was \$32.75.

The laymen had full charge of the evening service Feb. 28 at the Riverside church, JOHNSTOWN. Don Rager brought the message to 39 people and the offering for the Board of Evangelism was \$13.35.

The JOHNSTOWN First Brethren Church held their laymen's meeting on March 7, due to the pastor's absence in Winona Lake, and the program and preaching was done by the laymen. This group, incidentally, is the oldest organized group in the Brethren denomination. The speaker was the president of the Johnstown Christian Business Men. Offering was \$27.—Carl J. Uphouse.

LAYMAN'S SERVICE FOR CHRIST NOTED IN COMPANY PAPER

The following clipping from the publication of the Gates Rubber Co. of Denver, Colo., is of interest to laymen: "Do you know that Maurice Davis is the superintendent of the Grace Brethren Sunday School? He has given his services to their newly built church. After working on his job all day, he does this special work in his spare time. 'This is real Christianity.'" Brother Davis is also a deacon in the church at Denver.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Board of Evangelism (\$3,000).....	\$134.70
Student Aid (\$1,000).....	13.00
Boys Clubs (\$250).....	1.00
General Expense Fund (\$500)....	2.50
Laymen, have you sent your Laymen's Day offering for the Board of Evangelism yet?	

In His service,

Walter Hoyt.

409 Leland Ave., Dayton, Ohio.



NEWS from the CHURCHES

Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)

This was a new experience for us. Our church is nearly four years old, but we were not permitted our building until June 1953. February 14, 1954, we began our first evangelistic series of meetings under the preaching and labor of Rev. J. D. Hammer, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Fort Wayne, Ind.

This service was not planned to be spectacular, but was planned to present the Word of God in such a manner as to challenge those listening to forsake sin, receive Christ as Saviour, and have the gift of eternal life.

Three Sundays and 10 weeknights were devoted to this work. There were 887 people attending the services, averaging 55 for each service. There were 3 first-time confessions of Christ as Saviour, 2 reaffirmations of faith, and 15 publicly expressing their desire and intention to walk closer with our Lord.

Being new in the community we did not know what the community response would be. The meetings were well-received, and a new impact with the Gospel has been registered in the life of our community.

The highlight of the service was the bringing of an entire family to the Lord, the parents for a reaffirmation of faith, the son to our Lord as Saviour. All three have expressed their desire for church fellowship as members.

Another high moment was on February 28, the last day of the meeting, when a new record was set for Bible-school attendance. The new record is 100, and we now look forward to an attendance that will not drop below that mark.—C. S. Zimmerman, pastor.

It was my recent privilege to serve as the first evangelist for the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. With no previous experience to guide us, we approached the meetings with some uncertainty. But God again proved himself faithful

by answering earnest prayer for revival and saved souls. The very first service was the occasion for a large number of the Brethren to publicly acknowledge their acceptance of the challenge to have a closer walk with the Lord. As a result, the meetings witnessed several important decisions, good attendance, and an excellent spirit of unity and determination on the part of God's people.

Expository teaching of God's Word was the method adopted to present the claims of the Gospel. Already well trained by their teaching pastor, the Brethren proved to be apt students of the Word and it was a real joy to minister to them.—James D. Hammer, evangelist.

Grafton, W. Va.

As we look back over the past year we can only marvel at the grace of our Lord and His blessing upon the First Brethren Church. Under the faithful ministry of Rev. Lee Crist and his good wife, God is bringing much fruit. There have been 14 baptisms and added to our church, the result of the working of the Holy Spirit in our midst. We praise the Lord for the many young couples that are attending our services regularly. We have seen a 100-percent gain in our Sunday school, and the result is that our classrooms are crowded. Two classes are being conducted in the parsonage. We also have a newly organized cradle roll department.

We are looking forward to a spring revival with Rev. K. E. Richardson; and the Sunday school plans to purchase a bigger and better bus to be used to the glory of the Lord in bringing children to Sunday school.—Mrs. Helen Dennis, clerk.

Findlay, Ohio

The Grace Brethren Church would like to express our appreciation to our heavenly Father and to those interested in our brotherhood for the privilege which was ours of having Team Two of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade in our new church here for the two weeks preceding March 7.

The results were very encouraging. Although we experienced a late winter blizzard during much of the last week and cold rain nearly the whole of the first week, our attend-

ance was very good, running between 57 and 115. The average for the entire series was 85. Considering that ours is a church only about 20 months old, we feel that the attendance speaks well for the ability of the team. The decisions numbered 25, with 5 of these being first-time decisions for Christ as Saviour. Being a new home-mission church we do not have a long back-log of prospects, yet we have been experiencing decisions regularly, Sunday by Sunday. We honestly feel that, as a church, we are much better prepared to serve the Lord in His harvest field as a result of these meetings.

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the ministry of this team and also for the larger work of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade throughout our churches, making it possible for every church, regardless of size or ability of finance, to benefit from the services of talented Christian men, blessing and edifying the saints and winning the souls of lost men to Jesus Christ. I sincerely believe that this evangelistic team represents the very best in evangelism, as far as I am concerned.—Forest F. Lance, pastor.

Canton, Ohio

February 28 was a great day in the First Brethren Church of Canton, Ohio. The pastor, Rev. John R. Dilling, who has now served the church for 15 months, was formally ordained to the Christian ministry. The ordination service was held at 3 p. m., with a large attendance of the members and friends of the church. Rev. J. L. Gingrich, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Sterling, Ohio, acted as presiding elder, assisted by several ministers of the Northern Ohio District and Rev. Conard Sandy, of Harrisburg, Pa. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of Grace Theological Seminary, preached the ordination sermon, also delivering the messages at the morning and evening services. Altogether the ordination was a very impressive occasion. At its close the entire audience enjoyed the evening meal, served by the ladies of the church.

Immediately following the dinner a program was presented in honor of the pastor's birthday, March 5. Each organization of the church and department of the Bible school was represented on the program, which

was in charge of Mrs. Evelyn Bell, primary superintendent. The climax came when Moderator R. B. Smith, on behalf of the church, presented the pastor a check for \$100.

The Canton church is going forward under Rev. Dilling's leadership, as noted by increased interest and attendance at all services, the Bible school attendance having exceeded the enrollment for several weeks. Verily, "the Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psa. 126:3).—Mrs. A. B. Kidder.

Vicksburg, Pa.

We are now meeting in the basement, but the work continues upstairs. The plaster work has just been completed, and as soon as that dries, the hardwood work can be put in. That and a few finishing touches will complete the job sufficiently to use the whole building. We will have no pews, carpet, or money, for some time to come, but we are thrilled to have anything. Things looked bleak and barren just one year ago this week. I spoke that Sunday night on "Beauty for Ashes." On the first anniversary of our fire, the 28th, I shall speak on Joshua's last words, "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which

the Lord your God spake concerning you."

The church basement has an auditorium, three Sunday-school rooms, a workshop for my boys, two lavatories, a furnace room and the baptistry. The main floor has the sanctuary, a nursery, two Sunday-school rooms which open into the sanctuary via ModernFold doors, a pastor's study, and a secretary's room. There are two rooms above the offices, which can be used for Sunday-school rooms, but which will house the speakers for the sound system and organ. There are three rooms above the Sunday-school rooms at the rear of the sanctuary of the balcony type. The center room is the projection and electronic control room.—Dean I. Walter, pastor.

Waynesboro, Pa.

God marvelously blessed during the two weeks that Evangelist Hal Webb and Song Leader Bill Smoot were with us. Sixty-two persons acknowledged Christ as Saviour, and many others rededicated their lives to the Lord and to soul-winning. Others covenanted with the Lord to establish a family altar in their homes. Blessings received were beyond human calculations as to value.—Dennis Holliday, pastor.

"And in her was found the blood of the prophets, and of the saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."

I read all of chapters 17, 18, and half of 19. Then we had prayer, and we prayed for spiritual illumination to dispel such darkness before it is forever too late.

We had been in the Catacombs and were thrilled by the Lord's presence. We were in St. Peter's and were chilled by His absence. I cannot conceive of two places of worship which form a greater contrast than the Catacombs and St. Peter's. It was like the difference between being saved and being lost. It was like being down in heaven and up in hell.

"This," I said, "is not the end. The martyrs of the Lord will yet come forth as kings and priests of God. They shall live and reign with Christ forever; they shall wear a crown."

But ecclesiastical Babylon, dressed in gold-decked robes of purple and scarlet, guilty of blasphemy and blood, idolatry, Mariolatry, and harlotry, shall be cast into hell from whence the smoke of her burning shall ascend forever and ever (Rev. 19:3b ASV).

The sovereign, eternal, and omnipotent God will have the last word. Alleluia!

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Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Paramount, Calif.	Mar. 21-28.....	John Mayes.....	Bill Smith.
Troy, Ohio	Mar. 21-28.....	Richard McIntosh	Crusade Team 1.
Camden, Ohio....	Mar. 28-Apr. 11.	Randall Rossman.	Randall Rossman.
Grafton, W. Va...	Mar. 28-Apr. 11.	Lee Crist.....	K. E. Richardson.
Philadelphia, Pa.			
(Third)	Mar. 28-Apr. 11.	Robert Cessna....	Crusade Team 2.
Rittman, Ohio....	Mar. 29-Apr. 11.	Chas. Ashman, Jr.	Bern'd Schneider.
Fremont, Ohio...	Apr. 2-22.....	Gordon Bracker..	A. L. Lynn.
South Gate, Calif.	Apr. 4-18.....	Alfred Dodds....	Bill Smith.
Sterling, Ohio....	Apr. 4-18.....	J. L. Gingrich....	A. R. Kriegbaum.
Buena Vista, Va.	Apr. 5-18.....	Edward Lewis....	Edward Lewis.
Ashland, Ohio...	Apr. 11-16.....	Miles Taber.....	Robert Culver.
Meyersdale, Pa...	Apr. 11-18.....	H. Leslie Moore..	A. L. Lynn.
Clayton, Ohio....	Apr. 11-18.....	Clair Brickel....	James Boyer.
Harrisburg, Pa...	Apr. 11-18.....	Conard Sandy....	John Whitcomb.
Listie, Pa.....	Apr. 14-25.....	John Burns.....	Crusade Team 2.
South Bend, Ind..	Apr. 16-18.....	Russell Ogden....	Homer Kent, Sr.

**"He is not here
...He is Risen,
as He said"**



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

Our Crucial Season Is at Hand!

In our foreign-missionary work we do receive many offerings during the various seasons of the year. We appreciate these, for without such offerings we would be greatly handicapped. Yet it remains true that the greater part of our annual offering is given during the Easter season, hence this is such a crucial season. Have we—are we—presenting the needs of our foreign fields in such a way that each members of the Brethren Church sees them—feels them? This is always the question. If there is any part you do not understand, or any part we have not made clear, we would be happy to answer your personal questions.

It's a Challenging Program!

Yes, it's gigantic so far as our Brethren churches are concerned. We now have 89 missionaries, including those on the field and those appointees who will be on the field before the end of this year of 1954. We are working in six fields—Africa, Argentina, Brazil, France, Hawaii, and Mexico. In every field our work is growing, greater opportunities are presenting themselves, and the plea in every case is for more workers and more funds.

Last August when we estimated our expenditures it was believed that \$250,000 would care for our needs, and that amount will accomplish those which were in evidence at that time. But additional opportunities are before us and missionaries are begging that we accept them. Reports from our recent board meeting, printed elsewhere in this issue of the Herald, will mention many of these. To care for those needs which the board has authorized, when there are sufficient funds to care for them, will require an additional \$100,000. We should have one-half of that amount this year and the other half next year. *We are praying that the Lord of the harvest will supply up to \$300,000 for foreign missions this year.* That will increase last year's offering by about one-third. This is not impossible, but it is indeed challenging.

The Law of Averages

By the law of averages we can count on a very substantial increase in offerings this year—probably to about the amount of \$300,000. Rather than count on the law of averages, however, we desire to count on the Lord for His blessing. His work is more precious to

Him than it could ever be to us. If He could make the stones to be bread, and if the loaves and fishes could be multiplied, He can miraculously supply our needs today. But should He? In so doing would He not rob us of the blessing of supporting His work, of sending out His missionaries, of presenting His Gospel? It would be a very small thing for Him to turn stones into gold—the very streets of that wonderful city are paved with pure gold. Rather, it seems He would have us to grow in spiritual things, and one of the very best spiritual exercises is that of tithes and offerings for the Lord's work.

A First Conclusion

God's work will need to be supplied by God's people. The Lord will bless His people and make them able, but He expects very definite surrender and dedication in their stewardship. First making them able, He pleads with His people to be willing to spend and be spent and that selfishness shall not control their doings.

A Second Conclusion

That part of God's people known as "The Brethren" will need be used of the Lord to support Brethren missionaries in our Brethren mission fields. We just couldn't expect others to do it—they have their own responsibilities. Also, a part of this second conclusion seems to be just normal thinking—non-Brethren missionaries and non-Brethren boards and societies should not expect Brethren people and Brethren churches to come to their support, at least as long as our own work stands true to the message of the Word of God and as long as our work is ever expanding. Your general secretary was a pastor long enough to know that such missionary agencies are always very anxious to visit and have services in our Brethren churches. Brethren churches are missionary-minded and, as a result, are fruitful fields for supporting such missionary endeavor, and Brethren pastors and churches are very often almost overwhelmed by such requests.

Your gifts support our Brethren foreign missions in Africa, Argentina, Brazil, France, Hawaii, and Mexico.

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A FOREIGN MISSIONARY FOR EVERY PASTOR
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GLANCING AHEAD

A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE RECENT FOREIGN BOARD MEETING

AFRICA—

Entering Bangui—This is our greatest step in advance in a generation. Bangui is the capital city of Oubangui-Chari province in French Equatorial Africa with a population of over 50,000. We have been within 12 miles of this city for years, but left its evangelization to others. It is not evangelized—we have hundreds of believers there—hence, this historic step. The costs of such will be from \$9,000 to \$15,000.

Four More Pastors—In fulfilling the program of two pastors per district, we desperately need four more missionary pastors and funds sufficient to send them. When a missionary pastor leaves for furlough and another is not ready to take his place in the area, Communistic agents cause unlimited trouble. Every new family for Africa costs between \$6,000 and \$7,000 for the first year and approximately \$5,000 per year after that.

Bogaira Residence—A missionary residence is urgently needed in the large and fruitful Bellevue field. This will be located at Bogaira at a cost of about \$2,500—it will be the second residence in this district.

Aluminum Roofing—This is our best fire insurance. One fire loss can cost us many times the price of a roof. Sufficient for two more residences this year has been authorized at an approximate cost of \$1,500.

Two New Pickups—Two of our seven-year-old Dodge pickup trucks (one-ton) need to be replaced. Such have been authorized at an exchange cost of about \$3,600.

ARGENTINA—

Circuit Rider Plan—We have approved a plan suggested by the national believers, whereby they will as rapidly as possible assume the responsibility for most of our present church units. The field will be divided into north and south districts, with each district under national leadership.

Expansion to Larger Population Centers—As rapidly as possible our missionaries will enter the larger population centers, seeking to establish more units of churches to be placed under national leadership. Brother and Sister Carson Rottler will move immediately to Villa Mercedes, a city of 40,000, as the first step in this program. Immediate costs will be for rents only.

Provincial Responsibilities—Without moving from present fields or being relieved from present responsibilities, missionaries have volunteered to assume immediate interest in various provinces and districts in Argentina. They will pray for the district, visit it when possible, and expect God to supply an opening into the district in the not-far-distant future.

New Chapel Locations—Some of our older testimonies need to be relocated and many new areas entered. The national believers are anxious to undertake this program. We want to help without limiting their work in helping themselves. We have made an offer—we will

supply well-located lots, providing the national church will assume the responsibility of building on these lots. This will cost us several thousand dollars per year for years ahead.

Residences for Missionaries—We must either rent or build these. Costs are increasing in the large population centers until they are of staggering proportions. A well-situated lot may cost as much as \$3,000 and a residence as much as \$10,000. Rents are proportionately high in the large centers. We need one or two of these residences immediately.

The National Church—Our board is thrilled with the fine reports of the national church in Argentina, the capable and dependable laymen, the effective organization among women and girls, and the large groups of young people. We are encouraging the national church to assume responsibilities with utmost speed.

Printing Press—This is badly needed; we have but little Brethren literature. We hope this may be a project—the cost may be as much as \$2,000.

Tent for Evangelistic Work—We have one, but greatly need another. This will be used for about seven months out of the year. It must be purchased in Argentina and will cost about \$500.

Day of Prayer—The missionaries and national believers in Argentina are giving special emphasis to this—the 15th of each month as a day of prayer among the churches.

BRAZIL—

Envelope System—The field council in Brazil is instituting this and will accompany it with special teaching in Christian stewardship.

Second Residence at Icoraci—This should be built immediately so the Bill Burk family, who are expecting to leave the States in July, will have living quarters. This residence will be erected at an approximate cost of \$3,000 on the two-and-one-half-acre plot which we own in Icoraci.

Icoraci Church Lot—We are hoping to purchase a lot about a mile or so from our present property in Icoraci; the cost will be about \$500. We will pay for the lot and national believers will build the chapel on it.

Chapel at Fazendinha—This building is now being completed. It will care for a crowd of about 100 people and will be well filled from the beginning. It is located about 10 miles from Macapa and will be under Brother Teeter's leadership while the Millers are home on furlough. The cost will be \$400, but through offerings the national believers will repay one-half of this amount and this will be used toward the erection of more chapels.

Agulha Purchase—We are expecting to buy the building now being used, or purchase or build another—cost about \$250. The Icoraci believers will repay this cost;

they are now paying the rent for the present building being used.

Christian Day Schools—A unit of such should be established at each mission station. The teachers will be national young ladies trained for the work. The cost of operation will be around \$20 per month per school. The school at Icoraci will be started as soon as possible.

Printing Press—One is needed in Brazil as well as in Argentina.

New Centers—We should double our number of centers of operation as soon as there are missionaries sufficient. National believers are being trained as rapidly as possible.

FRANCE—

Another Missionary Family—This is an urgent need. We are trusting the Lord to provide a second missionary family, as well as the funds to send them, in the near future. The Fogles are doing an excellent work in a very difficult field and should have help.

Permanent Meeting Place—Consideration is being given to the partial-proprietorship plan of securing a location and building where the believers may hold regular services. Such an arrangement may cost about \$3,000. A permanent meeting place is needed in order to give stability to the work.

HAWAII—

Another Missionary Family—In this field also there is urgent need for a second missionary family to work on a self-support basis. The opportunities in this area are unlimited and there is not the usual language barrier.

Chapel Repair and Equipment—The group in Honolulu had to vacate the quarters which they have been occupying, but were fortunate in securing another location with a building on it. However, much is needed to repair and equip this building for services. An amount of \$400 would care for a major part of these needs.

MEXICO—

Calexico Property—Elsewhere in this issue of the Herald is an article telling of the property recently purchased in Calexico as a point of operation.

Bibles, Testaments, and Gospel Literature—These items are needed regularly by our workers. Gifts of any amount toward the purchase of these are greatly appreciated.

Trip Sponsors—At various intervals during the year trips are made by our missionaries, each at a different time and into a different area, down the peninsula and along the Sonora coast to witness in any way possible. Such trips have proved of great value in the winning of souls. The approximate cost is from \$100 to \$300 per trip. Sponsors for such trips are needed.

(Note—in the foregoing summary various projects and amounts have been listed. In order to prevent duplication, we are asking that anyone interested in one of the projects contact our foreign-mission office for full particulars.)

One for One

"I've Got Leprosy"

By Miss Marybeth Munn, Bekoro, Africa

For a while I'd like to tell you about the little ones here who have leprosy. Often we show pictures of the adults who have leprosy in the last horrible stages, but how about the children who have just developed a spot? We have about 10 little tots, all less than five

years old, who have a spot or two somewhere on them. One day the parents find a bronze or tan spot on the child's back, arm, chest, or very often on the forehead or a cheek. Once there was nothing for them to do but feel bad, but now many come to us right away. You know that all little children hate to take medicine—at the hospital they scream and cry when the spoon of castor oil comes toward them. But, for some reason or other, these little leper children just hold out their little hands for the pills as if to say, "Thank you."

In many cases spots have already disappeared. One father sent his boy, Peter,



"I've got Leprosy"

to us with a huge triangular spot on his forehead. They live about 100 miles away, so the father didn't see the child for six months. In that time, after treatment, the spot had completely vanished.

Little Mary and Martha are twin daughters of one of our most faithful Kabba catechists. Their mother, Anna, is a sweet, prayerful woman. When Mary and Martha were six months old, they had hookworm, amoebic dysentery, and another tropical disease caused by contaminated water. They were just skin and bones, too weak to stand for treatment for their divers diseases. Everyone told Anna they would surely die, but Anna took her heartache to the Lord. Our Lord answered her prayer and the twins are big, happy six-year-olds now. Just a month or so before coming home I was playing with the girls when I noticed a bronze spot on Mary's right shoulder. Anna saw it too. She said she knew her Lord would heal Mary again. So Mary is now getting weekly treatments for leprosy.

One of our nurses, Daniel Gam, came one day as sad as he could be. He wanted me to look at his little Louise. Sure enough, there was the fiery mark on her face. We put her under treatment immediately, and now, after only a couple of months, the spot is gone. And so it goes on and on. This could all be very sad, but now these little barefoot boys and girls with bronze spots of leprosy are thankful to our Lord for His blessing in opening a way for them to get well. And they thank you, too, for your prayers and help for them.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

The Brethren Missionary Herald

Miss Edith Geske invites you to meet with The "WOMEN OF GOOD NEWS," Bozoum, Africa

You are invited to the meeting of the "Women of Good News" at Bozoum on Wednesday afternoon at 4:30. It will be held at the small chapel at the foot of Bozoum hill where junior church is held. Perhaps you are thinking that the hour is a little late, but here in Africa, with the heat, and the women busy most of the day, this is about the best hour to have the meeting. The announcement of the meeting was made before the church on Sunday morning, inviting all the women to come.

As the hour approaches you will see Mrs. Jobson descending the hill, and on this particular occasion you will see her two guests, Beverley Garber and myself, accompanying her. We two are thrilled with the anticipation of attending the women's meeting and yet nervous for fear we won't speak the Sango well enough for the women to understand us. We lift our hearts in prayer for God's help and grace at this time.

When we arrive at the bottom of the hill, some of the women have already gathered and are waiting for us. There is the usual greeting, "Bala-o." We see more women coming from a distance and wait a few minutes for them—you can expect latecomers. There are new women in the group, for which we are happy. There is also a visitor with one of the women—her faithful dog; in fact, it is so faithful that it insists on coming up to the front and disturbing us during the meeting.

The women open their bundles which contain their New Testaments and songbooks, and the service begins with the singing of several songs. After the announcement of each number we must wait until each woman has found the place. Some need help, as they are not so fortunate to have received training in reading and writing, but they do memorize easily and well. Oh, how

the women can sing! They love to sing, for they have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus and have a song in their hearts.

As each woman's name is called, she quotes a Scripture verse or gives a testimony. We discover that we have quite a number of guests—women who have recently been baptized and joined the church. They are timid and need encouragement to take part in the meeting. There is no better place than these meetings for the women to begin reciting Scripture and telling what Jesus means to them. The testimonies are a blessing, for these women are thankful for the light of the Gospel and that they know the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour.

They have opportunity to pray—each one, if she wishes—and they surely can pray! They ask the Lord to bless the missionaries who have come to help them. These women have many burdens and trials and need each other's prayers for God's grace in their lives. I am sure that you would leave the meeting with a burden on your heart to pray more faithfully for these women and for the new converts especially.

This is the day for the white-gift offering to be taken, at which time the women have a share in giving of their means to help a native evangelist. At this part of the meeting I was called upon to read the Scripture, Ephesians 2, and comment on it. Beverley Garber then gave a visual lesson on Christ healing the blind man. The women listened attentively and I trust they were blessed and strengthened by the precious Word of God.

The meeting lasted an hour or more, but the time went fast—everything was varied and interesting to me. I trust that you, too, have enjoyed the meeting, even though from a distance. Continue to remember the women in your prayers—that they might be strengthened spiritually and be faithful witnesses of the Lord Jesus to their own people.

One for One



Miss Edith Geske

AN

AFRICAN

"BUSH"

CHAPEL



Surely, our prayers are not in vain!

Just as I started to get off the first sentence, I was called by Ruth, who was out backyard, to come help Miss Bickel kill a snake which was in the chicken coop. But it had already made good its escape.

The purpose of my writing is to tell you how we praise the Lord for allowing us to continue our service here in Africa without the interruption of having to return to the States. We were quite fearful, we must confess, of the prospect of having to return; in fact, for a long time we thought that it was almost certain, for we could see no improvement in my condition. But, thanks be to our Lord, practically at the last minute we began to see an improvement, which is continuing slowly.

We want to express our thanks to the many brethren in Christ who sincerely interceded in our behalf. Surely, our prayers were not in vain!

We have spent our first week in the Bellevue field. We had hardly gotten settled before we began to take up the classes in the yearly Bible school. Ruth is teaching the wives of the students how to read, and I am teaching a course on what might be called "pastoral theology." In addition, Ruth and I have begun our study in the Gbea language, an hour (from 7 to 8) in the morning with the local pastor, and an hour (from 2 to 3 while the children sleep) in the afternoon with a blind fellow. Being in almost daily contact with people who know so little Sango is an impetus to keep up with the study. Of course, having Brother and Sister Sheldon's help makes the learning of the language so much easier.—*William Samarin, Bellevue, Africa, February 21, 1954.*

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WHO WILL BE THE FIRST TO FILL AN AFRICAN HUT BANK THIS YEAR?



(Hut village arranged by Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, 1953.)



Mr.
and
Mrs.
William
Samarin

From Bellevue, Africa—

There is a real airfield at Bossangoa now with plane service between Douala and Bangui twice a week. Coming back from Bossangoa Friday, we were at the field when a plane, a DC-3, had to land with only one motor running. The 25 passengers had to stay overnight until a plane from Bangui came to take them on and bring repairs from Bangui for the plane. The policeman at Bossangoa told us the other day that there were 92 whites in the District of Bossangoa—that includes children. The new road from Bossangoa to Bangui is finished and it is wonderful for this country.—*C. B. Sheldon.*

SOME AFRICAN LINKS

By Miss Mary Emmert

NOW AVAILABLE AT 50 CENTS PER COPY

This book is a fascinating, well-illustrated account of the author's years in French Equatorial Africa. A gift copy has been presented to each family who gave \$5 or more to foreign missions during either of the last two years. In a few cases correct addresses are needed to complete this distribution, but such will be cared for as soon as possible. The book has been most enthusiastically received.

The remaining copies of this book are now being offered at a cost of 50c per copy. Orders should be sent to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind.

Let's Go on an African Trek

By Mrs. C. B. Sheldon, Bellevue, Africa

With the car packed with beds, a box of food, a bottle of drinking water, a box of Scripture portions, pencils and notebooks, we started off to the bush to hold meetings for the native preachers at two centers.

Our first stop was Kouki. The native workers had been there a couple of days before our arrival because we had been detained by sickness. Nambozouina, the local preacher, moved out of his house so we would have a place to stay, for the administrator was expected to arrive and would occupy the village rest house. We were glad for the mud house, although we were somewhat crowded. The Lord blessed in the meetings there, but the workers had to hurry back to pick their cotton



(Above) Taking cotton to market. (Below) Drying cotton.

to take to the market in a few days. We had miscalculated the time for the cotton market since we didn't know they had a variety of cotton that matured much earlier than the ordinary kind.

Bowai, our next stop, is really out in the bush! Ngeremili, the native preacher, is a leper and comes some 60 miles to Bellevue for his treatment. He has done a wonderful work; he has the knack of getting young people and training them to go out to other needy villages.

He needs further training himself, but is barred from going to the Bible Institute because of his leprosy.

The chief of this village is very favorable to the Gospel. He was once the native preacher himself and built the first chapel and did a good work. However, when the former chief died, he was called to take his place. Not many could resist such temptation. Perhaps he could be chief and still serve the Lord faithfully, but it would be very difficult. At present he has two wives, like most of the chiefs, but he does attend the services and encourages his people to come. The Lord is surely trying to speak to him. Pray that he will go all the way with Him.

An old, old man attends church here. He dresses in a long white or blue robe like those worn on the desert farther north. About six years ago Semkona took the Lord as his Saviour and has been a radiant testimony to the power of the Gospel ever since. I believe it would be worth all our efforts to have come to Africa with the Gospel just to show this old man the way of salvation. His memory goes away back to the time when Arab slave raiders swooped down on the unaware and carried off the young and robust to a life of chains.

For many moons Semkona sacrificed to this idol and that idol, trying to find peace for his troubled heart, but his search was in vain until he found and took the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. Last year when we were here Semkona brought another old man to see us. He was trying to get him to come to the Lord, but the old man said he didn't want to give up one of his two wives. Well, during the year death took one of these women and still the old man doesn't come to the Lord. Pray that he will come soon, for he is old and the night is coming.

With the car packed again we said good-bye to those who had attended the conference and left over another bush road for Bossangoa. On the way we passed several chapels. At one of these the worker's house had burned down and he and his family were living in a little shelter. We came on to another where they had just finished making an adobe chapel. They had cut nice smooth logs for benches and it all looked very good. At still another chapel the worker brought us a chicken. We didn't like to take it for we know that he has so very little of this world's goods. But he insisted, saying he wanted to give it because we didn't come very often. How true this is, and how we would like to visit oftener, but there are too many for that.

It is always a relief to get back home and get a cold drink of water, a bath, and the other comforts of civilization, but we do praise the Lord for encouraging our hearts with this glimpse of what He is doing in some of the out-of-the-way places.

The restless millions await the light of Him,
Whose dawning maketh all things new.

Christ also waits, but men are slow and few.

Have WE done what we could. Have I? Have YOU?

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"Es Su Casa"

By Mrs. Roy Howard, Calexico, Calif.

The Spanish-speaking people have a beautifully polite way of replying to a compliment by saying, "It's yours." Also, after directing you to their house, they say, "Es su casa," or "It's your house."

This is exactly what we want to say—406 Mary Avenue, Calexico, Calif., "es su casa." Yes, we are actually located at our second Mexican mission point. Just a little over two years ago the first Brethren Mexican work began in the San Ysidro-Tijuana area. Then in September of last year our family moved to Calexico. After three months of praying, looking, and waiting (while living in a trailer), the Lord gave us the very location needed. The property is located just three blocks from the international line and only five blocks from the gate. How we praise the Lord for His goodness in allowing us to share in the Mexican work.

There was much to do in the way of repairing the house, but sufficient was cared for to enable us to move in about the middle of February. The house, when repairs are completed, has plenty of room for the beginning of the work. We are very happy with the prospects here.

"Es su casa."

406 Mary Avenue, Calexico, Calif.

The Roy Howard family now lives here.

(The picture was taken prior to repairing.)

The Lord willing, we plan to begin Bible classes as soon as possible. Pray much for the Mexican work. Souls have been saved since our Brethren Mexican work first began, but there are thousands ready to be claimed for Christ if they could only hear the pure, simple Gospel story. Trained Mexican believers are the only answer to winning these souls for Christ.

Calexico is a very progressive town in the Imperial Valley. The climate is hot (110 to 120) in the summer and mild in the winter; therefore, there are crops going to market the year around. The population is 75 percent Mexican and thousands of laborers cross the line daily to work in the fields. From the adjoining Mexican town of Mexicali, just across the border from Calexico, comes between 50 and 75 percent of the store trade. You hear more Spanish than English on the streets.

At present there is no nonholiness Protestant Mexican testimony in Calexico. Pray that we Brethren will soon have such a testimony.

Remember, "es su casa." Pray for it and for us. We know our desire is your desire—that it might continually fulfill our Lord's purpose and glorify His name.



A BRIEF REPORT FROM BOZOOM

Just before the holiday season we had our yearly field council meeting, which lasted for two weeks. We met for the first time on the Bible Institute grounds and found it was an ideal place to hold such a conference.

Following the field council meeting we celebrated Christmas and New Year's. Our Christmas Eve service was well attended, with many of the children and older folks taking part in the service. On Christmas morning another service was held, at which time a white-gift offering was taken. On Christmas Day we entertained some of our missionaries in the Bozoom district and Mr. and Madame Kouznetsoff, who have been friends of the mission for many years. In the afternoon a large Christmas mail arrived, including greetings from many of our dear friends and for which we thank you, one and all. That made the day complete.

How wonderful the phrase, "Peace on earth, good will to men," is as it is spread around the world at the holi-

day time of year, and yet how very far the world is from any kind of peace. How blessed to know that those of us who have given our hearts to Him, the King of kings, can hear Him say, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."

On New Year's Eve the Christians and non-Christians gathered in the chapel and, as usual, prayed the new year in. Pastor Noel told us there were nine first-time confessions. The Spirit was indeed manifested in a wonderful way.

Pastor Noel had been quite ill for a few months, but the Lord wonderfully healed his body and gave him unusual strength and power. His messages are a real challenge to all, and many are now coming to accept the Lord as their Saviour. On a recent Lord's Day we held our quarterly communion service and there were 40 present.—Mrs. Orville D. Jobson.

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MACAPA, BRAZIL

By Edward D. Miller

Sunday, January 31, 1954, is a day long to be remembered here in Macapa. First of all, we were privileged to have with us Dr. Russell D. Barnard, general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, along with Mrs. Barnard. They had just completed a visit to the field in Argentina and were now visiting Brazil. We had been planning and looking forward to this visit for some time.

On Sunday morning we had our regular Sunday school and then afterwards we had a truck chartered to take our people to the "Fazendinha," a small village on the Amazon River about six miles from Macapa. The next event was a baptismal service for 14 believers (10 men and 4 women) who were ready to follow the Lord's command in Christian baptism. For many this was a real step of faith and a definite break with their old religion. Three of these believers were from Mazagao, three from our church in Macapa, and the other eight were recent converts from our Thursday-night meetings in the "Fazendinha." There were over 80 people gathered together to witness this special service which, needless to say, was a time of rejoicing for all concerned.

In the afternoon we went to the airport to welcome Bro. Jack Zielasko from Belem, who came over to be with us for the field council meetings during the following days. His wife was not able to make the trip since she was recuperating from a recent appendectomy.

Sunday evening we had our regular preaching service with a "full house," and we preached on the threefold communion service. After this meeting we had our communion service with 32 believers present, including those who were baptized that afternoon. This was the first time that most of them had ever taken part in this blessed and holy service—it was a real spiritual feast to all of us. Besides the 32 who actually took part in the service there were at least 20 present to observe.

Pray for these new baptized members, that they might continue to show an interest in the Word of God and that in turn they might grow in the Christian life. Our real need here now in Macapa is for dedicated leaders among the believers themselves.

Pictures from top to bottom—Dr. Barnard in front of the chapel at Mazagao. ➡ Brother Miller at the home of the believer in Fazendinha where services are held until the chapel is built. The 14 believers baptized on Sunday, January 31. The chapel at Macapa. Mrs. Miller and Sunday-school group at Macapa.

One for One

HIS LAMP AM I

HIS lamp am I, to shine where he shall say,
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,
Nor for the light of day;
But for dark places of the earth,
Or for the murky twilight gray,
Where wandering sheep have gone astray;
Or where the light of faith grows dim
And souls are groping after Him.

And as sometimes a flame we find,
Clear, shining through the night,
So bright we do not see the lamp,
But only see the light;
So may I shine—His light the flame
That men may glorify His name.

—Annie Johnson Flint.



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LISTIE, PA.—The Listie Brethren Church has organized a Sunday school in the village of Reading, Pa., near Stoystown, and the Lord is marvelously blessing. The attendance for Sunday, Mar. 14, 1954, which was the second service, was 57. Rev. John Burns is pastor of the Listie church.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH.—A new Bible class has been started in the Grandview area of this city. Rev. Harold Painter is pastor of the First Brethren Church.

RINER, VA.—The Grace Brethren Church, organized July 2, 1953, met for the first time in their new building (Rt. 8, 10 mi. east of Christiansburg) on Mar. 12. Rev. K. E. Richardson, of Radford, Va., taught the Bible class. First Sunday services on Mar. 14 were conducted by Rev. William Carl Miller, pastor of the church at Washington Heights, Roanoke, Va. Pastors of the district are taking turns conducting Sunday-afternoon services until a pastor is on the field. (See Radford, Va., news brief.)

RADFORD, VA.—Rev. K. E. Richardson, pastor of the Fairlawn Brethren Church, has resigned effective June 1. Brother Richardson will assume the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church at Riner, Va., which is a new work. He is also conducting a Bible class in Pearisburg, Va., in hopes of seeing a new Brethren church established there.

GRAFTON, W. VA.—The Sunday-school attendance record was broken on Mar. 7, when 151 were present; 140 attended both the morning and evening services. Rev. Lee Crist is pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—The View Ridge Brethren Church has planned six thrilling Sundays in their "Climb Sunshine Mountain" contest. The Sundays are: Mar. 14, Every Mem-

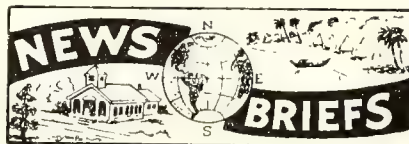
ber Sunday; Mar. 21, Neighbor Sunday; Mar. 28, Youth Sunday; Apr. 4, Parents Sunday; April 11, Surprise Sunday; and April 18, Easter. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

HARRAH, WASH.—The WMC of the Northwest Fellowship of Brethren Churches met here Mar. 12-13. Miss Marybeth Munn spoke.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF.—During the recent absence of Rev. Glenn O'Neal, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Rev. Jack Green, superintendent of the mission work in the Los Angeles Russian colony, was the guest speaker.

RITTMAN, OHIO—A youth rally was conducted here the afternoon and evening of Mar. 27. Rev. Archie Lynn was the guest speaker. Summer camp dates for the Northern Ohio District Conference of Brethren Churches are June 12-19.

ASHLAND, OHIO—Thirteen men and two women are enrolled in the seminary division of Ashland College.



FREMONT, OHIO—A father-and-son banquet will be held on Friday night, Apr. 9, at the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor of the Elyria Brethren Church, will be the guest speaker. Rev. Gordon Bracker is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—It is requested by the Board of Evangelism that all offerings taken during February for the work of the Evangelistic Crusade be sent to Box 15, Winona Lake, Ind.

RITTMAN, OHIO—A new attendance record was established for the prayer service at the First Brethren Church on Mar. 10 when 83 were present. Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., is pastor.

WAYNESBORO, PA.—The district conference of the Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches will be held here May 5-8. Rev. Dennis Holliday will be the host pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—Rev. Clyde Balyo, pastor of the North Riverdale Brethren Church since January 1946, has resigned.

KITTANNING, PA.—Dr. Raymond Gingrich, president of Akron Bible Institute, Akron, Ohio, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Mar. 21.

CLAYTON, OHIO—Miss Edith Knaus, a member of the First Brethren Church, was elected to membership in the National Honor Society at Randolph High School.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—A new prayer chapel will be erected prior to the opening of the Winona Lake Bible Conference on July 18. The chapel will be located between the Billy Sunday Tabernacle and the Auditorium, and will seat 150 people. A new 27-unit motel, operated by the Winona Lake Christian Assembly, and known as McKee Memorial Courts, will be available to those who visit Winona this year.

ALTOONA, PA.—The Altoona Sunday School Convention was held Mar. 26-27. Speakers were Rev. S. L. Boehmer, Toronto, Canada; Rev. Harold Garner, of Moody Bible Institute; and Miss Winona Walworth, secretary of the National Sunday School Association. Rev. James Dixon, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C., was the pre-convention speaker on Mar. 4.

UNIONTOWN, PA.—A missionary conference is planned at the First Brethren Church for April 11-14. Rev. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

ALTO, MICH.—There were 97 present at the Michigan district youth rally held Mar. 12-13. There were seven registered from the three-weeks-old church at Lansing, Mich. Rev. Earl Funderburg was host pastor.

ELKHART, IND.—The Grace Brethren Church conducts a Saturday-night prayer meeting for the men. Rev. Lowell Hoyt is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Graduation exercises of Grace Theological Seminary will be conducted on Friday, May 28, at 7:30 p. m.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Resumption of relations between the United States and the Vatican is "personally" favored by Under Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith, it was disclosed here. Protestant forces should watch carefully lest such a diplomatic move be made.

LEON, IOWA—Rev. Marion Gates has resigned as pastor of the Leon Brethren Church. All correspondence may be addressed to Rev. Gates at Leon, Iowa, until April 23.

FIVE

STEPS

IN

PETER'S

FALL

One of the somber portions of the New Testament is the record of Peter's shameful denial of his Lord. The Holy Scriptures are always inspiring, uplifting, and edifying, but when reading Peter's cruel rejection of the Lord, the reader is made to be sad. In casually reading the sections in the Gospels which tell this story, it might seem that Peter's fall came quite suddenly. It will be found, however, by careful study that certain contributing factors led to the ignominious act. Let us note then the five downward steps.

SELF-CONFIDENCE

The first step which led to Peter's fall was self-confidence. Undoubtedly Peter stood in full fellowship with his Lord. He loved Him, trusted Him, and had witnessed for Him consistently. Peter felt confident that this relationship would continue, regardless of what might happen. On the way to the garden, Jesus announced to the eleven that they would all be offended because of Him that night. It was here that Peter showed his self-confidence,

when he boasted, "Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee" (Matt. 26:35).

Peter felt he was so strong that no testing could cause him to stumble. How futile this boasting was, for it was a matter of a few hours later when this same Peter said, "I do not know the man" (Matt. 26:72). How fittingly the Holy Spirit warns the boastful by saying, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12).

PRAYERLESSNESS

The second step which led to Peter's fall was prayerlessness. The walk from the upper room to the garden was a short one. Upon arrival, Peter was immediately put to the test. If he were willing to die for his Lord, surely he would be willing to watch and pray with Him; apparently he was not. Leaving the major group of the disciples at the entrance, Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him into the garden. By this time Jesus' soul was exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death, hence He said to them, "Tarry ye here, and watch with me" (Matt. 26:38b). He then went a little farther and wrestled in prayer. He so sorely needed and coveted the support of Peter and the others, but they did not watch, nor pray; rather, they slept. Here Peter should have stood by his Lord, and at the same time built up his spiritual reserve for the hour of testing, but he did not. Instead of praying, he went to sleep. This was a further step downward to his denial of the Lord.

FOLLOWING AFAR OFF

The third step leading to Peter's fall was his following afar off (Luke 22:54). After the prayer in the garden, the betrayer came with his men

and apprehended the Saviour. They bound Him and led Him away to Caiaphas. Significantly, three of the Gospel writers state that "Peter followed him *afar off* unto the high priest's palace" (Matt. 26:58). Peter was less cowardly than the disciples who fled the scene, but the best he could do was to follow *afar off*. How comforting it would have been for the Lord had His own stayed nearby. But they did not. For a moment it appeared that Peter might stand his ground when he took the sword and struck at one of the servants. However, when the soldiers led the Saviour away, Peter followed, but alas, he followed *afar off*. This gesture of Peter's proved that he was rapidly "cooling off" toward his Lord, and following *afar off* was still another step to direct denial.

DOUBT

The fourth step leading to Peter's fall was doubt. This thought looms up from the last words as found in Matthew 26:58—"to see the end." Peter lost confidence in the Lord. Even though Christ had told His twelve disciples that He must suffer many things of the Jews, yet Peter could not understand that they had to come in this manner. Peter doubted his Lord's power and authority. After trailing behind the procession he finally arrived at the palace, and there he sat down to see the end. Peter gave up all hope for his Lord. He decided to stay and witness the inevitable end. *Faith* could have seen the glorious climax of the sufferings and death of the world's Saviour, but Peter now had no faith. He was full of doubt. All he was concerned with was to *see* the end. Peter so doubted the Lord that when they identified him with

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Rev. Henry Rempel
Pastor, Norwalk Brethren Church
Norwalk, Calif.

THERE was a time in the past life of Paul when he took the deepest satisfaction in the fact that there had been found among the followers of Jesus one who was willing to make a deal with His enemies and sell the Lord of glory for a paltry 30 pieces of silver. It is well within the realm of possibility that Saul of Tarsus had acted in the awful conspiracy with the members of the great council, and had been delegated to deliver the silver coins to Judas, and to make final arrangements for the betrayal and arrest of Jesus.

It seems that we can see Saul now. He is moving toward the great chest in the temple where the offerings of the people have been collected to maintain the worship of Jehovah, and to care for His priests who minister at the altar. He places the key into the great lock, and having released the latch, lifts the lid and looks in upon the great store of assorted coins. As he rakes his fingers through the coins he begins to pick up a silver coin worth about 65c in American money. This is the "shekel of the sanctuary" and the agreement calls for 30 of them to be paid into the hand of Judas this very night. Saul is well taught in the law, and his conscience causes him to reflect: This money was not given for *this* purpose, this is redemption money—money given for a sacred purpose. But, who can say that *this* is not a sacred purpose. The destruction of this Jesus will be a service to God, to the law, and to the temple, and will thus be a just use of the sacred money.

And so it is that he counts out, carefully, the 30 pieces—no more, for he is a shrewd man, as well as a conscientious man—and drops them into a bag and hides them safely in a fold of his tunic and goes forth to the appointed place to meet the traitor.

"Hello, Judas! Here I have your money—30 pieces of silver." "What a trifle," snaps Judas, "for so great a service. What a pittance for which to sell a man's soul. Why—and you know this to be true, Rabbi Saul—in the days of the law of Moses, if a slave—man or woman—were gored by an ox and was slain, the owner of the ox paid that much to the slave's master for his dead servant."

"True," answered Rabbi Saul, "and that is just what we think of your Jesus! You do well to enrich yourself by the 30 pieces. After all, this is not a king's ransom, but merely a

consideration by which you agree to point out to us this imposter—this deceiver of the people. After this there is no more for you to do. When once we lay our hands on Him we will take care of Him. You can even point Him out to us in such a manner that no one will ever know your purpose—suppose you greet Him with a kiss, and by this sign identify Him to us!"

Thus it is agreed and the young rabbi begins to count over the silver coins into the greedy hand of Judas: "One, two, three, four—Judas, you are a pretty smart man after all to get this money so easily—seven, eight nine—" "Wait, wait, Rabbi Saul!" interrupts Judas, "the count is not seven, it is five." "Very well, then. My mistake. Five, six, seven . . ." And so the tedious counting continues with many interruptions and corrections, with much quarreling, for "there is no honor among thieves," and neither trusts the other. Finally, when the dirty business is ended, both men turn away

nine, thirty! It is that awful night again—the night in which Jesus was betrayed! "What can it all mean? Yes, it was the redemption money, the shekel of the sanctuary, with which I bought the soul of Judas and encompassed the death of Jesus. Now I find that it is Jesus who has laid down the price of true redemption, and He has purchased my poor soul, not to deliver me to the torments of hell as I did Judas, but to deliver me from those awful torments and assure me of heaven as my eternal home. After all, what did happen that awful night in which Jesus was betrayed? There must have been something of which we members of the great council were unaware—something mystic and sublime, something unseen, but good beyond measure. I remember! As I stood near Him just within the shadow of a great tree, and saw Judas kiss Him, and then saw the Roman soldiers bind Him and lead Him away, I heard Him say, '*This is your hour, and the power of darkness.*'

THE NIGHT OF BETRAYAL

(A STORY)

from their trysting place with a chuckle, telling themselves that it has been a fair day's work.

But the days and months have flown swiftly by, and a blind man has been led into the old city of Damascus. There he learns the shocking but wonderful truth that the betrayed One whom he had seen crucified is alive—that He has conquered death and the grave and the evil designs of Satan-inspired men. It was there and then that Rabbi Saul believed in Jesus, and was made a new creation in Christ. As the joy of this new experience flooded his soul he thinks that he can never again be anything less than radiantly happy so long as life shall last. He has the proof of his former mistakes about Jesus, and he allows his mind to wander back through the years and an old scene returns which he had thought to be dead.

Two men are standing within the shadows of an old wall, and the silver coins are falling one, two, three, clink, clink, clink, until, finally, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-

'Your hour!' Oh, what an awful hour—man's hour, and the power of darkness! Man reaching up with his puny hand and pulling the sun from the heavens. Man trying to make out without a Saviour. What fools we mortals be. I was wrong. I have sinned. Oh, God, forgive me, and may the Sun of righteousness never cease to shine in my heart. Lord, You must know that I did it 'ignorantly and in unbelief' (I Tim. 1:13). Lord, I thank Thee that through the awful night of darkness Thou didst make 'both gifts and sacrifices for sins, and had compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way.'

"But, I ask again, what did happen that night when Jesus was betrayed? Would that I had been in that upper room instead of in the dark shadows with that wretched Judas—poor man. Lord, lay not the sin of his blood to my charge. If I could only find someone who was there, perhaps he would tell me of that most important hour when, I have heard, Jesus spoke so calmly to his follow-

ers, and said something strange about giving them His peace. John, you were with Him in the upper room when all the world was shut out, and an air of great expectancy filled the atmosphere. Can you tell me, John, about the night when Jesus was betrayed?"

"Yes, I shall be most happy to do so," replied John. "You see, Rabbi Saul, from the very beginning, Jesus was proclaimed to be God's Lamb who would take away the sin of the world. He said himself that He would give deliverance to the captives, and set the prisoners free. Our nation has long been under the heavy and cruel hand of Rome, and we as individuals have been under the heavier hand of the law of sin and death. The night of His betrayal He gave us assurance of His abiding love, and of His grace to cleanse us once and for all from the power and dominion of sin. He caused me to write it down so that the truth of it would never be lost as long as time shall last, and men shall need His

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power to save and to keep them from sin. This, Rabbi Saul, is the message (read John 13:1-6).

"You see, Saul, that night of darkness was also the sunrise of a new day of hope. He made us to see that as He loved us while He was in the world, He would continue to love us until time should no longer be. And we have found, Saul, that although these few years since that night have been fraught with many dangers, they have been gracious and glorious years, for His presence *has* been with us. And His love *has* sustained us.

"Moreover, Saul, He taught us, when He washed our feet, that He would undertake then and forever to keep us clean—clean from the defilement of sin and of the flesh, so that we might always enjoy His fellowship and be conscious of His blessed presence and power in our lives. He did tell us not to sin, but knowing our weakness He said that if we would confess our sins He is faithful and just, and would forgive us. And so, Rabbi Saul, whenever

we commemorate the events of the night of betrayal, and when we yield our feet into the hands of one of our brethren and he washes them, and wipes them with the towel which girds his waist, we offer a prayer—first of confession of our sins, and then of thanksgiving for the wonderful grace of Christ that restores our souls and keeps us on speaking terms with our wonderful Lord. This, Saul, is the most wonderful experience in all the world. I'm most happy to tell you about it, for I want you to 'have fellowship with us: [for] truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ.'"

"Is that all, John? Did not something more occur in the upper room that night of darkness, which you now say was a night of brightness, and which you affirm was to bless and strengthen the hearts of His followers forever?"

"Yes, there was more. But since in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established, I suggest that we ask Matthew to tell you what he saw and felt that night."

Matthew: "We were eating together, the twelve of us, and the Master suddenly shocked us by saying that one of us—mind you, one of the twelve there at the table—would betray Him to be crucified. It just about broke the hearts of some. Who could do such a thing? We say that as long as there was the possibility that any one of us might betray Him we were not fit for any place in His kingdom. I tell you, Rabbi Saul, it was an hour of soul-searching for all of us. Presently someone asked, 'Lord is it I? Do you mean that I will betray you?' So personal and so terrible was the thought of it that before many minutes had passed every man at the table had asked that solemn question, 'Lord, is it I?' Judas was last to speak. I remember it now, for he did not say, 'Lord,' as all the others did, but said simply, 'Master, is it I?'

"The more we thought about it, the more impossible it seemed that we could eat together and then betray one another, least of all betray Jesus. The meal itself began to take on a new meaning. It was more than a memorial of deliverance from Egyptian bondage. It was a Love Feast. That night of betrayal He gave us this token of moment-by-moment fellowship with himself throughout the coming days. He

also taught us, as our brother John recorded it, to love one another; that there is no place in His kingdom for self-seeking, for desire to rule over our brethren. We called to mind what He had said just a few days before: 'And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.' Now, every time we keep the feast we are reminded that only through love for Him can we know the sweetness of His fellowship, and that if we do not love one another, but rather give ourselves to self-seeking and pride, we cannot please Him, nor can we render acceptable service to Him. I tell you, Rabbi Saul, men are all on the same level at *His* table.

"Just before we left the room He told us about the future—the future beyond this present life when He would again eat and drink with us in the kingdom of God. Saul, there is a glorious future for all of us who follow Jesus. I never saw so clearly as I did that night, that the kingdom of God is more than a mere revival of David's throne here on earth. It is an eternal kingdom which the death of Christ made sure; and now that He has died and has risen, and ascended back into heaven, I am fully assured that He is today more kingly than is Caesar, and that He is the only hope for this sin-cursed world. It did look bad for a time, that night when He was betrayed. But that was the night of His most glorious revelations of truth, and out of the darkness we saw the rising of a new day of hope, and of peace. And, Brother Saul, I am glad that you too have seen this glorious light, and are a worshiper of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. But the climax—the crown of all He said to us that night—came after we had finished eating our supper. I must tell you about it:

"One day, after Jesus had miraculously fed more than 5,000 people, the multitude tried to take Him by force and make Him their king. He caused them to understand that His kingdom was more than a material throne, like that of the Romans, and that He was more than a great teacher or leader. He taught that day that in some mysterious way which we did not then understand, that He would himself become the very life of His people. He called himself the Bread of Life—the True

Bread which God sent down from heaven; and that the manna which God gave to Israel in answer to the prayers of Moses was nothing more than something to sustain physical life for a short time, but if men would eat this True Bread they would live forever. In fact, He said that 'except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you' (John 6:53).

"We often wondered just what He meant by these strange words, but the night in which He was betrayed we came to understand them. After we had ended the eating of the supper, the Saviour 'took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink ye all of it: for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins' (Matt. 26:26-27). 'This do in remembrance of me' (Luke 22:19).

"We knew then that it was His purpose to die for us, and that His blood would be spilled, the ransom price for our redemption from sin. You remember, Saul, the shekel of the sanctuary, and how it was used as a ransom, and those who were privileged to pay it were released from certain duties which were ordinarily imposed on the firstborn of every family? Those of us who are familiar with the Holy Scriptures know that such things cannot redeem us from our sins. Our good brother Peter has given us the clearest word on this matter that we have ever heard: 'Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you. Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.'

"Peter, as you know, was often the one who gave expression to the thoughts and the faith of each one of the twelve, and he has certainly voiced the feelings of all of us in this great statement of faith and hope. Out of that dark night of betrayal the new day of eternal hope and peace has dawned.

"Now, every time we meet together to keep the holy feast in

memory of our Lord, we solemnly, yet gladly, break the bread and eat it, remembering that it is Christ who gives us life; that it is His body that bore the curse and the penalty of our sins, and that as He dwells in our hearts by faith He is our life. Thus it is that by faith we 'eat his flesh.' And then as we pass the cup among us and drink from its abundant supply, we remember the night in the upper room that was soon to become a night of tragedy, but our hearts rejoice anew in the glorious fact that now by faith we 'are bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh,' that in a real sense we have become partakers of His divine nature, and as we drink of the cup it is His divine and eternal life that dwells within our redeemed souls."

Paul could never forget that night when Jesus was betrayed. I think there were two reasons. The first I have tried to show in the story of Judas and the blood-money. If Paul was not the man who handled the transaction for the great Sanhedrin he was, at least, fully aware of it and consented to it. In memory it was a night in which the horrors of hell gathered around him. But in the second place he remembers it because out of the events of that night he has found the answer to all the quest of history, sacred and profane, and to his own heart-hunger for righteousness and peace. This night is now his morning of hope. He makes it henceforth the center of his life and the theme of his preaching: "For I have received of the Lord that which I also delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew forth the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor. 11:23-26).

Let us, then, "purge out the old leaven, that [we] may be a new lump . . . For even Christ our pass-over is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (I Cor. 5:7-8).

FIVE STEPS IN PETER'S FALL

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the Lord he flatly denied Him by saying, "I know not the man."

IDENTIFICATION WITH THE ENEMY

The fifth and final step which led Peter to his fall was his complete identification with the enemies of Christ. "And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them" (Luke 22:55). What a picture to behold! A child of the Lord in the circle of the enemy. Only a few hours before Peter sat in sweet communion among the eleven with their Lord. Now he sits in the circle of the wicked. Just a little while ago Peter partook of the Bread from heaven, now he feasts at the board of sinners. Only a short while ago he was warmed by the love of Christ himself, but now the chilled disciple seeks warmth at the fires of Satan.

Peter had moved downward step by step. Before, he was identified with Christ and His select group, but now he finds himself identified with the Devil's group. Is it any wonder then that he denied His Lord? No, none whatever. Peter found himself so weakened that he had no strength in the hour of testing. He did not get into this position suddenly, but gradually. Drifting away from the Lord is a step-by-step process. One thing led to another until finally Peter fell into the awful sin. How shamefully Peter denied his Lord! However, he repented immediately, for the text tells us that he went out and wept bitterly. At a later date the loving Saviour restored the erring disciple, and subsequently Peter became a choice vessel in spreading the Gospel.

Peter's sad experience ought to be a warning to Christians everywhere. Had he stayed humble instead of being self-confident, had he rather watched and prayer instead of falling asleep, had Peter stayed nearby instead of following afar off, had he kept the faith instead of doubting his Lord, and had Peter stayed in the warmth of Christ's love, instead of seeking warmth at the fires of the enemy, he need never have fallen into the snare of Satan. May the Lord grant that His children will ever *watch* and *pray*, lest they fall in the hour of temptation.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

South Pasadena, Calif.

We are in our second year as pastor of this church. We are still reaping from the seed sown by the former pastor, Thomas Hammers. This is one of the most difficult pastorates in our national fellowship. No field is easy in these days, but some are more unresponsive than others. This field is among the least responsive of all. Within a circle of five blocks from our church there are six large, well-established churches. These had prior claim before our church located here. It has been very hard to recruit Sunday-school pupils and church attendants from the immediate area.

Right now there is a trend to leave the old established localities and purchase in one of the hundreds of new developments. This trend as-

sumes almost epidemic proportions at times. This makes for a heavy turnover in membership in the churches in the "exodus areas."

But in spite of these problems (and others also), the Lord has abundantly blessed the church. We have a group of as faithful and spiritual members as can be found anywhere. Some of these come long distances to attend. They are liberal givers and see to it that the Lord's work is cared for financially. They pray and push and pull. The fellowship among them is heavenly. They have a "mind to work."

We are just completing six months of continuous Sunday-school visitation. It is a weekly checkup plan, week after week, checking up on absentees, visitors, and new pupils. It is well organized. There are double checks and even triple checks. Several thousands of calls and contacts have been made in these six months—reported and recorded. A Sunday-school bus has been purchased and put in operation. This is not a campaign or a contest, but a continuous going after, looking after, keeping after every possible person. It is "hand-picked fruit" for the Lord. It has paid big dividends in one of the

hardest of fields in which it could be operative.

Recently we enjoyed a week of "Singing Sermons" with Rev. Norman Nelson, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Compton, Calif. They were excellent, and stirred the church in spiritual challenges. He sings as he preaches and preaches as he sings. There were several public confessions during the week.

Within the last six months we have organized a Brethren Boys Club which is doing well. It has a separate room for the projects, with excellent facilities. Ralph Colburn and Charles Ashman, Jr., gave counsel and impetus to the club in their visit during February.

In January we opened a junior church which meets at the same period as the regular church in the morning. Rev. Ralph Rambo is in charge and, with his assistants, is doing an excellent work with the boys and girls.

On Sunday, April 25, we will enter a two-weeks "Crusade for Christ," with Kenneth Ashman, of Wooster, Ohio, as evangelist. We ask that all join with us in prayer for a real revival and saving of lost souls. *Dr. Charles H. Ashman, pastor.*

Pond Bank, Pa.



During the recent meeting with Crusade Team One, approximately 85 percent of those pictured above took their stand for Jesus Christ. On a recent Sunday, Rev. William Wiles, pastor of the church, baptized 44 of those pictured above in the baptism of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md. This was the first baptismal service ever conducted by Rev. Wiles, and indeed we all agree that it was a real initiation for the pastor of this church. Rev. Russell Weber, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, assisted Rev. Wiles.

Other evidences of revival at Pond Bank, include a Sunday school that is now running near 150; 14 men have enrolled in the Hagerstown Bi-

ble Institute; a Crusaders group of 13 men has been organized to do regular visitation work; the prayer meeting has an attendance of nearly 75.—*R. Paul Miller, evangelist.*

Massillon, Ohio

We would like to report on two newly formed organizations, the Women's Missionary Council and a Sisterhood of Mary and Martha.

We are quite thrilled with the response, as our church group is small, but there are 8 women in the WMC and 15 girls in the Sisterhood, for which we do praise the Lord, and by the help of Him we do want to do everything we can for His honor and glory—*Mrs. Milo Williams.*

WRONG ORDERS

Some years ago a passenger train was flying into New York as another train was emerging. There was a head-on collision. Fifty lives were snuffed out. An engineer was pinned under his engine. The blood was pouring from his nostrils and tears were running down his cheeks. In his dying agonies he held a piece of yellow paper crushed in his hand, and he said, "Take this. This will show you that someone gave me the wrong orders." Unregenerate men and women will stand before the Great White Throne and point to their modernist preachers, saying, "Someone gave me the wrong orders."—*Selected.*

CHRIST COMMANDS witnessing, or personal work, in Acts 1:8. Gratitude for salvation demands personal work (Mark 5:19); the world sorely needs it (John 3:16); the church needs it (Matt. 16:18); Christians grow by it (Eph. 4:11-15); experience abundantly warrants it. It is said that 85 percent of business is put through by personal solicitation.—*B. W. Hargraves.*



FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the definite leading of the Lord in giving to foreign missions at this Easter season. An amount of \$250,000 is needed to meet the present program, with an additional \$50,000 needed for expansion through the channels open to us.

2. Pray for the native and national pastors in our various fields, that they may have God's sustaining grace as they lead the church.

3. Pray for native and national leadership in all of our fields—the future of the church in foreign lands depends upon consecrated, trained native and national leaders.

4. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Sheldon and Carolyn, who will be leaving Africa on May 2 for furlough in the States.

5. Pray for the Edward Miller family, who are expecting to come to the States on furlough from Brazil just as soon as suitable boat passage may be arranged.

6. Pray for the Don Bishop family as they locate in Rio Cuarto, Argentina, and begin language study.

7. Pray for additional missionaries and funds to send them—four more missionary pastors are needed in Africa as soon as possible, a second missionary family is urgently needed in France, a second missionary family is needed on a self-support basis in Honolulu, and additional workers are needed in Brazil.

8. Continue to pray for the general secretary and the missionaries on furlough in their heavy visitation schedules.

MISSIONARY HERALD—

1. Pray that God will mightily bless our churches as they use the Brethren quarterlies during this new quarter.

2. Pray God's blessing on the several churches that have switched to Brethren quarterlies with the beginning of this quarter.

3. Pray for the editor of the Missionary Herald as he travels among the churches presenting the missionary scope of our church paper.

4. Pray that wisdom might be given the members of the staff of the Missionary Herald as they face the many problems that arise in the sphere of public relations.

HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the Hubert Sylvester family joining the Navaho mission staff, and for the complete recovery of Miss Iris Heckman, who was injured in a truck accident while helping at the mission.

2. Pray that the plans will be completed and finances available for starting the new church at York, Pa., when the Brethren Construction Company completes the Washington Heights church, Roanoke, Va.

3. Pray that the Lord will supply the men of His choice for the Alexandria, Va., and Johnson City, Tenn., churches which are without pastors.

4. Pray for the pastor, Granville Tucker, and the group as they establish a testimony among the colored people in Fremont, Ohio.

5. Pray for the Spanish-American mission work and especially the need for workers to help with the DVBS this summer.

6. Pray that the Lord will make possible the needed building programs at Wheaton, Ill.; Seattle, Wash.; and Parkersburg, W. Va.

GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Pray for the seminary seniors who will be graduating in a few weeks and going out into fields of service, that God will direct each one into His own chosen place.

2. Pray for our high-school June graduates that many of them may be led to Grace College next fall.

3. Pray for the need of equipment at the school, especially for at least six desks for teachers. Praise

God for the many fine gifts for school equipment in the past.

4. Pray for Dr. Grubb and Dr. Bauman, who are now on a trip to Europe and Bible lands, especially that the Lord will give opportunities for taking pictures for the American Association for Jewish Evangelism and for the seminary.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE—

1. Praise the Lord for reports of blessing from the Lord on Evangelism Sunday!

2. Pray for Team One in the following meetings: March 29-April 11, Peru, Ind.; April 12-25, Lake Odessa, Mich.

3. Pray for Team Two in services as follows: March 28-April 11, Philadelphia Third church; April 14-25, Listie, Pa.

SMM—

1. Pray for the local presidents.

2. Pray for the girls in the mid-dler Sisterhoods.

3. Pray for the Sisterhoods that have been disbanded, that interest may be renewed.

4. Pray for more women who will be interested in the Sisterhood and will help in the work.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray for the youth director as he heads east in April, and visits in Iowa churches.

2. Pray definitely for our summer camps, final plans for which are being made now. Pray that many unsaved may be reached for Christ in our camps.

3. Pray for our boys clubs, especially for their leaders, that they may have wisdom, skill, and strength to keep up this great work.

4. Pray that our youth will really catch the vision of their missionary projects, and what can be done for Christ through them, so that every goal may be met.

WMC—

1. Pray that all of our gifts may be supported by much prayer.

2. Pray that the salvation of souls may be our primary goal.

3. Pray for the spring rallies and the district and national conferences that they may be used to glorify the Lord and further His work.

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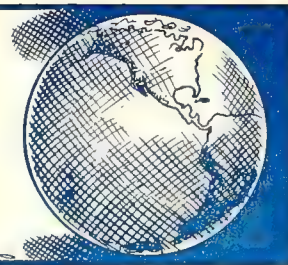


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"Come Ye Apart"

Mark 6:31



FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

By Mrs. Mildred Bowman, Former National President

"God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (I Cor. 1:9).

How often we read the Word of God lightly or with our thoughts on another theme and miss a precious thought or promise! This verse from the first chapter of I Corinthians reminds us again that God not only gave us eternal life when we put our faith in Christ for salvation, but He also has called us unto the fellowship of His Son. We have been invited to share in a vital and intimate communion with Christ in this life.

The word "fellowship" in the New Testament suggests the idea of communion between persons of like desires and common thoughts and interests. The children of God have a common bond of fellowship because they worship and serve the same Lord. Pastors have fellowship with each other that no other group of Christians can share because their interests and experiences are so often the same. Talking with one another about the things of the Lord is refreshing and encouraging. Even so, God the Father has called us to talk with Him about our desires and interests and to maintain an unbroken fellowship with Him.

I John 1:3 tells us that "truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." This wonderful little epistle is likened to a family letter from the Father in heaven to His little children in the world. There is concern lest sin be allowed to break the sweet fellowship with Him. Here we learn that when sin in our lives breaks the fellowship, immediate confession restores it. The blood of Christ cleanses from all sin.

The spiritual life we received when we were saved can only be sustained by constant fellowship with God. There is much that a little babe has to learn as it grows, but one thing above all others it must do is breathe! Breathing continues physical life. Even so, the Lord's little ones must breathe in new life day by day in sweet communion with Him. This is accomplished by reading the Word of God and spending time in prayer. It really means a ceaseless consulting with Him about all the problems and trials we face. There must be willingness to bow to His divine will in all things and to confess our sin to Him that we might be restored to His sweet fellowship.

A constant precious fellowship with our Father in heaven can only be maintained by a pure Christian life. "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another" (I John 1:7). Light is used

in the Bible as a synonym for holiness, purity, and righteousness. "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." Our daily Christian walk must be "in the light," i. e., in holiness and purity, if we are to have perfect fellowship with the Lord. How far short we often come of walking in His will and way! Yet He is so loving and forgiving when we falter and fail. Let us endeavor to walk more closely with Him.

Stop and think of some of the "musts" in our Christian walk. Neglect of these certainly will break our fellowship and result in a lack of joy and power for God. The first "must" is a *daily spiritual breakfast*! The first moments of the day should be His. Time spent reading His Word and talking things over with Him prepares us to walk with Him throughout the day. The second "must" is to learn to *live moment by moment*. Fellowship with God is like breathing. It can only be maintained a moment at a time. An evil or critical thought may break the sweet fellowship in a moment of time. Pride may rear its ugly head or temper may flare up to mar the communion with Him. We must trust the Lord to keep us abiding in Him momentarily. The third "must" is to *deal quickly with our failures and sin*. When the fellowship is broken, we need to immediately and frankly confess our sin and be cleansed by Him. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). Satan will seek to keep us from confession. Beware of his tactics! Fourth, it is only reasonable that we *be obedient to His revealed will for our lives*. This will produce real peace of heart and a fruitful life.

The results of walking in fellowship with the Lord are twofold—fellowship, or unity, with other believers, and cleansing by the blood of Christ. The reality of our fellowship with the Lord will be revealed in our love for those who are His own. We will enjoy being with those who live in the same sphere we are living in. A Christian who is in good fellowship with the Lord will not seek the company of worldly and unbelieving persons.

Daily, constant cleansing by the blood of Christ will be our personal experience (I John 1:7). How wonderful to know that His blood cleanseth from ALL sin.

"And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming" (I John 2:28).

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BRETHREN

Women Manifesting Christ AROUND THE WORLD

Our worldwide tour of Brethren women on mission fields brings us this month to France, where we have recently begun a Brethren testimony in the great city of Lyon. The writer of our mission study, Mrs. Fredrick Fogle, sailed for France with her husband in November 1951. Both of these young people are members of the First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C. They served in the pastorate of the First Brethren Church of Ankenytown, Ohio, from the time of graduation from Grace Seminary until shortly before leaving for France.

After a period of study in Paris the Fogle family went to Lyon early in 1953 to begin a definite work. Rather than repeat here what has already been published, we refer you to the Brethren Missionary Herald of January 3, 1953, for a picture and additional facts concerning Lyon, France.

A small beginning has been made with the following classes now in progress: Thursday Bible class for children in the Fogle home; Friday evening Bible class for adults in the Fogle home; Saturday afternoon Bible class for university students in cooperation with some French young people.

Regular Sunday services began on February 28 in Villeurbanne, a city of 100,000. This is a part of greater Lyon where there is no true evangelical testimony. The place of meeting is temporary until a more suitable ar-



The P. Fredrick Fogle Family

rangement may be secured. They are planning and praying for a special series of meeting for a week early in May.

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MRS KENNEDY WRITES FROM AFRICA

Dear Birthday-Rememberers:

Have taken the afternoon off to write some necessary letters. Yours is one of the very necessary ones. I'm sorry I didn't get one written last year because we do so appreciate your remembering us each birthday.

We do so like to get mail every mail day. It is a great disappointment when mail day comes and we don't get anything. At birthday time we get mail for weeks ahead and months behind. Our birthdays don't last but one day, they stretch out over a number of months. It is nice that way when we don't get all on one day.

It is a great help and encouragement to be reminded every now and then that you are praying for us. We

know many are holding us up before the throne of grace constantly, but we need to be reminded every now and then. It is like getting a real bouquet of flowers. These last longer than real flowers.

We would so love to sit down and write to each one of you, but that is really and truly impossible. Just now I'm so busy getting ready for Bible school which starts in April, I get so weary by bedtime I can't sleep. The trouble is we never have too much time to get prepared. If we had prepared material it wouldn't be so hard, but everything must be prepared and then translated. Then we have to cut stencils and run it off on the mimeograph, in between all other duties. You know we're not talking for nothing when we say we need more workers.

I just finished a set of lessons on the tabernacle and offerings. Also one on the prophets from Isaiah to Malachi. I still have some of those to put together and punch the holes to fit into the notebooks. I still have three little booklets to make for teaching folks to read

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR MAY

Bible Study—"Come Ye Apart for Holiness."

Mission Study—"Our Missions in Argentina."

their own language. One is ready to put together. The second one is ready to be run off on the machine. The third one is ready to cut the stencils. We are only making 600 of these at present; if we need more I'll have to do them later.

Next month is conference month and we will be out all month. That reminds me: I must prepare some lessons for the conference too. The days are just not long enough. Time never drags out here. Sometimes even on mail day we have to lay our mail aside until a more convenient time. When possible, we drop everything and at last read our letters. But we like to keep busy, so keep on sending us your kind greetings.

Yours in Him for these in Africa,

M. W. Kennedy.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR MISSIONARIES

Africa—

Rev. S. Wayne Beaver.....	June 2
Nancy Grace Hill.....	June 8, 1949
Rev. Martin M. Garber.....	June 14
Miss Marie Mishler.....	June 19
Mrs. Harold A. Mason.....	June 26
Roberta Ruth Hill.....	June 29, 1945
Mrs. Lester W. Kennedy.....	June 30

Argentina—

Clifford Orlando Wagner.....	June 4, 1949
Mrs. Ricardo E. Wagner.....	June 17

In the United States—

Donald Sheldon.....	June 5
Mrs. Rose A. Foster.....	June 9
Rev. Roy B. Snyder.....	June 15

BIBLE READING AND TRACT CORNER

"Inasmuch as the Bible is a magic mirror, reflecting ourselves in its mighty incidents, it is a means of grace to keep saying when reading the Word, "What is the message here for me?"—Richard Day in "Filled With the Spirit."

Bible reading for April—The Acts of the Apostles.

Bible reading for May—A chapter a day of your own choosing.

Tracts of the Month

1. For OURSELVES—"The Morning Watch," by Moody Press.
2. For OTHERS—"Courtship," by the American Tract Society.

In view of the fact that so many of our girls become romantically involved with non-Christian or Catholic boys because of lack of teaching, we suggest that this tract or something similar be distributed to all the girls of the church at the Mother-Daughter banquets in May.

These tracts may be obtained in packets of 50 from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.

Lest We Forget—Just One Penny a Day



At our spring district district rallies an offering is to be brought from each local council for the upkeep of the missionary residence at Winona Lake. These offerings will be sent by the district treasurers to Mrs. McCall, our national financial secretary. She in turn will send the money to the Foreign Missionary Society, who will be responsible for purchasing the needed equipment.

This "upkeep offering" is *not* used for such things as heat and utilities, but for the purchase of household equipment and furnishings. We who are homemakers need not be reminded that a home that is really lived in (and our missionary residence is such a home because we have many families with children) is in constant need of repairs, redecorating, new pieces of furniture, new curtains, and many other things. These supplies can be bought through the purchasing contacts of the society for much less than a local council would have to pay for them. This desire to conserve the Lord's money, as well as the need to regulate the supply and demand of certain items, is the reason for this "upkeep offering" plan.

The following word of appreciation comes to us from our beloved veteran missionary, Mrs. Rose Foster, who now makes the missionary residence her home:

"Dear Members of Our National WMC:

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God."

"We remember your labor of love in a number of ways: First, your prayers on our behalf accomplish much for us. Secondly, the way you have supplied and continue to supply the needs of the residence brings many comforts to us. We are mindful of these gifts and praise the Lord daily for the many friends He has raised up to supply these needs."

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WANTED!

A committee from your national officers has been appointed by the president to formulate a small manual or handbook for WMC. We know that some local councils have made their own. We would like to ask such councils to help us out. We would appreciate copies of any materials—handbooks, visitors' cards, information for new members, or other promotional ideas—in order that we might incorporate into our national manual the best ideas from all of you. We will also give prayerful consideration to any suggestions you wish to make. Please send all materials to your editor, Mrs. Mabel Hamilton, Box 701, Winona Lake, Ind.

FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL LOUNGE WE THANK YOU



Students Enjoying the Lounge at Grace Seminary, Recently Furnished by the WMC

The students of Grace College desire to express their very great appreciation for every gift which was given for the project of buying furniture for the lounge.

If you will take a look into the lounge you will see it is conservative, friendly, and warmed by liberal use of soft green with a contrasting wall of coral. The floor is covered with tile of various brown shades with accents of the wall colors. Enchanting draperies with a large leaf pattern which blend nicely with the rest of the exquisite color scheme help to give it a more elegant appearance. Other furnishings consist of inviting modern chairs of corresponding color patterns, wonderfully comfortable sofas, and stunning coffee or occasional tables in blond finish with formica tops.

Many find it a convenient place for spending their leisure time, and also a homelike place to have personal morning devotions.

We praise and thank our heavenly Father for laying

upon the hearts of the WMC to give. It is His work and He has supplied the need.—*Jo Ann Garber, college freshman.*

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” How we praise God for this verse and how we praise God for you ladies who have met our need here at school in supplying furniture for our beautiful lounge. This furniture has added tremendously to our social life because we now have a proper place to meet for an evening of fun, fellowship, and relaxation. We're proud of our new lounge and proud that we can usher visitors through the school feeling that we have many wonderful things to show them. Many fine comments have come from these visitors about how attractive and alluring our lounge is.

The Freshman Class is especially grateful to you because the lounge added greatly to the success of their semiformal banquet which was held a few weeks ago. After a fine meal in the auditorium, the banqueters retired to the lounge where they were entertained with a gospel film. Comfortably and luxuriously the group sat through the picture where before this, straight-back chairs would have had to be used. Once again, we say thanks and may the Lord's blessing rest upon you all as you continue to serve Him.—*Midge Perdue, Grace College.*

“Thanks much!” Just one voice from among many who appreciate our new lounge at Grace Seminary. Relaxation of mind and body is an important ingredient in the character of any person. Especially is this true for those who would keep fit for the spiritual warfare of the true servant of the Saviour. It's wonderful to be able to step from the crowded classrooms and the hustle of the halls into the relaxing atmosphere of a well-furnished lounge. Maybe someone's picking out a tune on the piano in one corner while a theological discussion of major or minor importance is in progress in another,



New Furniture for Lounge Being Unpacked

but that matters little when one can settle in the comfort of an easy chair with a good book in hand. To make the picture perfect, leave the book closed and allow your eyelids to assume the same position. It's wonderful!

As a student-pastor, let me speak also for our Student Pastors' Fellowship that meets every Thursday noon for lunch together and a period of prayer or a talk on some timely topic. With the completion of the lounge we have found a quiet and comfortable 'gathering place that makes the blessings of our fellowship even more enjoyable.

Again this voice says "Thank you" to everyone who has been used of the Lord to provide the wonderful facilities of Grace Seminary and College.—*William Male, seminary middler.*

What a difference furniture makes! Instead of a bare, formal, uncomfortable room the Seminary Women's Fellowship now enjoys the comfort, beauty, and informality of the newly furnished seminary lounge.

The Seminary Women's Fellowship is an organization of the students' wives which meets monthly to discuss problems and privileges of the pastor's wife. These meetings were meant to be informal discussions led by the experienced pastors' wives of the school and surrounding area. However, we often found it a difficult matter to promote discussion and we seemed more like students in a classroom being lectured. Now the whole atmosphere of our meetings has changed since the room has been furnished. Now, seated on comfortable chairs, informally arranged, we have the feeling of being in a well-lighted, beautifully furnished living room.

Every council can feel proud of the part they had in furnishing this room. Our sincere thanks to the national Women's Missionary Council for this beautiful meeting place.—*Mrs. Imogene Burk, S. W. F. president.*

Perhaps a professor is a poor one to ask about the merits of the new social lounge, since his interests are different from those of students. However, it is certain that this latest addition to the building has been greatly appreciated by student and faculty member alike. When an office is a little formal and the group large, the lounge provides room for the after-class sessions which sometimes arise. Counseling with students or aiding them in their work may be done here in a relaxed fashion. Although the lounge is primarily for social activity, it was used quite effectively recently to provide an informal showing of an educational film for one of the college classes. Apart from its value as a showplace of the campus, the lounge needs but a casual glance any time of the day to show why we appreciate the WMC and their interest in us.—*Pro. Ralph W. Gilbert.*

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A report from the WMC group at *Alexandria, Va.*, shows that they are busy sending birthday cards to missionaries, flowers and cards to the sick, and starting a treasure chest for the missionaries. One unusual project was the sending of a CARE package to a family in Czechoslovakia.

A recent report from *Troy, Ohio*, informs us that the WMC is equipping a nursery for their church because so many young couples have come into the church and that the special attraction of the February meeting were slides of the Holy Land taken by Mrs. Robert McBride, of near Troy.

The organization of the new church at *Elkhart, Ind.*, cut the WMC at *Osceola, Ind.*, to about 10 members, but it has now almost doubled. One of their monthly projects is a visit to the Mishawaka nursing home, where they fellowship with shut-ins. At Christmas they joined the SMM in decorating and filling fruit baskets for those in the nursing home.

Both councils at *Peru, Ind.*, have been busy for the Lord. They sent a Christmas box to friends in Scotland, have helped in homes where there was bereavement, and are helping the SMM make aprons for the leper colony nurses.

The *Berrien Springs, Mich.*, council is small but growing. Two of their members, just recently saved, have been vacationing in Florida, but they have sent a letter to the WMC hostess each month and enclosed their offerings. The men of the church were to join the ladies for the March meeting.

The *Hagerstown, Md.*, council has been active for the Lord. They have 25 to 30 in attendance at meetings, and good offerings. In addition to all the regular offerings, they take an offering each month for the Carson Rottlers, who are their own missionaries. At Christmas each brought a gift wrapped in white for a white-gift service. These were then sent to missionaries home on furlough. They also have a missionary chest and are carrying on a tract ministry.

The La Loma Grace Brethren Church at *Modesto, Calif.*, held a birthday dinner for 60 women and girls. The young married men did the serving. Honored guests at the dinner were Mary Cripe, missionary just home from Africa, who was the main speaker; Mrs. Paul Miller, the new pastor's wife; and three missionary mothers: Mrs. Cripe, Mrs. Garber, and Mrs. Churchill. The tables were decorated to represent various mission fields. The birthday-offering box was made of 12 small boxes, and each lady put her offering in the proper box. It amounted to \$35.11.

The women of the new Community Brethren Church in *Whittier, Calif.*, are also busy equipping their new nursery. They sent toys recently to the Navaho mission.

The *Ashland, Ohio*, church has benefited from the work of the WMC in that they have made new baptismal

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SISTERHOOD of MARY and MARTHA



BEAUTY OF ADORNMENT

By Althea S. Miller

Millions of dollars are spent annually in this country on adornments for the body. According to the dictionary, an adornment is something which decorates; it is an ornament. Human nature needs adornment, as can be readily seen when an individual becomes careless spiritually and physically. Let us notice three kinds of adornment which are taught in the Word of God.

Paul, the great apostle, wrote a very practical letter to his son in the faith, Timothy. The things he wrote helped young Timothy in his ministry to both preach to the people and know what to expect of Christians. Open your Bibles to I Timothy 2:9. Read it together. Does it say that women are not to adorn themselves? You know the answer. They *are* to be adorned, but in *modest* apparel. Can a girl dress modestly yet be stylish? Yes, I believe this is possible. True style is never extreme. Extreme fashions are short-lived fads; here today at a tremendous price and gone tomorrow. You will not have to look like "Mrs. Methuselah" in order to be modest. Modest apparel is becoming and neat; it is never daring or brazen. No girl who really loves the Lord will *ever* dress to call attention to her body. Since her body is a temple of the Holy Spirit she will keep it sacred and dress in keeping with the One who dwells within her.

In writing to Titus the Apostle Paul speaks of the conduct which is becoming to Christian servants. Look at chapter 2, verses 9 and 10. Servants were to be obedient to their own masters, please them well in all things, and not steal (purloining). By faithfulness in all these ways they would "*adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.*" This speaks specifically of our conduct and attitude toward those for whom we work. How well we

serve and earn our money will reflect one way or the other on our profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Christ's name is more highly honored, more sweetly adorned, if we are faithful in our relationships in this life. Extending this thought a little more, may we never forget that we are servants of the most high God by faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, and as servants we owe Him our best effort in obedience, by pleasing Him, and never stealing from Him the time and money and witness which rightly belong to God. You never knew until now that you could adorn the testimony of God here in this old world? Well, you know it now, so live accordingly. As you live according to His will for you and His Word you will adorn, make more beautiful, the testimony of Jesus Christ. You will adorn His name in all things, I know.

The third adornment which we shall study is that of the heart and spirit. Find I Peter 3:3 and 4. This message is to women, though it definitely applies to girls who will someday be the women of the church. Notice that this portion speaks of an adorning which goes deeper than the body or face. God urges His children to pay attention to adorning or dressing the heart because no matter what we put on outwardly, it cannot hide what is in the heart. The writer of the Proverbs tells us: "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). What is on the inside is bound to show on the outside.

God never wastes words. Therefore, when He speaks to us through His Word it is for a purpose, because we need it. When he tells women and girls to be modest in apparel (I Tim. 2:9) and to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things (Tit. 2:10) and to pay more attention to the heart as far as adornment is concerned (I Pet. 3:3-4), it must be because we really need to learn these lessons. If we are honest, girls, I'm sure we'll admit that most of us at some time or other have paid too much attention to clothes and external adornments. We have spent too much time and money fixing ourselves up on the outside and have sadly neglected our inner selves, our hearts. We are empty shells. I have seen Sisterhood girls sit in church services chewing gum and giggling or whispering silly nothings with completely blank looks on their faces. And the blank look comes from an empty heart—a heart that thinks only on the worldly human, fleshly plane. Before they came to church they spent far more time "doing up" their faces than they ever spent on their Sunday-school lesson or BYF topic. They were more interested in having other girls notice their new outfits, or have others hear of their latest "date" than they were in their unsaved girl friend, or their own barrenness spiritually.

Look at this passage again. It tells us to have an "ornament" of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the

PROGRAM GROOMING FOR MAY

PRAISING VOICES—Make a joyful noise unto the Lord: sing praises to His name. Open by singing theme song, "Let the Beauty," and repeat year's verse, I Chronicles 16:29.

SWEET SAVOR—Spend prayer time in the "Perfume Corner."

CLEANSSED HEARTS—Read Scripture, I Timothy 2.

GLOWING LIVING—Seniors study "Beauty of Adornment"; Middlers study "A Dress of Heavenly Design."

SPARKLING TALENTS—Give special number.

BEAUTIFUL FEET—Consider "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil." Close by singing the second stanza of theme song, and repeat the year's devotional benediction, Jude 24-25.

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sight of God of great price." This is in contrast to an outward adorning of fancy hairdos, scads of cheap, gaudy costume jewelry, and daring dress styles. A meek and quiet spirit is teachable, and that is what God wants us to be. If our heads are full of nonsense, frivolity, and worldliness, our hearts will never be full of the knowledge of God which comes through communion in prayer and Bible study. When is the last time you *studied*, in the quietness of your own room, some passage of God's Word? When have you last taken any time in prayer except for a hurried word at the close of the day when you were too tired to think clearly or

listen to His voice? Have *you* the ornament, the adornment of a meek and quiet spirit? You want it, don't you? Start now by renewing your spirit before the Lord in *faithful* prayer. Read the Word when you are *awake* and refreshed, not when you are too sleepy to see the words on the page.

Adorn your body and life, Sisterhood girl. Make it beautiful. But do it God's way. May your modest apparel, beauty of testimony, and the sweet quietness of your spirit before God be so noticed by others that the unsaved around you will know for sure that Christ is real to you and can be real to them also.

A DRESS OF HEAVENLY DESIGN

By Mrs. H. Leslie Moore

Did you ever see a dress in a shop window you knew was just made for you? It was exactly the right color to go with your eyes and was what is termed today as "out of this world." I know where you can get one like this and it is yours just for the taking. Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? Well, this dress was not designed in New York, Hollywood, or even in Paris, but it was designed in heaven. It will look well on all Christian girls, especially those who have their eyes fixed on heavenly things. Our Lord himself has designed this adornment and He tells us about it in His Word.

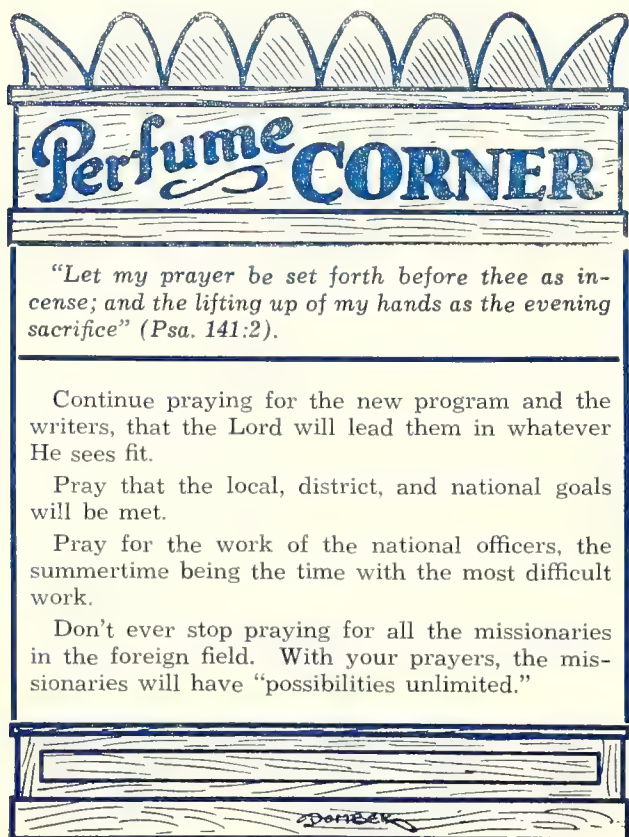
The first thing we learn about this dress is that it is modest (read I Tim. 2:9). In choosing any kind of apparel this is an essential element for all Christian girls and women. Even in our dresses of "earthly design" let us be sure that we are pleasing our Lord and be

modest in our clothes. When we "dress up" for a big occasion, be sure that it is just that and let us not "dress down."

The next thing we find out about our new dress is that it is not gaudy. By this I mean it is in good taste. In I Peter 3:3-4 we are told that our adorning should not be of the outward adorning but the adorning of the inward man (woman). Peter tells us here that a meek and quiet spirit is of great price in the sight of God. As young girls we should never be loud and brash, but be sober in our thinking and actions. Now I am not a killjoy and think you should be as quiet as little mice all the time. I know girls will be girls and we wouldn't want them any other way, but we should know the time and place for our giggling, etc. I think you do.

What about the material for our new gown? That is important. These days we have such wonderful fabrics that are easily taken care of and yet they are long-lasting. Are you glad that the dress our heavenly Father has made for us will never wear out? In Proverbs 31:25 we see that God's ideal woman's clothing is made of strength and honor. What better material could we find than that suggested by the Lord himself. The two characteristics are worth the small price we must pay for them. And they will last for eternity, I am sure. Now as to the color. We all have our favorite one, but of course the Lord knows what is most becoming to us, and so I think we will take the color He suggests. We have all gasped at the beauty of a lovely bride in her shimmering white gown. How lovely she looked! Do you know why? She had love in her heart for the one she was meeting at the end of the aisle. It is traditional for a bride to wear a gown of white and it is said that white is the symbol of purity. Who better could wear a gown of white than a lovely Christian girl who loves the Lord Jesus with all her heart? Matthew 5:8 says: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Let us be sure that our hearts and lives are pure in the sight of God. We have learned in the past months that our thoughts, minds, and hearts are to be kept beautiful in the sight of the Lord. When they are pure they are beautiful to Him. Don't for a moment think that purity is not for the modern girl. It certainly is for the modern Christian girl as much as it ever was. Try it on once. It looks good on you.

I hope you like this dress your Father has designed for you. Why don't you show your appreciation to Him and wear it often. I'm sure your friends and loved ones will say it is very becoming on you. It was made just for you—in fact, it is "out of this world."





Hint 1. The birthday project offering should be sent in to the national treasurer by May 10. Let's get this offering in on time.

Hint 2. Have you sent in a news item to the general secretary yet? If not, do so soon. We would like to know what other Sisterhoods are doing. Maybe you have some ideas that others might need.

Hint 3. If you have not received a new handbook, please write to the literature secretary for one. Patronesses! These new books have some new information and ideas—so get yours now.

Hint 4. Here's a suggestion for a local project: making things such as linens, curtains, etc., for the national project home.

Hint 5. For Martha Goal No. 8 (Make layettes for mission fields, toys and clothes for needy families, and crafts as in project book). Make layettes for a seminary family.

Hint 6. Rolling bandages on toothpicks rolls them tighter. But be careful of the length: there was one received that the national bandage secretary unrolled to check and it was 14 yards long! Also watch the width.

Hint 7. Penny partners are a good and effective means of raising the amount of your local offerings to be sent to the national project offering. Did you know that that is how Johnstown, Pa., Jr. SMM made \$170 last year? Don't forget! Only a few more months in which to complete your goals.

Hint 8. You only have until the last of June in which to memorize James or I John. When you send your name and choice of prize, if a sweater, please give the following measurements: height, bust, and the length of arm from the shoulder to the first joint of the index finger (this allows for the cuff). The sooner we get the orders the sooner we can get them, thus making it possible to have them at the national conference in August.

Sisterhood Fashion News

Middler SMM in Mundy's Corner, Pa.:

The girls are working hard on the projects. For the national project they have penny partners . . . they've given offerings to their church building fund. All took part in bandage rolling, in which they rolled 42 bandages in one evening. For their missionary hope chest they are planning to embroider tea towels.

Leon, Iowa, Sr. SMM:

Two meetings are held each month; one is a Mary meeting, where the devotional topics are given, and the other one a Martha meeting, in which working on the goals is outstanding. In the first part of April they put on a missionary play.

Uniontown, Pa., Sr. SMM:

A special meeting for rolling bandages was held in November with a spaghetti dinner served by Mrs. Landrum, patroness. In the January meeting a fun-filled pajama party accompanied the regular meeting. An appropriate Valentine's Day program was the highlight of the February meeting. A new membership project was introduced, whereby the "in-between-age" girls are adopted by the senior girls as their "little sisters" to sit in and learn the ways of the Lord and of Sisterhood.

Hollins, Va., SMM:

The girls had a Christmas program in the church, at which time they presented new offering plates to the church. They also contributed a fruit basket and gifts to a family and have had two suppers for the SMM girls.

From the Middler SMM in Beaumont, Calif.:

"This past November our SMM presented a skit for the WMC ladies, in which was set forth the work and aim of the Sisterhood. The girls then demonstrated bandage rolling along with scrapbooks, baby clothes, etc., that we made. Much interest is shown from each girl."

From the Sr. SMM of Mundy's Corner:

"An average of 14 girls attend our meetings, and our offerings have been good. We sent a box of toys to Miss Evelyn Fuqua at Christmas and are filling a missionary chest with linens. We have also had a Halloween and Christmas party and a Candlelight Service."—Barbara Saverin, sec.

From the Ghent Sr. Sisterhood in Roanoke, Va.:

"The SMM held its second annual sacred concert on New Year's Eve. Each girl of the Sisterhood had a part and were dressed in formals, while the Boys Club was asked to be ushers. We had the church beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and candles. The auditorium was full, and the people appreciated the program. The offering, which is to be used as our national SMM project, was \$35.46."—Barbara Akers, sec.

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ADVENTURES WITH THE BIBLE IN BRAZIL

By Frederick C. Glass

LESSON 9

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- 1b. Resistance against the Gospel.
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- 1b. Mr. Glass deals with Antonio (p. 201).
- 2b. Antonio and the cigarette habit (pp. 202-203).
- 3b. Antonio is still unsaved. Why? (p. 203).
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- 1b. Mr. Glass introduces the Bible to a Catholic (p. 206, pars. 2-6; pp. 207-208).
- 2b. Thus he sold a Bible to Thomas Prando and his daughters (p. 208, par. 6).

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- 2c. All were finally baptized (p. 209, par. 1).
- 3c. Thomas Prando is healed of bronchitis (p. 209, par. 1).
- 4b. The extent of the Scriptures sold (p. 209, par. 5).
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NEWSNATCHES

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robes and remodeled the church kitchen. The WMC members have Sisterhood "daughters" whom they remember in prayer and with little gifts. They have remembered servicemen and students with gifts and candy.

You will recall the account in the December Herald of the attractive plan for taking the missionary birthday offering, reported by the WMC of the *Long Beach, Calif., Second church*. A recent letter to your editor reads as follows: "We are still going strong on our birthday offering. Each one is striving to make her month a winner. We praise our heavenly Father for the way He is blessing our local group. We are averaging between 40 and 50 each month, with new ones joining right along. Our February meeting we had 60 present. Isn't that wonderful? The young women of our church are really becoming interested in WMC work and are taking an active part. At Christmastime we bought a Terry Lee doll and dressed it for one of the Edmiston girls. The primary department of our Sunday school took up a special offering and bought one for the other girl. One of our WMC members donated \$10 to buy the little boys some toys. From all reports, the children were simply delighted with what they had received. The Edmistons are serving in Laredo, Tex., but go across the border into Mexico to work, too. We did something else at Christmastime that you might be interested in. The ladies baked cookies and wrapped them in gay packages. All gathered at the church and went in a body to a Long Beach sanitarium for old people. Our group visited in the women's ward. Each patient was given a box of cookies along with a personal gift—all gayly wrapped. This was all the Christmas some of the old ladies had and they were so appreciative. All who attended really felt better for having gone."

Mrs. Gloria Fricke, a Brethren woman serving with her husband in India, is now on furlough in California, and has been speaking in WMC groups, one of which was *Glendale, Calif.* That council recently held a surprise farewell for their pastor and wife, who are starting a new work in Long Beach.

The *Clayton, Ohio*, WMC had complete charge of an evening service. The district president, Nancy Chaplin, gave comments on the family, the film "Bible on the Table" was shown, and the pastor closed the service by stressing the importance of family worship.



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FREMONT, OHIO—Rev. Archie Lynn will be the special speaker at the Northern Ohio District Conference April 20-22. Please note this correction.

FORT WAYNE, IND.—The goal of the Sunday school of the First Brethren Church is 290 by Easter. Rev. James Hammer is pastor.

EVERETT, PA.—Bro. Frederick Crawford, Jr., a deacon in the Everett Grace Brethren Church, is now touring the Holy Land with Dr. O. E. Phillips taking pictures and making a study of the Old Testament prophecies concerning Palestine. They will show these pictures in the Everett church May 23-26. Rev. Homer Lingenfelter is pastor.

FLORA, IND.—The rally of the Indiana District SMM was held here Apr. 3 at the Grace Brethren Church.

WATERLOO, IOWA—Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Schrock, parents of Rev. Lynn Schrock, missionary in Argentina, recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. Brother and Sister Schrock are both members of the Grace Brethren Church.

BUENA VISTA, VA.—Rev. Edward Lewis was installed as pastor of the First Brethren Church on Mar. 11. Rev. Robert E. A. Miller delivered the message. The overnight youth rally for the district was held here April 2-3.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Chaplain Donald Carter is on a 30-day leave before going to Europe, where he expects to be stationed for three years.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—According to Christian Life the Government had a surplus Marine hospital located outside of St. Louis in suburban Kirkwood. It was formerly operated by the U. S. Public Health Service. The city of St. Louis, officials of St. Louis County, and the city of Kirkwood all asked for the

facilities. Instead, it was given free to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, a Roman Catholic order. The sisters will recondition the 15-year-old building and operate a hospital. The irony in the gift is that the Government is building a new hospital only 12 miles away in St. Louis.

WATERLOO, IOWA—The Iowa District WMC convened here April 1 (no foolin').

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Churches are urged to send in their offering which was raised for the Board of Evangelism on Feb. 28. Send all offerings to Box 15, Winona Lake, Ind.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Ted Allen Williams arrived on Mar. 18 in the home of Max Williams in Long Beach. Daddy Max was miles away in Troy, Ohio, serving the Lord as song leader for Evangelistic Crusade Team One. Congratulations!



KITTANNING, PA.—A new public-address system has recently been installed in the North Buffalo Brethren Church. The attendance here has averaged 110 the past three Sundays. Rev. Donald Rossman is the pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—The Patterson Park Brethren Church has broken their Sunday-school attendance record two Sundays in succession, with the attendance of 100 and 101. Rev. C. S. Zimmerman is pastor. The Southern Ohio WMC spring rally was held here on Mar. 23.

GRAFTON, W. VA.—The second Sunday in a row the Sunday-school attendance record has been broken with 151 and 152 attending. Rev. Lee Crist is pastor.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF.—Dr. Chester Padgett, of Talbot Theological Seminary, Los Angeles, was the guest speaker at the Young Women's Fellowship of the First Brethren Church on Mar. 26.

SPECIAL—A four-day missionary conference is scheduled for Apr. 11-14, with the Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa.; the Jenners Brethren Church, Jenners, Pa.; and the First Brethren Church of Uniontown, Pa. cooperating. Speakers will

be Dr. R. D. Barnard, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder, and Mrs. Rose Foster.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Sunday-school attendance was just one short of the record on Mar. 14. J. C. McKillen is pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA—The Grace Brethren Church is out to hit the 300 mark in Sunday school. Recent attendances have averaged about 275. With "Operation Increase" in full swing, the goal is in sight. Rev. Richard DeArmey is pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF.—Mr. Robert Harkness, song writer and composer, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Mar. 28. Rev. Victor Meyers is pastor.

FINDLAY, OHIO—Dr. Herman A. Hoyt delivered the dedicatory message for the Findlay Brethren Church Mar. 21. Circumstances made it impossible for Dr. L. L. Grubb to be present. Rev. Forest Lance is pastor.

SPECIAL—The dates for young people's camp for southern California are: senior camp, June 19-26; junior-high camp, June 26-July 3; junior camp, July 3-10.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF.—A week of special meetings was conducted by Louie Rhoden, associated with Campus Christian Crusade, Mar. 28 through Apr. 4. Rev. Curtis C. Mitchell is pastor.

BERLIN, GERMANY—Evangelist Billy Graham has scheduled an interchurch rally next June in the huge Olympic Stadium, which has a seating capacity of 100,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The U. S. Senate unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon all churches and synagogues of the nation to offer special prayer on Sunday, April 18, "for the deliverance of all those behind the Iron Curtain." The resolution made reference to the imprisonment of Protestant ministers in Bulgaria.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (E/P)—President Eisenhower's pastor, Rev. Edward Elson, of Washington's National Presbyterian Church, credited the President with leading "one of the great periods of religious renaissance in our national history." Rev. Elson declared that "there is a fresh naturalness and manliness to prayer. . . . By his regular participation in Christian worship, by the maintenance of his personal spiritual disciplines, and through his public utterances, the President is pointing America to the way of faith."

Five Minutes With Your Herald Editor

Parental Responsibility

Like water, a child will usually take the path of least resistance. For the average child today the path of least resistance follows the daily radio or television serial, or the football game on the vacant lot in the next block.

Bemoaning educators are observing this trend being followed by children in their daily school work. Subjects requiring time and diligent study are shunned and often excluded. Such a path is often revealed when the grade card is brought home and the parents observe belatedly that their child has followed a wrong path. As a general rule, a hurried conference is called involving father, mother, and the humiliated "student," who contends the teacher is at fault. Many such conferences conclude with the blessing of Mother being pronounced in the form of "You'll do better next time," while the benediction is pronounced by Father in the form of a penalty inflicted or established. Such discipline should be administered to teach the child that to follow the path of least resistance is all right for rivers, but not for human beings.

In a far more important sphere, the spiritual, there is urgent need for profound child training! Yet few parents today demand as much from their children in the spiritual realm as they do in the academic realm.

Next Sunday, about 9 out of 10 children attending our Brethren Sunday schools will not have their quarterlies filled in. Why? Because children have taken the path of least resistance; and only a few parents assumed their responsibility and demanded that no time be spent for comic books, radio, or television until the Bible-school lesson had been studied and the quarterly filled in. By the way, parental responsibility includes example.

Man-Made Millennium Still Sought

Scientists make no apologies as they discuss the atom. They are fully aware that its destructive power cannot be overemphasized. Their only fear is that some crazed madman or careless creature might set off the fuse that could destroy the last vestige of known life—could destroy this planet with solar fire.

The insistence of many atomic scientists is that we move with care, act with sanity, and progress with vision lest we fail in the prospects that lie at our fingertips, namely, the bringing in of the millennium. With the splitting of the atom, some scientists contend that we now possess the possibilities of lifting humanity out of an impoverished age into the millennium itself.

The atomic scientist anticipates: the day when the nearly depleted fuel reserves of Sweden will be replaced with atomic energy; the day when the icebound Arctic will be melted and the mineral resources exploited; the day when the land under the sun (Australia) will irrigate her vast desert wastes with the use of atomic power; the day when the hungry and sick men of the world can be healed or helped with beta particles and gamma rays; the day when India will have harnessed atomic power to her factories, which would bring relief to 400 millions of starving people; the manmade millennium.

It will take more than atom-splitting scientists to bring help and healing to this old sin-cursed world. It will take the personal coming to earth of the God of the atom. He alone can bring in the Millennium (Mal. 4:2).

Anti-Semitism Continues

Not in Marxist Germany, but under the Stars and Stripes, and in the name of Americanism, the old serpent continues to fang his diabolical lies into the minds of innocent men and women, seeking to make them Jew-haters.

Seeking to establish the lie that Jews are in all the key positions of our Government, and that they are plotting to overthrow the Constitution of the United States, and theirs is the aim to submerge gentile humanity forever, such organizations as Christian Nationalist Crusade, with headquarters in Los Angeles, continue to put out propaganda that is aimed at turning men and women against the Jew.

Beware, Christian, lest the serpent poison your thinking to the place where you find yourself aligned against God's chosen people.

ARNOLD R. KRIEGBAUM

Foreign Missions

Years ago Dr. Jonathan Goforth closed one of his missionary addresses with the following illustration which indeed challenges the soul. Referring to the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, Dr. Goforth pictured the disciples taking the bread and the fish to the first few rows of the waiting hungry multitude. Then he imagined these same disciples, instead of going on to the back rows, returning to those who had been already fed and offering them more bread and fish until they turned away from it, while the back rows were still starving.

Indeed there are the front rows to care for in our missionary efforts, but Brethren, let us not forget the back rows. The regions beyond are hungry for the bread of life, and they must be fed. They thirst for the water of life, and unless we go to the back rows they shall not taste of the Water that satisfies. During this season of the year we should sacrificially give, that the Water and the Bread of Life might be served to those in the back row.

We praise God for the way He is blessing in our Brethren mission fields around the world, but there are still countless thousands in "the back row" who are not yet fed. Your gift to foreign missions will manifest your interest in those precious souls "in the back rows."

MEET THE EDITOR

Take advantage of the meetings listed below, and see the story of your Missionary Herald as portrayed in pictures, and also meet Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, Editor of the Missionary Herald. Other dates will be listed later.

Apr. 4-18—Sterling, Ohio.
Apr. 21—Elkhart, Ind.
Apr. 28—Osceola, Ind.
May 2—Wooster, Ohio.
May 5—Goshen, Ind.
May 9—Alto, Mich.
May 16—Canton, Ohio
May 23—Cleveland, Ohio
May 30—Dayton, Ohio (First)



WHY

A SUFFERING SAVIOUR ?

While the Lord Jesus Christ lived here upon earth He faced much suffering and finally death. It covered His whole life and ended in His cruel death on the cross.

He suffered in His body, mind, and heart at the hands of His own people, Israel, and was tempted by the Devil. He suffered at the hands of even the Lord, for we read in Isaiah 53:10, "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand."

His sufferings were for you and for me—the perfect, holy Son of God suffered and died for us. It certainly doesn't seem right that He should have to suffer in this way and yet it was absolutely necessary in the plan of God.

This brings us to our question—Why a suffering Saviour? Let us read Hebrews 2:9-10, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." Now let us answer the question.

I. *Our Saviour Suffered to Secure the Glory of God.*

The glory of God himself is the ultimate reason, as His will is the law, of all things. "It became him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things" (Heb. 2:10 ASV). The moral character of God

made it necessary that the Lord Jesus should taste death, if sinful man was to be saved.

The necessity for the atonement for sin did not arise only from the urgency of God's moral conduct. Christ's suffering and death was not accomplished merely that its power might soften the sinner's heart into repentance, but instead, death was demanded by the perfect and holy character of God himself.

The sufferings of Christ "became" God's justice, which could not overlook and ignore our guilt; His truth, which necessitated the carrying out of the threatened punishment; His holiness, which could have no pleasure in the friendship of sinful men; His mercy, which yearned for our salvation.

Not only this, but the sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ, in making the salvation of sinners consistent with God's character, have at the same time revealed the attributes of God in all their glory (Psa. 85:10-11): "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven."

II. *Our Saviour Suffered to Become a Qualified Saviour.*

Christ, the Author of our salvation, was "made perfect through sufferings" (Heb. 2:10), that is, it was through His obedience unto death (Rom. 5:19) that He became fully qualified for His work as Saviour, and was exalted to heaven for its accomplishment.

Notice in Hebrews 2:9 that the Lord Jesus is crowned with glory and honor. This is the recompense which His Father has given Him for

His sufferings. Only after paying the full penalty of death on the cross for the sin of man could Christ ascend to the glories of heaven. He is there today as our great High Priest interceding for us.

III. *Our Saviour Suffered to Save Lost Sinners.*

It was the purpose of God to bring many sons unto glory (Heb. 2:10). He desired to cleanse sin from the hearts of men that they might be able to enter into heaven. But this could only be accomplished through Christ as the Author of salvation. It is through Him alone that a sinner, estranged from God by sin, can be made spiritually a "son" of God, and exchange the life of slavery to sin for one of service to God.

The sufferings of Christ were necessary in order that man might be restored to his right relationship to God—a relationship he had broken by sin, disobedience to God's will. How we do praise the Lord for the opportunity which has come to us to recover the eternal inheritance which He has provided for all mankind through the suffering and death of Christ our Saviour.

Christ shall bring to glory many of all nations, kindreds, peoples, and tongues, as to entitle Him to be called the Saviour of men and the Redeemer of the world. Oh, that men would turn to Christ today and receive Him as their personal Saviour.

By REV. GERALD POLMAN
Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
York, Pa.

It was just before sunrise. I awoke with a certain thrill of excitement in my system. I was in Jerusalem, the Holy City. One of the other pastors in our party joined me and together we left the National Hotel in Old Jerusalem, walking briskly in the cool air of an early August morning.

We passed the photographic shop, the money-exchanger's place, the barber shop, and other rather modern buildings and stores. It was just half a block to the corner where we turned right on Saladin Street, a short distance to the American School of Oriental Research. There we turned left and took a path through a vacant lot as far as the border of "no man's land." The barbed-wire fences and the armed Israel soldiers peeping from windows just half a block ahead, reminded us of the hatred and tension that still exists between the sons of Isaac and the sons of Ishmael.

We turned and followed the barbed-wire street, going south another block or two, and passed through a large steel gate at the foot of a small round hill. The Arab keeper looked out of his dirty little shack but paid little attention to us as we walked by and started up the path toward the brow of the hill.

The tombstones of an Arab cemetery practically covered the hill. But we scarcely saw them. Our thoughts took us back nearly 2,000 years to the time when a Jew from Galilee, who claimed to be the Redeemer of His people, climbed this hill. We remembered how He had been surrounded by a band of soldiers and a wild bloodthirsty mob bent on murder. Near Him one carried a cross.

As we reached the crown of the hill, we sat down to meditate and pray. Our pew was the tombstone of a Moslem who died believing in

a dead prophet from Mecca—one who had never learned to know Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews and Saviour of the world.

We looked over the city—the city Jesus loved so well. This was the city for which He wept. But this was also the city that had taken the Man of Galilee that day and nailed Him to a criminal's cross. "He who knew no sin mas made sin for us!" Why? "That we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

I opened my Bible and read the Gospel account of the crucifixion of our Lord. It was never so real before. For all I knew, this was the spot where it happened. Just south of us on the perpendicular face of the cliff were the deep scars in the rock that gave this place its name—"the place of the skull." *I was standing on Golgotha.*

Here the precious blood of the Son of God was shed to atone for the sins of all mankind. It was to this spot that He had set His face ever since that nameless day before time began when in the councils of heaven a triune God planned a way of redemption for sinners.

Then we prayed to the Christ of the cross, who lives today and fellowships in sweet communion with all those who know Him as personal Saviour. We thanked Him for this love, His endless mercy, and His matchless grace. We uttered our feeble but heartfelt praise for the great salvation that was ours in Him. Never had He seemed so real and so near. Never had His second coming seemed so imminent. To the east the Mount of Olives was silhouetted against the morning sun. And we thought of the prophecy of Zechariah concerning the Lord's second coming: "His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives." How long, O Lord, how long?

Now Jerusalem was beginning to stir. Arab bread venders, carrying great trays of hard rolls on their heads, could be seen and heard as they seemed to imitate American newsboys in their loud, boisterous calls for business. Men and donkeys were on the move—though slowly. What a sad picture Jerusalem presented. The city that rejected Messiah so many centuries ago lay before us, still in spiritual darkness. Surrounded by all the "holy places," Jerusalem knew of Jesus, but they did not know Him.

The Prince of Peace had come, but they warred against Him and today Jerusalem has no peace. The Light of the World had been here, but they refused to walk in the light and today they still walk in darkness. The Life was here, but they put Him to death and today Jerusalem is full of "dead" men who daily pass Golgotha. They know nothing of the gift of eternal life that was made available to men by what happened on that hill when Jesus Christ died to redeem sinners.



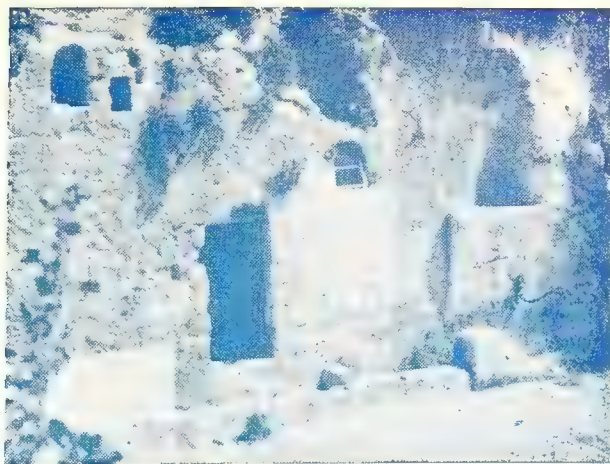
"I OPENED MY BIBLE AND READ . . . OF THE CRUCIFIXION"

I STOOD ON GOLGOTHA

By REV. NATHAN MEYER

The Burial in the Tomb of Joseph of Arimathea

By Prof. John Rea, Winona Lake, Ind.



"And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock" (Matt. 27:59-60).

Not even in death did the Son of man have His own place to lay His head! His body was buried in a borrowed tomb. But, ah! it was in fulfillment of prophecy: "And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death" (Isa. 53:9 ASV). E. J. Young shows that this verse in Isaiah means that the Servant's grave was assigned to be with the criminals, but after His violent death He was with a rich man—yes, buried in a tomb intended for a rich man.

Matthew tells us that this Joseph was rich (27:57). Surely he was if he came from Arimathea and also owned a garden near Jerusalem wherein he had cut out of the rock a tomb for himself. Also he was a counselor, i. e., a member of the Sanhedrin; yet he was a good man, one who was just and had not consented to their counsel and deed in condemning Jesus to death (Luke 23:50-51). How merciful, and with what foreplanning did God arrange to have the human body of His divine Son interred in the sepulcher of one who loved Him and was His secret disciple (John 19:38).

Happy Burial

Some may wonder why our Lord's body was buried so quickly. Do we not wait two days for the funeral? Speedy burial was rendered necessary in Palestine by the rapidity of decomposition in that climate. Lazarus was buried on the day of his death (John 11:17, 39). Ananias and Sapphira were buried almost immediately.

The defilement to which contact with a dead body gave occasion (Num. 19:11-14) was a further reason among the Jews for hasty interment. In Jesus' case, moreover, there was an express commandment that He must be buried on the day that He was crucified: "His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God)" (Deut. 21:23). Yes, He became a curse for us in order to redeem us from the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13).

No Weeping and Wailing

It seems significant that the Father allowed no mourning, no weeping and wailing by His disciples when the Son of God died. Invariably death was followed by a wail—a sharp, shrill, ear-piercing shriek—that announced to all the neighborhood what had happened. From the time the death wail is heard until the burial takes place, relatives, friends, and even professional mourners continue their lamentation. This was the situation when Jesus entered the house of Jairus (Mark 5:38). But our precious Lord and Saviour was to rise again; death could not hold Him; and mourning was inappropriate.

Myrrh and Aloes

"And there came also Nicodemus . . . and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury" (John 19:39-40).

The two Sanhedrists had undoubtedly arranged what each should bring, one the linen clothes and the other the spices. Nicodemus brought an enormous quantity of the dried

resins, mixed together in powder form. Even though the Roman pound was only 12 ounces, it can only be accounted for as a rich man's expression of devotion. They must have sprinkled in the mixture generously as they passed the bands of linen around the limbs and around the body again and again. The grave itself may have been filled with the aromatic preparation, as in the burial of King Asa (II Chron. 16:14).

Thus did the Jewish burial custom keep our Lord's body from being destroyed or harmed by His friends.

Jewish Tombs

Alfred Edersheim believes that after Joseph had taken down the body of Jesus and wrapped it in the cloth, he quickly carried it to the rock-hewn tomb in his garden nearby. Among the Israelites, all who possessed any land or could afford it, had their family tombs carved out of the rock in a hillside. The Jews provided cemeteries with graves dug in the earth for the poorest people (Matt. 27:7). A tomb could be either a natural cave or a rock-hewn one, or else a large walled vault. A tomb six feet wide, nine feet long, and six feet high would contain niches for eight bodies. Sometimes the bodies were laid on the floor of a tomb. In still other tombs elevated benches or shelves were cut in the rock on which bodies might be placed. Since coffins were never used by the Jews, the position of the gravecloths was immediately evident to Peter and John (John 20:4-8).

On the resurrection morning, after Christ had risen, an angel of the Lord came and rolled away the stone (Matt. 28:2), that all the world might know of a surety that Joseph's tomb is empty!

Rev. and Mrs. Blaine Snyder
Winona Lake, Ind.
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NEWS from the CHURCHES

Covington, Va.



The picture above shows the new parsonage being constructed by the First Brethren Church, which is a part of the general building program. Construction was started in January, and if all goes according to schedule, it will be finished in April. The parsonage is located on the lot adjacent to the church. Rev. Paul Mohler is pastor.

Fillmore, Calif.

The Lord is truly blessing in the work of the First Brethren Church. Our attendance is increasing, and there is a wonderful spirit among our people. There is every indication that the Lord is making our church a soul-winning fellowship.

A "Talents Contest" with the theme, "Let's bring more in '54," is under way and definite results are seen. In some services the attendance has doubled. Attendance at services, the bringing of visitors, and Bible memory work are all rewarded with tickets worth 1, 5, 10, or 20 talents.—Maxwell Brenneman, pastor.

Roanoke, Va.

Praise the Lord for the revival that we have had in the Ghent Brethren Church as a result of the faithful ministry of Crusade Team One. We have had a great increase

in prayer-meeting attendance with a new high reached last week when 72 were present. Our Bible school is being blessed of the Lord and we are growing. Nine were baptized and ten were received into the church on March 14. We now have 15 crusade teams (personal workers bands) that are out in visitation work.—Robert E. A. Miller, pastor.

Jenners, Pa.

The Jenners Brethren Church recently finished a successful three-weeks evangelistic campaign with Evangelistic Crusade Team One on March 14.

We saw a great harvest of souls. There were 31 first-time decisions for salvation. Those who came to Christ consisted mostly of adults, with a good number of men saved. The average attendance was 116. Our people were thrilled with the meetings, and as a result the church prayer meeting tripled in number the first Wednesday following the campaign.

The church has been advertised in this community as it never has been before. Many people have visited the church for the first time. Brother Miller organized a Crusaders Group as a permanent band of soul-winners to help the pastor reach the community for Christ.

We want to thank Brother Miller and Team One, as well as the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, for sending Team One to our church.—Victor S. Rogers, pastor.

The Lord has visited the Jenners church and community with a real revival and also an evangelistic campaign. Real victories were won within the lives of the church members. Prominent men and women in the community were wonderfully saved. The men of the church now have the vision and purpose to finish the church building at once. This meeting was held in the basement, but the Sunday school is bursting out the seams there and the upstairs auditorium is needed at once. The main structure is up and the roof is on, but it needs finishing and seating. The heating is already in. This church now stands as the leading

church in this entire area. The district and national mission boards have done well to help this work. Further aid and help is fully merited. It now appears that God purposes to make this a strong testimony for His Son.—R. Paul Miller, evangelist.

Martinsburg, Pa.



Rev. Gerald Teeter (left) presenting purse to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sumey.

(Editor: The original copy of this report was lost in the mails, therefore we regret the late date in publication.)

The First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa., is still rejoicing over the October 4 Sunday-school attendance of 281 (one over Rally Day goal), when the arrival of the adopted missionaries, the Sumeys, from Africa, filled their cup to the brim.

October 11 marked homecoming day for Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sumey, who spoke at the morning and evening services, presenting in a down-to-earth conversational manner the customs and needs of the African people.

The following evening approximately 125 church members and friends gathered for a reception for these beloved missionaries. Special numbers representing the various church groups and words of greeting from several church officials were followed by the showing of European pictures which the Sumeys took while in France prior to embarking for Africa. A purse, sponsored by the Junior WMC, and representing many groups and individuals gifts, was presented with the request that it be used for personal needs only.

In the social hour which followed, refreshments were served in the basement from a beautifully appointed tea table.—Mrs. Joseph Beach, corresponding secretary.

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Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



(In the absence of Dr. L. L. Grubb, who is now on a tour of the Holy Land, Rev. Lester E. Pifer, assistant field secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, will write the editorials for the April and May issues.)

President Eisenhower's Prayer Breakfast

A recent story and picture in current news magazines shows President Eisenhower sitting at a breakfast table in a meeting called for prayer. Vice President Nixon is seen reading the Word of God publicly to the group. Chief Justice Earl Warren is also seen seated near the President.

Though there are many stories and many more opinions of the religious life of our national leaders, yet the fact remains that such a picture has not been seen in recent administrations. Our President, along with the Vice President, have by their own example made long strides in awakening this nation to its spiritual responsibilities. For this they need to be commended.

Though truly born-again believers could wish that a good Christ-centered formula for Christian living would be given by all of these men to our nation now steeped in sin; have we exercised our prerogatives in praying for them as God's Word commands? All political party prejudices must be laid aside and we must pray as the Apostle Paul exhorted many years ago: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Tim. 2:1-2). Let us pray daily in this manner for a revival and a great ingathering of souls in this needy land of ours.

Gideons to Carry Case to U. S. Supreme Court

The cabinet of the Gideons International has announced through its headquarters in Chicago, Ill., that it has voted to carry the New Jersey Bible ban to the United States Supreme Court. The case involved the distribution to school children of the King James Version of the New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs.

The case was originally brought into court by two families of other faiths who did not agree with the King James Version and labeled it a "sectarian book." When the Gideons lost the case, the ban was placed on the distribution of the New Testament in the schools. Mr. Raymond R. Lindsay, Gideon president, revealed that on the Sunday following the court's decision the cabinet met and spent the evening in prayer. Now efforts are being made to bring the case to the higher court.

The Gideons are to be commended for their excellent work in the distribution of God's Word, which has a very definite bearing on bringing souls to Christ. We call on

Christians everywhere to pray that the Lord will have His way in this next decision. Pray that Satan may not hinder the distribution of God's Word and that the Gideons may be rewarded for their prayerful effort.

Gambling, a Justifiable Means?

In the last election in New Jersey gambling became a major issue. "The local decisions involved gangsters, court reform, and bingo," as reported in Life magazine of November 16, 1953. Along with the article appeared a picture with this description, "Bipartisan bingo issue in New Jersey was settled when a pro-bingo referendum won 3-1. The day after election, 1,000 attended a game held in North Bergen, sponsored by St. Bridg's Catholic Church." This certainly indicates that the Catholic Church had a keen interest in the campaign.

All across this nation Catholic churches, and in some cases Protestant churches, are promoting card games, bingo (in one form or another), "chuck-a-luck," or "beat-the-dealer," as a means to obtain needed finances. Apparently the Catholic church feels that this is neither immoral nor illegal. They say the end justifies the means. Does it?

The bulk of American people feel that this is not true. In most States gambling in any form is ruled illegal. Spiritually minded folk must agree that such games of chance, whether in or out of the church, are gambling. The very fact that a vast majority of the inhabitants of the United States feel that it is wrong to gamble; then on pure moral grounds certainly the church should keep her skirts clear of it. Do such churches feel that these practices will build the spirituality of their adherents? Do they find Scriptural grounds to warrant it? Will the men and women, boys and girls of the present and future generations continue to gamble only in the church where it is ruled permissible? This poses a serious threat not only to the church for which Christ died but for the moral good of the whole of this nation.

God has warned over and over again in His precious Word that the child of God is to live a godly life. The grace that brought salvation is the grace that disciplines the life and produces godliness (Tit. 2:11-12). The Christian is commanded to avoid the very appearance of evil (I Thess. 5:22). Our Lord Jesus exercised severe indignation at the money changers in the temple on two occasions and said, "Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise" (John 2:14-16). Nowhere in God's Word are we told to sacrifice righteousness and godliness to obtain help or funds for the church. Surely God's wrath rather than His blessing can be expected upon such things.

In these days of apostasy the Lord's people must ex-

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THREE HOME-MISSION HEADLINE EVENTS

IT IS A RARE OCCASION THAT THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL HAS IN PRESENTING SO MANY OF THE LORD'S BLESSINGS IN OUR ISSUE AS THIS ONE.

FIRST WAS THE DEDICATION OF A NEW CHURCH AT TEMPLE CITY, CALIF., ON FEBRUARY 28. FOLLOWING THIS WAS THE GROUND-BREAKING FOR A NEW CHURCH AT YORK, PA., ON MARCH 14. THEN THE DEDICATION OF ANOTHER NEW CHURCH AT FINDLAY, OHIO, ON MARCH 21.

IT COULD BE A COINCIDENCE, BUT WE WOULD RATHER THINK OF IT AS PLANNED OF THE LORD THAT THESE EVENTS WOULD APPEAR ALONGSIDE OF OUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING REPORT. SUCH EVENTS CAN ONLY BE REPORTED IN THE SAME RATIO AS THE OFFERING GIVEN FOR THE WORK.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INC., ARE GLAD TO PRESENT THESE VICTORIES TO YOU WHO HAVE GIVEN AND PRAYED FOR BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS. WITH THIS PRESENTATION WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE GONE THE SECOND MILE IN YOUR RESPECTIVE AREAS TO BRING ABOUT THESE EVENTS.

BRETHREN AT TEMPLE CITY DEDICATE NEW CHAPEL

By Rev. Leo Polman

Formal dedication of the new chapel and classroom building of the Temple City Brethren Church was held Sunday, February 28, 1954. The dedication service was attended by over 350 persons from all over southern California. The Sunday-afternoon service was only 1 of 13 services of dedication. The program lasted the whole week following the formal dedication.

Every department of church life was emphasized. There was a *Dedication to Teaching*, the Sunday school, with all teachers and officers dedicated in a public service; *Dedicated to Worship*, the Sunday-morning service, when the pastor preached on "The Importance of Public Worship"; then the formal dedication on Sunday afternoon, *Dedicated to Service*, when Dr. Charles Ashman spoke on "The Spiritual House." Ten other Brethren pastors took part in this service. Each Brethren Youth Fellowship had its own dedication service, *Dedication to Youth*; the Sunday-evening service was given over to a *Dedication to Evangelism*, the pastor bringing an evangelistic message on "Three Men Who Seldom Go to Church." Monday night was given to the *Dedication to Missions*. Representatives from our Jewish, home, district, and foreign missions spoke briefly, telling us

why missions pay. Tuesday night, *Dedicated to Music*, was a service that will long be remembered as we were lifted into the heavenlies through this glorious God-given gift of music. Rev. Jerry Yerian brought a short but wonderful message on music as found in the Bible. Wednesday night, *Dedicated to Prayer and Church Fellowship*, was featured by a carry-in dinner, enjoyed by almost 100 persons, and then all the elected officers of the church were presented and dedicated to service for Him, with a challenging message by Rev. George Richardson. On Thursday night, *Dedicated to the Word of God*, we were thrilled with the fine response of our neighboring churches and friends. Dr. J. Vernon McGee, pastor of the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles, challenged us with a message that we shall long remember, "The Bible, the Only Source to Help This Troubled World." A large display of Bibles this night also made for real interest. Friday night was given to a *Dedication to Christian Education*. Since this church sponsors a Christian day school with over 115 students enrolled, we were glad to be able to show the parents of these students that our church and school meet the need in this day of so much confusion. Dr. Sam Sutherland, president of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, showed us the importance of real Christian education and why it is needed today as perhaps never before. We were thrilled with the wonderful response of parents and friends and their interest in our Christian day school program. The last Sunday brought emphasis on *Dedication to Extension*, which included the work of visitation, rescue mission work, and jail and street meetings. In the morning worship, *Dedication to Stewardship*, the pastor showed how in all that we have and are, we are stewards for God. A vesper baptismal service was held, our first in the new chapel. Five were baptized. The evening service emphasized a *Dedication to Revival*.

CORRECTION

An error was made by our office in sending out receipt cards for the 1953 Thanksgiving home-mission offering, indicating that everyone giving \$5.00 or more were members of the corporation until June 30, 1954. The receipt should have read June 30, 1955. We are sorry for the error and trust this means will reach each one with the correct information.

Frank J. Poland, Bus. Mgr.,
Brethren Home Missions, Council, Inc.



Lower left: Dr. L. L. Grubb, home-missions secretary, and Leo Polman, pastor, discuss plans for the new Temple City church. Lower right: Mr. Phillip Campbell, building committee chairman, and Pastor Leo Polman sign the new building contract. The top pictures of the dedication-day service climax the events to date. Inset: Dr. Charles H. Ashman, pastor of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, who brought the dedication message.

Pastor Polman asked, "Do We Need Revival; Can We Have Revival and How?"

All in all this was a week of mountaintop experiences. Truly a week of dedication of our all to God.

AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL BRETHERN CHAPEL

By Rev. Leo Polman

Designed by Donald E. Neptune and constructed by Contractors Shepherd and Morgan, the Temple City Brethren Church is truly America's most beautiful chapel. As the architect stated on dedication day, "This building is an honest building in its construction and design." There is nothing covered over. The walls of concrete blocks and the ceiling of two-inch planking are as near to the raw materials as possible, making for an "honest building" for a people who have an honest Gospel.

The chapel consists of some 7,000 square feet, constructed of concrete masonry and California redwood. The building features an entry terrace and conversational areas, set off by attractive landscaping. The chapel seats over 300 and can be increased by another

100 by sliding a series of acoustically treated panels aside, thus opening the two large classrooms into the chapel.

The structure also features a staggered south exterior wall consisting of a series of oblique masonry panels separated with vertical bands of glass. Balance of the room lighting is obtained from a series of clerestory windows on the north exterior wall of the chapel.

It has been estimated by other contractor friends that we have a building at present prices to be valued somewhere between \$75,000 to \$90,000. Do you wonder why we thank God for His wonderful providing? The building, with seating, landscaping complete, cost our church less than \$60,000. Through the sale of our former site to the County of Los Angeles for cash, together with the many savings by right buying and gifts, our present building will have a debt of less than \$27,000.

The entire future development of this two-and-one-half-acre site may include a large sanctuary to seat 500, additional day-school and Sunday-school classrooms, and perhaps a child-care center for nursery and kindergarten grades, offices and other facilities, play yard facilities, and ample off-street parking.

We praise God and thank Him for our every blessing and His wonderful provision for us in this new building.

BRETHREN CHURCH MEETS FAMILY NEEDS

By Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kirsch and Family

Along with others we are rejoicing over our new chapel and praise God for it. We have been working and praying for it for a long time. Now it is a reality.

Some years back we went through a difficulty in another church. This almost put us on the rocks, spiritually. From there we went to an interdenominational church which meant a great deal to our family. As the church grew in membership it became impersonal. We felt quite lost and with a burden which was crushing us. About that time the Brethren church moved into our neighborhood. We visited their services and found them friendly, warm-hearted, deeply spiritual, and thoroughly fundamental. We began attending prayer meeting and found they were willing to prayerfully share our burden. They were interested and sympathetic without being nosy.

Attending regularly, we studied Brethren doctrine. With a Baptist background we had some difficulty to understand and grasp the full meaning of the Brethren teachings of the Word. However, we finally saw the reason and the differences with our former teaching. We joined up with this fellowship and can say truthfully, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

CHALLENGED TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE

By Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt D. Adams

(Charter members when church began in E. Pasadena.)

The Temple City Brethren Church means much to my family. Under the able leadership of our present pastor, Leo Polman, we have turned our lives over to the Lord to be used for His glory. How can we do less when we hear the Word of God preached at every service?

The beginning of our fellowship with this church goes back several years. In a prayer meeting one night in our home, God heard our prayers and helped us to get a group together for Bible study and prayer. It was a struggle. We were like the children of Israel as we had to move from place to place for our meetings.

Today, for the first time in many years, we are in our first real church building, and one of the finest. Praise the Lord for all the hardships that we as a group have had to go through. It has been worth it all!

Under the teaching and preaching of our pastor, my wife and I have received a call to do missionary work with the men who have come to the end of the line—on Skid Row. I believe one of the great challenges of today is to tell men that Christ died for them. Skid Row is one of the ripe fields for this service. Men are hungry for the Word. We have dedicated ourselves to give them the Word of God.

Not only have we had the joy of serving the Lord by giving of our time, but the greatest joy we have learned, under the leadership of our pastor, has been that of giving of our money for the Lord's work. How could we do less, when Christ gave His all for us?

We are glad to be associated with a church and pastor who stand for the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible.

WHAT THE BRETHREN CHURCH MEANS TO ME

By Don Rough

(Assistant church pianist and Sunday-school teacher.)

About two years ago I began attending the Temple City Brethren Church. I was reared in another church, but I felt the Lord was leading me to this one, as my former church was quite liberal in its preaching. Due to the prayers of some of the people and their interest in me, I joined the church. I thank God for ever making possible this change.

This church in these past two years has meant more to me than words can express. It has helped me grow spiritually in my daily life, and has helped me to dedicate myself to full-time service for the Lord.

A little less than a year and a half ago, I started to attend classes at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, along with another young man from our church. With the prayers and the backing of the church, we have been able to continue our studies in that school as we prepare for His service.

All the credit goes to the Lord. I'm thankful for servants like Rev. Polman, our pastor. He has made it possible for our young people to have a large part in our regular church services. This has been one of the factors which helped me to dedicate my life for the Lord's work. The opportunity to get up before the congregation and lead in the singing, to have an opportunity to bring a message occasionally, to be able to teach a Sunday-school class, and to be asked to lead in prayer, has helped me as a young person to grow in the Lord and in His Word. All of these things a church can do for its young people if it will but try.

In closing I would like to say that if you don't belong to a church that believes in the Bible and teaches it, you are missing half of your Christian fellowship with the Lord.

THE BRETHREN CHURCH HAS A MESSAGE FOR ALL

By Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Blakeley

(Mr. Blakely is a Sunday-school teacher and church treasurer; Mrs. Blakely is a Sunday-school and day-school teacher.)

Praise the Lord for this so great salvation! We are praising the Lord for His many blessings and are thankful that He led us to the Brethren church where we came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. The Word of God was made real unto us by the faithful preaching of the Word.

We are thankful that He gives us a desire to serve Him and make Him known unto others. We are thankful for our Christian day school and its ministry to scores of homes in this area. We are thankful for our new chapel that He has so graciously given to us. We are thankful to be identified as members of the body of the Lord Jesus Christ with the Brethren church here in Temple City.

We believe in our hearts that God has called the Brethren churches in this day to bear a true testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ, to proclaim His power to save, His power to deliver from sin, His power to keep, and His soon coming again for His church, His born-again believers.

We are thankful that He chose us to be a part of this

organized body, to worship and serve Him with these wonderful people. We pray God's richest blessings on this fellowship. Always asking Him to keep us true and to help us draw many souls unto Him.

THREE YEARS IN THE LORD!

By Larry Wedertz, Sunday-School Superintendent

It wasn't so long ago, as a high-school student, that I sat with a group of some 35 to 50 people seated at the desks of the San Gabriel Valley Academy listening to the Word of God as our pastor faithfully ministered unto us. Here the Word of God became real to me. I found the joy of knowing the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and received Him into my heart.

Many things have happened since then. The moving of the church to the present location; my beginning to prepare for full-time Christian service by entering the Bible Institute of Los Angeles; then the plans for the new chapel; and now we are in this wonderful new building which has been built for the glory of God.

Our hearts have been blessed in the work of this church as the Lord has showered us with blessings upon blessings. The blessings aren't over, for we believe the Lord has a great work for us to do here in making known the love of God and the forgiveness of sins through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the ministry of this church I have found a place in life, and I thank God that those that love Him have established this work and have shown that home missions pay!

WON TO CHRIST THROUGH BRETHERN CHURCH

By Mr. and Mrs. Byron Frick and David

(Mr. Frick is a member of the school board; Mrs. Frick is the clerk of the day school; both are sponsors of the youth group in the church.)

The Brethren church will always be dear to our hearts. It was through the Brethren church that our little family came to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their

Saviour. Through the pure teaching of the Word we have received our spiritual food and growth in the Brethren Church.

Seventeen years ago I (Mrs. Frick) accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour in the Brethren church. Sixteen years ago my husband accepted Christ as Saviour in the Brethren church. Two years ago our little son took Christ as Saviour in the Temple City Brethren Church. Praise the Lord for a church where the Gospel is proclaimed in no uncertain terms, and where lost souls may find Christ.

We praise Him for the Temple City Brethren Church, and the blessings that we have received there. We are thankful for the leadership of the Polmans, and for their faithfulness in the Word and deed, portraying Christ.

We are thankful for the way the Lord has blessed our young people's work here at the church. We started with 4 and now average around 25.

We are thankful for the Christian day school, where our son may receive a thorough training in fundamental school subjects along with the fundamental truths of God's Word.

OUR NEW LIFE

By Mr. and Mrs. Phil Campbell and Phyllis

(Mr. Campbell is chairman of the building committee and is a trustee; Mrs. Campbell is financial secretary.)

Since Jesus Christ has come into our hearts there are floods of joy in our soul. We are no different than other Christians. We have our trials and temptations and for these we are thankful. As we read I Corinthians 10:13 we know that God is faithful and will not allow us to be tempted beyond that which we are able to bear.

We thank God for directing us to the Brethren Church about four years ago. At that time our daughter, Phyllis, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour and we reaffirmed our faith in Him, were all baptized, and joined the church.

We ask His guidance daily for our lives and are working for Him in some way, using our talents He has given us, and will continue to do so until He shall take us home to be with Him.

LEARNED OF GRACE BRETHERN AT WINONA LAKE

By Marion Thomas

It was about seven years ago that I first heard of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, while spending my vacation at Winona Lake, Ind. At that time I was active in an interdenominational church which was fundamental but did not teach the ordinances of the New Testament church. In fact, they taught against the love feast and washing of the saints' feet. Yet they claimed to believe the whole Bible.

I choose to believe that God's Word teaches baptism by triune immersion after a person has been saved. To be saved and filled with the Holy Spirit gives one great joy. And being obedient to God's Word in observance of the ordinances gives almost equal joy.

The Grace Brethren Church was found to be a fellowship of born-again Christians who love, believe, and teach the whole Bible. They were interested in co-operating with other fundamental churches but did not have any use for the modernistic organizations like the

National Council of Churches of Christ. They had a strong missionary program at home and abroad. They had everything it seemed that the Bible required and I said that is where I want to serve my Lord.

I thought perhaps I should go to a community where there was a Brethren church but I never did get it accomplished. I continued vacationing at Winona Lake, and longing for a full gospel church. I subscribed to the Brethren Missionary Herald and had it sent to others whom I thought would be interested in a Brethren church. Finally, on March 26, 1951, a group met on Sunday afternoon to discuss the possibility of a Brethren church in Findlay, Ohio. The response and interest was good, and regular Sunday-afternoon meetings followed.

First, a church building was secured for a meeting place. Later a full schedule of services was desired and we secured the Bigelow School, a condemned building that had not been used for two years. At the time we

FINDLAY, OHIO, DEDICATION IN PICTURES



Top: Pastor Forest F. Lance speaking to a capacity dedication-day service. Inset: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Slater, friends who contributed many gifts to the church. Center: The new First Brethren Church. Bottom left: Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean of Grace Seminary, delivering the dedication message. Bottom center: Allen Dudley, WFIN staff organist, and Mrs. William O'Brien, guest soloist. Bottom right: Forest F. Lance, present pastor, and Russell Ogden, the first pastor.

moved into the school our Sunday-school attendance was 30 to 40, and when we moved into our new church last December, it was running between 75 and 85.

Our first pastor was Russell Ogden, who was a student in Grace Seminary at the time. Later Rev. Forest Lance

was called. Both of these men have really preached the Word. Souls have been saved and miracles performed before our eyes from the very beginning of the Findlay Brethren Church.

Praise the Lord for what He has done for us!

ISRAEL CALLS!

BIGOTS! DON'T BE ONE! (Part 2)

By Bruce L. Button

While the material presented by Chaim Leiberman in his book, "The Christianity of Sholem Asch," is of a different nature and directed toward Christians, still the method he employs to prove his position is the same as that employed by the anti-Semite. That is, a misrepresentation of facts and a distortion of the true reading of Scripture (where he relies on Scripture to support his position), or extraction of Scripture from its context, causing such passages to carry an entirely different meaning than was intended. Just as Conde McGinley attacks the Jew *because he is a Jew*, so also does Chaim Leiberman attack the Hebrew Christian and gentile Christian *because he is a Christian*. And his cry is, "*Can anything good come out of Christianity?*"

To Leiberman the name "gentile" is synonymous with "Christian," and "Christian" is in turn synonymous with lies, hypocrisy, and cruel barbarism. As proof of this he places before his readers historical records of Jewish persecution and states that this is the result of Christian influence. He speaks of a "Christian world" and "Christian nations" being responsible for all the grief that has been brought upon Jewish people. And he *fails* to tell his readers this persecution precedes Christian influence by many centuries. He fails to state there has never been a time when the heathen nations, the *Goyim*, have not persecuted Israel as the opportunity presented itself. He does not even hint of the New Testament distinction between born-again gentiles (who desire nothing but the best for the Jew) and the ungodly heathen (who have always and still are persecuting the Jew). Since he is able to understand some of the teaching of the New Testament, it is not unreasonable to suppose that he knows of this distinction. Why does he not bring it to light? Perhaps it is because Mr. Leiberman has been so swayed by heathen atrocities that he does not wish to distinguish between Christian and non-Christian action. Can it be he also is looking for a scapegoat? He speaks of the nations of Europe as "Christian." He speaks of the United States as "Christian." His misapplication of the word "Christian" can be attributed to one of two reasons. Either he is deliberately misrepresenting, or he has an entirely wrong estimate of the New Testament. It is this last, I believe, for his estimate of the New Testament is, in so many words, a book of little value and much untruth.

Fortunately, there are within the ranks of Judaism men of great scholastic ability who recognize the true value of the New Testament writings. Professor Klausner, of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, has this to say in his book, "Jesus of Nazareth": "Jesus is for the Jewish nation, a great teacher of morality and an artist in parable. . . . In His ethical code there is a sublimity, distinctiveness and originality in form *unparalleled in any other Hebrew ethical code*; neither is there any other parallel to the remarkable art of his parables." How different from the claims of Mr. Leiberman that the Sermon on the Mount is "immoral."

Further Professor Klausner in his book, "From Jesus to Paul" states, "There are in his (Paul's) writings cer-

tain ideas and expressions which are so lofty and beautiful that no nation and no tongue can do without them. *Is this not all the more true of the nation* from which Paul came forth and to which he belonged all his life? The nation for which he was ready to be 'anathema' and in whose sons he saw his 'brethren' and 'kinsmen according to the flesh'?" In other words, Mr. Leiberman would do well to equal the lofty and beautiful expressions of Paul in I Corinthians 13 before attempting character assassination where Paul is concerned.

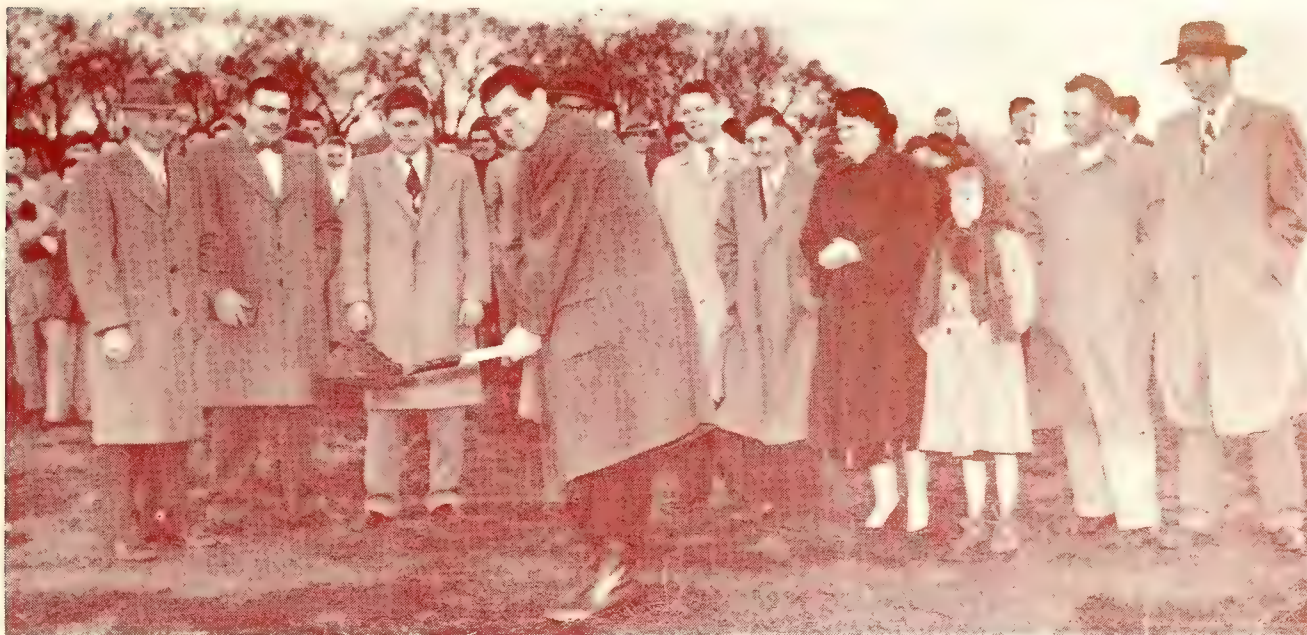
Mr. Leiberman has missed the point of both New and Old Testaments. He must realize that both are true records of history. Nothing he can do or say can change the record. The New Testament is a clear record of man's reaction to the pleading of God. Acts 4:25-28 sums it up in this manner: "Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, *with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel*, were gathered together. For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done."

In other words, all men are responsible for the death of Jesus, the Messiah, regardless of their denial. And that death was determined and permitted by the Eternal that Messiah might bear our griefs and carry our sorrows; that His soul might be an offering for sin; for my sin, for Mr. Leiberman's sin.

Mr. Leiberman maintains that the Old Testament is a record, a glorious record, of a people faithful to their God. But if he is even remotely familiar with the record as set forth in the Old Testament, he must admit the record is one of shame. It is a record of a sinful, wayward people, the greatest part of which were *always* unfaithful to their God. It is a record pointing out man's failure even under special privileges from God. This record might be summed up very well in the words of the prophet (Jeremiah 7:23-28): "But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, or inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. . . . I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck; they did worse than their fathers. Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. But thou shalt say unto them, this is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth."

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YORK BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW CHURCH



—Picture courtesy York (Pa.) Dispatch

The Grace Brethren Church of York, Pa., now meeting in temporary quarters at 999 Chanceford Avenue, broke ground Sunday, March 14, for a new church building at 661 North Newberry Street. The day began with regular services and following the services the congregation assembled on the new site at 11:30 for the special ground-breaking service, in charge of the pastor, Gerald Polman.

The architect, Mr. Charles Hubert, Brethren Construction Company members Vernon Latham and Paul Circle, building committee members James Knepper and Richard King, along with other members of the church totaling about 75, were present for the occasion.

Excavation was started the following day and part of the Brethren construction crew began immediately on the project while other crew members remained in Roanoke, Va., to finish the job there.

The York church began with a Bible class held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knepper and taught by Rev. Russell Weber. Soon after the starting of the class Rev. Gerald Polman accepted a call to be the first pastor.

He devoted part of his time to secular work in the first months, and has now given his full time to the church for the past year.

A Minute-Man letter was sent out by the Brethren Home Missions Council for the York church with a very fine response. These funds, with the building fund raised by the York brethren, made it possible for them to purchase the present location.

The new building is on the way up and is expected to be ready for occupancy within six months. It will be 40 x 60 feet and of masonry construction.

A LETTER JUST RECEIVED BEFORE SENDING THIS TO PRESS STATES THAT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 28, SIX PEOPLE WERE BAPTIZED AND RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH. THIS MADE A TOTAL OF 22 NEW MEMBERS ADDED DURING THE LAST QUARTER AND BRINGS THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP UP TO 55. THE NEW BUILDING WILL NOT BE READY TOO SOON FOR THIS GROWING CHURCH.

TIME FOR THE SUMMARY

By Priscilla Zimmerman, Teacher

In too few weeks another year of school will be history at the Brethren Navaho Mission. About 30 children have come to the school and about two-thirds of them still remain. How many will stay the remaining weeks no one is sure.

Some left because school seriously interrupted long days of sitting by the hogan fire dreaming, or just sitting. Some preferred herding sheep and being out with them day after day. One or two felt they could show they were grown up by dashing over the mesa on a horse and visiting a tavern. Few parents see any value in school, hence any pretext serves to take their children out any time.

As the school year draws to a close, teachers think of

the achievements and accomplishments. They begin summarizing what has been done. It is not uncommon to have a feeling of disappointment as the hoped-for and the actual gain are compared. Here in Navaholand the gap between the last two mentioned seems to widen. Everywhere there is the variation of learning ability with which to cope. Here that variation is as great and coupled with it are the lack of experience and the language difficulty, plus the inertness and shyness of the people.

Then as school closes and the children return to hogan life one wonders if the little accomplished will be buried under the dust of pagan living as the dust of the desert

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Construction Crew (l. to r.): Paul Circle, Vernon Latham, Tom Bailey, Ed Rife, and Don Sellers.



Washington Height Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., and a Sunday-morning worship service in the lower auditorium.

The first home-mission church to be built by the Brethren construction crew was at Dayton, Ohio. Now the second one is nearly completed and a part of the crew has moved into York, Pa., and has started No. 3 in that city. With two new families joining the crew at Roanoke, the churches will be completed in less time. The congregation shown above was using the lower auditorium in less than six months after breaking ground, although some delays were encountered there, due to subcontractors and the winter weather.

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here covers everything else. Only the work of the Spirit in these lives will be permanent. One of the most pressing and continued prayer requests for the school is that the Spirit of God will choose whom He will and work in these lives that they may be used of Him to work among their own people.

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ercise the very best discernment. The Holy Spirit's direction and guidance must be constantly sought for the conduct of the daily life and church. That which is honoring and dishonoring to the cause of Christ and His church must be carefully weighed. May God help us to follow the revelation given in His Word which is sufficient to meet every problem in our lives and to protect us from allurement of sin, its snare, and the subtlety of Satan.

Crime Still Continues to Rise

Recently a marked increase in crime has been seen across this nation. With the rising costs of living, the increase of unemployment, the "play-up" of crime and sex in the modern means of publication and communication, has come a new wave of sin. Each day we are confronted with stories of embezzlements, fraud, murder, vice, and vandalism. Just this morning a newspaper story came to our desk telling of the thugs which invaded our new church at Denver, Colo. Windows were broken, paint was poured out on the floor and smeared on the walls and furniture, and finally a fire was started, perhaps in an effort to burn the new building. Police are baffled, not knowing which way to turn to stop this rising monster. The reporter of the Eisenhower Republican, telling the Denver story, makes this comment: "It is felt that responsibility for these deeds rests upon the parents as well as on the children, and true justice will not be meted out until the parents have been prosecuted as well as the children." Every indication points to this being a juvenile delinquency problem. If so, the American home is at fault. Sin has taken its toll in every bracket of human life.

The Lord spoke through Jeremiah many years ago, saying, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). Now current news reports tell the woeful record of the manifestation of these wicked hearts. America needs Christ! May the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ be preached with new zeal and power to bring about an awakening to this alarming situation.

ISRAEL CALLS

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Herein is the reason for Mr. Leiberman's ignorance and misrepresentation relative to the true value of Jesus of Nazareth and the New Testament. He is unable to recognize his own Messiah and he is unable to recognize the new covenant that the Eternal has made with the house of Israel and the house of Judah (Jer. 31:31). He is unable to recognize the necessity of blood for the forgiveness of sins (Lev. 17:11); that the blood of Jesus, the Messiah, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin (I John 1:7). Mr. Leiberman is deaf, blind, and stony-hearted (Isa. 6:9-10). My only answer to him is this: Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for this Israelite, Mr. Leiberman, is that he might be saved! May this be your prayer also.

Substantial Gain in Thanksgiving Offering

A substantial gain of \$15,233.95 in the 1953 Thanksgiving home-mission offering has been obtained through the prayers and gifts of our Brethren and friends of Brethren home missions. We are thankful to the Lord for His blessings upon you that made this achievement possible. And then we are thankful to everyone who made a contribution in any way to the offering.

The total offering this year was \$147,157.77, or \$18,-842.23 short of the proposed budget of the annual August meeting. This meant a cutback in appropriations and the placing of a limit on expansion of new fields in 1954. Pray that this difference will be made up to the home-mission churches and groups without hindering the progress of the Lord's work in home missions.

The WMC project offering again went over the top of a \$2,500 goal toward a \$5,000 two-year project for the Navaho mission work. Topping the goal for their home-mission projects is becoming traditional with the ladies. And again we say, "Thank you for a job well done." The goal was exceeded by \$116.82.

The largest district increase was shown by the Northwest with 24.8 percent over the previous year. Following closely was the Midwest District with a 24-percent increase. An interesting observation here is that the two districts with the greatest percentage of home-mission churches showed the greatest percentage of increase in the offering. We would like to add an additional word of appreciation for these two districts com-

ing within 1 percent of the needed 25-percent increase for a balanced budget and reaching our goal set for the offering.

A new record for life memberships was established when 164 names were added from this year's home-mission offering. Life memberships are granted to those giving \$100 or more, together with the privilege of voting at the corporation meetings, for the lifetime of the donor. This we believe is an indication of the Lord's blessing in that more people are giving more for this phase of His work.

Elyria, Ohio's offering indicates a real home-mission spirit. The offering taken four months after the first meeting of the class totaled \$466.10. The student pastor at the time, Richard Messner, received the offering and delivered it to our office just as it had been received, in envelopes, dime folders, etc. Included with the home-mission offering were Minute-Men envelopes containing an additional \$73 for the Elyria work. This was one of eight new churches sending an offering for the first time.

Honolulu, Hawaii, sends an offering for Brethren Home Missions. The Grace Chapel, with Rev. Foster Tresise as missionary, sent to our office \$115.83, indicating the interest of this foreign-mission work in home missions. This was the first offering from this group of believers for our work. And we are taking this opportunity to publicly express our thanks to each one who had a part in it. The Lord bless you for your missionary vision.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING COMPARATIVE REPORT

Note: Gifts sent in designated for local projects, district missions, or other work extraneous to the council are not included in this report. No gifts for the Jewish mission work are included in the Thanksgiving offering.

ATLANTIC DISTRICT	1952-1953	1953-1954
Alexandria, Va.	\$327.27	\$254.83
Allentown, Pa.	344.08	360.61
Baltimore, Md. ....	.....	10.00
Hagerstown, Md.	2,208.76	3,233.72
Harrisburg, Pa.	891.05	1,118.89
Martinsburg, W. Va.	750.29	919.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (First) ..	3,609.09	3,355.11
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third) ..	2,791.59	3,353.50
Chambersburg, Pa. ....	.....	90.22
Seven Fountains, Va.	19.00	250.00
Washington, D. C.	2,385.60	2,088.33
Waynesboro, Pa.	2,269.85	2,434.31
Winchester, Va.	1,699.31	2,178.95
York, Pa.	241.07	621.41
Isolated members	20.00	25.00
	17,556.96	20,293.88
CALIFORNIA DISTRICT		
Artesia, Calif.	246.43	268.50
Beaumont, Calif.	359.50	843.83
Bell, Calif.	132.54	262.70
Bellflower, Calif.	875.74	811.06
Chico, Calif.	125.51	191.78
Compton, Calif.	755.07	777.89
Fillmore, Calif.	427.00	642.47
Glendale, Calif.	555.40	697.89
La Crescenta, Calif.	93.90	6.01
La Verne, Calif.	1,355.29	1,924.25
Long Beach, Calif. (First) ..	12,912.13	13,131.48
Long Beach, Calif. (Second) ..	3,333.78	5,202.92
Los Angeles, Calif. (First) ..	2,454.70	4,172.33
Los Angeles, Calif. (Community) ..	203.35	300.35
Norwalk, Calif.	1,657.39	929.29
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	892.05	854.11
Modesto, Calif. (Christian Center) ..	.....	31.11
Paramount, Calif.	212.63	351.46
Phoenix, Ariz.	116.94	156.05
San Bernardino, Calif.	366.23	404.53
San Diego, Calif.	131.10	167.20
Seal Beach, Calif.	273.94	139.87
South Gate, Calif.	1,207.17	1,575.56
South Pasadena, Calif.	842.62	559.55
South San Gabriel, Calif.	182.14	119.04

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL, INC.,

	1952-1953	1953-1954
Temple City, Calif.	1,585.55	1,359.23
Tracy, Calif.	476.06	323.61
Whittier, Calif.	3,181.75	5,281.98
Whittier, Calif. (Community) ..	567.97	275.00
Isolated members	150.00	232.00
	35,673.88	41,993.15
EAST DISTRICT		
Accident, Md.	10.00	24.00
Aleppo, Pa.	204.90	160.48
Altoona, Pa. (First)	721.83	793.65
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	588.31	583.13
Conemaugh, Pa.	1,062.22	1,089.66
Conemaugh, Pa. (Mundy's Corner) ..	696.48	607.06
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill) ..	29.00	.....
Everett, Pa.	100.00	631.85
Grafton, W. Va.	60.03	112.37
Hollidaysburg, Pa.	512.77	.....
Jenners, Pa.	151.95	132.25
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	3,075.77	3,387.62
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside) ..	65.00	505.00
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	1,559.10	2,259.79
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo) ..	45.00	151.36
Leamersville, Pa.	591.90	860.97
Listie, Pa.	753.73	710.02
Martinsburg, Pa.	1,502.61	1,428.03
Meyersdale, Pa.	466.00	729.35
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills) ..	501.50	436.15
Parkersburg, W. Va.	33.00	30.00
Uniontown, Pa.	620.66	728.37
Washington, Pa.	5.00	.....
Yellow Creek, Pa.	283.08	425.20
Isolated members	30.00	275.00
	13,669.84	16,057.31
INDIANA DISTRICT		
Berne, Ind.	2,752.24	2,819.82
Clay City, Ind.	257.07	363.00
Claypool, Ind. ....	.....	17.58
Elkhart, Ind. ....	.....	150.00
Flora, Ind.	1,760.00	1,749.20
Fort Wayne, Ind.	2,446.76	2,593.70
Huntington, Ind.	47.39	10.00
Leesburg, Ind.	293.78	389.76
Osceola, Ind.	1,327.67	678.95
Peru, Ind.	323.61	409.16
Sharpsville, Ind.	13.50	39.25
Sidney, Ind.	1,013.78	1,720.00

	1952-1953	1953-1954		1952-1953	1953-1954
South Bend, Ind.	318.90	575.29	Cleveland, Ohio	229.55	250.45
Wheaton, Ill. ....	...	26.40	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	253.24	320.00
Winona Lake, Ind.	3,006.07	4,252.57	Danville, Ohio	404.00	719.70
Isolated members	390.00	415.00	Elyria, Ohio .....	...	466.10
	13,950.77	16,209.68	Findlay, Ohio	230.14	260.10
IOWA DISTRICT			Fremont, Ohio (Colored)	19.10	64.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	505.15	650.29	Fremont, Ohio	1,075.37	1,307.95
Dallas Center, Iowa	981.77	805.33	Homerville, Ohio	1,394.81	579.48
Davenport, Iowa .....	...	50.00	Mansfield, Ohio	6,867.82	6,247.17
Garwin, Iowa	373.15	343.05	Mansfield, Ohio (Second) .....	...	25.00
Leon, Iowa	442.34	365.29	Massillon, Ohio	70.00	75.00
North English, Iowa	1,256.75	148.00	Middlebranch, Ohio	463.59	410.85
Waterloo, Iowa	2,383.86	2,756.05	Rittman, Ohio	1,745.59	1,380.05
Isolated members .....	...	15.00	Sterling, Ohio	716.54	774.46
	5,943.02	5,133.01	Wooster, Ohio	1,300.26	1,680.30
MICHIGAN DISTRICT			Isolated members	20.00	30.00
Alto, Mich.	95.08	361.70	SMM .....	...	42.40
Berrien Springs, Mich.	60.81	52.50	WMC .....	...	225.00
Jackson, Mich.	60.87	...		20,469.82	21,957.44
Lake Odessa, Mich.	525.25	605.59	NORTHWEST DISTRICT		
New Troy, Mich.	418.13	297.50	Albany, Oreg.	294.88	457.88
Ozark, Mich.	15.75	56.32	Harrah, Wash.	520.84	653.40
	1,175.89	1,373.61	Portland, Oreg.	316.33	737.29
MIDWEST DISTRICT			Salem, Oreg.	542.00	852.77
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	12.45	16.00	Seattle, Wash.	600.00	1,040.18
Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex.	28.00	44.70	Spokane, Wash.	1,986.70	1,814.71
Beaver City, Nebr.	194.19	197.90	Sunnyside, Wash.	663.70	510.37
Cordillera, N. Mex.	42.00	24.75	Yakima, Wash.	5.00	25.00
Cheyenne, Wyo. ....	...	11.70	Isolated members .....	...	...
Cuba, N. Mex. (Indian)	48.95	105.00		4,929.45	6,156.60
Denver, Colo.	113.00	188.81	SOUTHEAST DISTRICT		
Portis, Kans.	810.25	960.31	Boone Mill, Va.	60.00	58.13
Taos, N. Mex. (Canon Brethren)	114.60	116.28	Bucna Vista, Va.	712.81	363.83
Isolated members	25.00	57.00	Covington, Va.	476.47	707.70
	1,388.44	1,722.45	Hollins, Va.	398.00	457.29
NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT			Johnson City, Tenn.	139.15	89.25
Akron, Ohio	1,906.53	2,373.32	Limestone, Tenn.	558.50	354.85
Ankenytown, Ohio	507.26	591.74	Radford, Va.	105.63	88.54
Ashland, Ohio	2,127.08	3,031.39	Riner, Va. ....	...	5.00
Canton, Ohio	1,138.94	1,102.98	Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	136.60	86.64
			Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	2,690.00	1,951.82
			Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)	146.45	220.20

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Mrs. Allen F. Zook, Hershey, Pa.

	1952-1953	1953-1954
SMM	63.00
Isolated members	10.00	35.00
	5,433.11	4,481.34
SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT		
Camden, Ohio	128.66	72.08
Clayhole, Ky.	109.24	188.82
Clayton, Ohio	523.41	602.54
Covington, Ohio	133.43	19.00
Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)	50.00	55.84
Dayton, Ohio (First)	5,300.90	4,929.90
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	4,455.75	4,654.49
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	866.20	706.37
Dryhill, Ky. ....	.....	65.86
Englewood, Ohio .....	.....	100.00
Sampleville, Ohio	50.00	60.00
Sidney, Ohio .....	.....	32.55
Troy, Ohio	115.05	184.85
Isolated members .....	.....	107.00
	11,732.64	11,779.30

	1952-1953	1953-1954
TOTALS		
Atlantic District	\$17,556.96	\$20,293.88
California District	35,673.88	41,993.15
East District	13,669.84	16,057.31
Indiana District	13,950.77	16,209.68
Iowa District	5,943.02	5,133.01
Michigan District	1,175.89	1,373.61
Midwest District	1,388.44	1,722.45
Northern Ohio District	20,469.82	21,957.44
Northwest District	4,929.45	6,156.60
Southeast District	5,433.11	4,481.34
Southern Ohio District	11,732.64	11,779.30
	131,923.82	147,157.77

COMPARISON OF THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING BY DISTRICTS—1953

	Percent	
1. Northwest District	24.8	Increase
2. Midwest District	24.	Increase
3. California	17.7	Increase
4. East	17.4	Increase
5. Michigan	16.8	Increase
6. Indiana	16.19	Increase
7. Atlantic	16.10	Increase
8. Northern Ohio .....	.70	Increase
9. Southern Ohio .....	.30	Increase
10. Iowa	13.	Decrease
11. Southeast	17.5	Decrease

TEN LEADING CHURCHES IN THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING 1953-1954

1. First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.	\$13,131.48
2. Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio	6,247.17
3. First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.	5,281.98
4. Second Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.	5,202.92
5. First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio	4,929.20
6. North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio	4,654.49
7. Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.	2,252.57
8. First Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.	4,172.33
9. First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.	3,387.62
10. First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	3,355.11

PRIEST'S SON CONFESSES CHRIST

Mr. Kenneth Abodeely, the son of a Syrian orthodox priest, confessed Christ as his personal Saviour during a recent evangelistic meeting at the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, home-mission church. Prior to the death of Mr. Abodeely's father, he was serving St. John's Orthodox Church, and Kenneth served as altar boy in his father's church. After the father's death, Kenneth became hungry for the Word of God and started visiting different Protestant churches. It was on January 26, 1954, while attending the Evangelistic Crusade meeting of the Grace Brethren Church, that he made a public confession of Christ as his personal Saviour. The pastor, Richard Grant, reports that he is on fire for the Lord and rejoicing in his deliverance from the traditions and superstitions of his former religion. In a recent Sunday-evening service, a young couple made a public decision for Christ because of the testimony and witnessing of Mr. Abodeely. Mr. Abodeely was born in Cedar Rapids and is 33 years old. Mrs. Abodeely was saved several years ago.



JUNIATA, PA. (J. Ward Tressler, pastor)—

Just a word to say that our cottage prayer meetings (four per week) are really paying dividends. We have seen 18 decisions in the last 5 weeks—16 rededications (all adults), 1 accepted Christ, 1 for church membership. We praise the Lord for the evident working of the Holy Spirit. I believe the feeling of many of the people can be expressed in the words of one lady who said, "I don't want to miss one Sunday for I am afraid I will miss something." Truly the Lord has been good to us.

ELYRIA, OHIO (Galen Lingenfelter, pastor)—

Our first public decisions were on Sunday, February 21, when we had three Christians dedicate their lives to the Lord. Then on March 7, in the evening service, we had three more dedications and three decisions for Christ as Saviour. On the following Sunday we had a mother and daughter accept Christ and another young girl dedicate her life to the Lord. I am sure it is not necessary for me to tell you that these decisions thrilled our hearts. It is wonderful to see the power of the Lord work in the hearts of people. And we are thankful that the decisions were made after much prayer.

ARTESIA, CALIF. (Adam Rager, pastor)—

The Lord gave us a blessed two-weeks meeting with Evangelist Bill Smith. The average attendance and total offerings were the largest of any series of meetings since we have been here. There were two first-time decisions for Christ and we are expecting to reap more of the fruit in the days ahead. Yesterday we had our largest attendance for a regular Sunday-morning service.



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Abodeely



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WASHINGTON, PA.—Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Rogers are the proud parents of a baby girl born March 18. Brother Rogers is pastor of the Laboratory Grace Brethren Church.

ELYRIA, OHIO—An attendance record was recently established in the new home-mission church here when 62 were present. Rev. Galen Lingenfelter is pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO—A new high of 84 was reached Mar. 24 in prayer meeting attendance at the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Gordon Bracker is pastor. The fifth anniversary of the dedication of the church will be observed May 16, at which time Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver will speak.

DAYTON, OHIO—According to the Dayton Journal-Herald, Miss Myrtle Mae Snyder, one of our pioneer missionaries to French Equatorial Africa, who went to be with the Lord in August 1920, is to be honored by the Belgian government when they place her name in their official history with "all who distinguished themselves in the work of accomplishing the Congo." Miss Snyder was a member of the First

Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, and was a member of the pioneer party that went to Africa in 1918 to open this field for the Brethren Church.

PERU, IND.—The Indiana District spring rally of the WMC was held here April 8.

BASSAI, AFRICA—Diana Ruth arrived March 25 to make her home with Rev. and Mrs. Charles Taber and Christy.

KITTANNING, PA.—On March 28 there were 123 in attendance at the services of the North Buffalo Brethren Church. One year ago the attendance was 69. Rev. Donald Rossman is pastor.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH.—The Michigan District Conference WMC rally will convene here April 29 at the Grace Brethren Church.



MARTINSBURG, W. VA.—Rev. Earle Peer, pastor of the Sidney Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind., and senior in Grace Theological Seminary, has accepted the pastorate of the Rosemont Brethren Church, and will move here about the middle of June.

FREMONT, OHIO—The Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches convenes at the Grace Brethren Church April 20-22. Rev. Gordon Bracker will be host pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—The Southern Ohio District Sisterhood rally was held at the First Brethren Church April 2.

SEATTLE, WASH.—The plans for the new church building for the View Ridge Brethren Church are being prepared. The church will be located at 35th Ave. NE. and East 68th St. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO—A new Hammond organ was recently presented to the Grace Brethren Church by an anonymous family in the church. On a recent date 170 persons were present for the midweek prayer service. Rev. Bernard N. Schneider is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—Dr. Herman Hoyt will bring a commencement address May 9 to the graduates of the Leadership Training Class of the Patterson Park Brethren Church. Rev. C. S. Zimmerman is pastor.

SPECIAL—Dr. Paul R. Bauman and the Trumpeters, from Grace Theological Seminary, will visit the churches of the Pacific coast this summer.

DENVER, COLO.—The Grace Brethren Church was the scene of malicious and wanton destruction after vandals entered, set fire, broke windows, scattered equipment, painted furniture, floors, walls, and literally wrecked the interior of the children's Sunday-school room. On numerous other occasions this same church has suffered attacks of vandalism and it was believed to have been done by teen-agers. The police immediately launched a full-scale investigation. Damage, which amounted to approximately \$300, could have been in the thousands of dollars if the attempted fires had burned.

HOPEWELL, PA.—A four-day missionary conference will be concluded April 18 at the Grace Brethren Church. Speakers have been Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder, and Miss Clara Schwartz. Rev. Sheldon Snyder is pastor.

ALBANY, OREG.—A fine district youth rally was conducted here Mar. 19-20 with Rev. Ralph Colburn as master of ceremonies. Rev. Glen Welborn was host pastor.

SPECIAL—Brethren schools in California now have an enrollment of over 700. Over 1,000 students are expected when new schools are added this fall. Teachers interested in teaching in Brethren day schools either next fall or a year hence should contact Dr. C. W. Mayes, 1925 East Fifth St., Long Beach 12, Calif.

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook) ..	Apr. 4-18.....	Wm. Howard.....	Harold Etling.
Fort Wayne, Ind.	Apr. 11-18.....	James Hammer...	Herman Hoyt.
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale) ...	Apr. 13-18.....	Clyde Balyo.....	Herbert Hoover.
Conemaugh, Pa. .	Apr. 14-18.....	Stanley Hauser...	Stanley Hauser.
South Bend, Ind. .	Apr. 16-18.....	Russell Ogden....	Homer Kent, Jr.
Covington, Va. . .	Apr. 18-May 2..	Paul Mohler.....	Clyde Landrum.
San Bernardino, Calif.	Apr. 25-May 2..	Lyle Marviin.....	Bill Smith.
Lake Odessa, Mich.	Apr. 26-May 9..	Robert Griffith...	Crusade Team 1.
Compton, Calif. . .	May 9-16.....	Norman Nelson...	Bill Smith.
Winchester, Va. . .	May 13-16.....	Paul Dick.....	O. E. Phillips.

THREE

Cardinal Evidences

OF THE RESURRECTION

"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said" (Matt. 28:6).

In deep sorrow the women arrived in the garden where they had placed the body of Christ, after tender hands had removed the nails that had fastened Him to the cross. They were there with sweet spices that they might anoint Him. Actually they were prepared to make a mummy of His body.

Imagine their consternation when they saw the sealed tomb now open! Imagine the thoughts of these women as they beheld the angel sitting upon the stone where it had been rolled back from the door!

I. THE TOMB.

"*He is not here, for he is risen, as he said.*"

Think of the empty tomb. How could it be? Great precaution had been taken to see that this did not happen. The chief priests and the Pharisees had demanded and received of Pilate the right to put an official seal on the stone, and armed guards were posted (Matt. 27:62-66).

These guards, after witnessing the empty tomb, rushed to the chief priests and told them all the things that were done. They did not deny that the tomb was empty, but started a rumor that the body was stolen away. How futile! His foes would not. It was the last thing that they wanted to see happen. They did not want an empty tomb. His friends could not because of the guard that was set.

The empty tomb is a cardinal evidence of His resurrection. It was not denied! The tomb was empty! This was something that should have been expected. The enemies of Christ remembered that He said, "After three days I will rise again." Certainly His friends should have known and expected it. They were

convinced there at the sight of the tomb and with joy ran to tell others, "and they remembered his words" (Luke 24:8).

II. THE LORD.

"He is not here, for *he is risen*, as he said."

As they told of the empty tomb to the apostles, "their word seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not" (Luke 24:11). It took the risen Lord to convince them.

The Apostle Paul, summing up the evidence of the risen Lord in his letter to the Corinthians, says, "He was seen of Cephas" (I Cor. 15:5). This was Peter, the "big fisherman"! Why is this name mentioned? The angel at the tomb had said, "But go your way, tell his disciples *and Peter*" (Mark 16:7a).

On the day of Pentecost, Peter's testimony, "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses" (Acts 2:32), was instrumental in winning about 3,000 souls (Acts 2:41).

Luke tells us that the risen Lord himself is a cardinal evidence of His resurrection. "He shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, *being seen* of them forty days" (Acts 1:3a).

III. FULFILLED PROPHECY.

"He is not here, for he is risen, *as he said.*"

The resurrection of Christ from the dead happened "as he said." Prophecy, fulfilled, becomes a cardinal evidence of His resurrection.

"For David speaketh concerning him . . . my flesh shall rest in hope: because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

"Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried,

and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

"Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne.

"*This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses*" (Acts 2:25-27, 29-30, 32).

There are many other evidences of the literal bodily resurrection of our wonderful Lord, but these are presented with the thought of confirming the faith of God's people.

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

"*But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.*

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:19-20, 58).



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THE RESURRECTION

AND OUR LORD'S RETURN

"I am the resurrection and the life . . . believest thou this?" (John 11:25-26). "Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you" (John 14:28). "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (I Cor. 15:14).

The resurrection of Christ and the Lord's return are like two great beacon lights on the Christian's journey through this life. The resurrection of Christ gives the Christian the basis for his hope of the Lord's return. As Paul wrote in I Corinthians 15, "If Christ be not risen . . . we are of all men most miserable."

When an airplane pilot makes out his flight plan for a cross-country flight there are at least two things of which he must be sure. First, he must know where he is. Second, he must know where he is going. You say, "Why certainly, any pilot ought to know that." And he better, or he won't be flying much longer.

Several years ago in the March Air Force Base operations officers' waiting room I read this sign fastened on a broken propeller. "There are old pilots and there are bold pilots, but there are no old bold pilots." But how many church members are there who don't know where they are, and much less where they are going? The crucifixion took care of our sins and put us in right relationship with God. The resurrection gives us the impetus to get going in our Christian experience and the second coming of our Lord is our master beacon light on the way to the glorious and eternal fellowship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

One of the first things an airplane pilot does after he has gained flying altitude is to set the radio compass for the course he is going to fly. Crosswinds may blow him off course, so he must handle his controls ac-

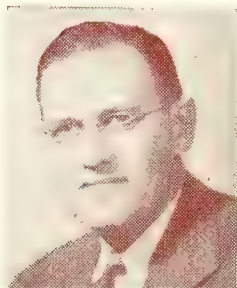
cordingly. A thunderstorm may loom up before him and he might decide it best to detour. But all the time he *must* keep checking on that radio compass to keep on course. When the little orange light on the instrument panel lights up he knows he is passing over a radio beacon. In the meantime he keeps in constant communication by radio with the weather stations. As the pilot nears his destination he is given landing instructions from the traffic control tower, lands, and closes his flight plan.

More and more as I reflect on my many flights across our nation, sometimes in the copilot's seat or in the flight cabin, my attention is brought to the likeness of the Christian's flight through this life.

The believer's flight plan is marked from the resurrection to the Lord's return. As the pilot has to have a starting point, he must also hope for his destination. The Apostle Paul, writing to Titus, speaks of "the glorious appearing" as "that blessed hope" (Tit. 2:13).

Between the resurrection and the Lord's return storms of testing will come, winds of adversity will beset our course, but the Christian who keeps checking with the Word of God (his radio compass) and keeps on bended knee in prayer (his radio communications) will have no trouble keeping on course. The beacon lights along the route (the promises of God's Word) will encourage him. The weather stations (warnings) will keep him alerted against approaching spiritual storms. What an accomplished feeling it is when the flight plan is turned in and we have made our destination in spite of the spiritual storms and adversities.

And so, until our "blessed hope" is realized and our flight plan closed let us never neglect our constant communications and check-points on our journey from the "infallible proofs" (Acts 1:3) to "that blessed hope" (Tit. 2:13).



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IF CHRIST was not raised from the dead, Christianity must forfeit its basic and unique claim for acceptance in preference to all other religions.

We turn to the "resurrection chapter" (I Corinthians 15) for our thoughts on the theme phrase, "If Christ be not risen" (vs. 14). In verses 13-19 the Holy Spirit directs a deliberate supposition of what happens to Christian faith and hope if Christ's resurrection from the dead is a falsehood. Paul himself, the great exponent of the Gospel of life and hope, is quick to admit the emptiness, sham, and hopelessness of Christianity "if Christ be not risen." We, too, are readily forced to concede to the truth that Christianity is either everything that it claims to be, or it is nothing that it claims to be. Christianity stands or falls as Christ, the source and head of Christianity, stands or falls. The apostle then relates, step by step, what becomes of the veracity and premises of Christian faith "if Christ be not risen."

I. Our Preaching Is Vain.

The "foolishness of preaching" by which men are saved is wasted time and effort. The preaching of the apostles, especially that of Peter and Paul, was replete with references to the resurrection of Christ (Acts 4:33). Yea, it was the basis for the pulsating, surging faith of the early church that ignored all religious, political, social, and geographical barriers, and thrived on opposition and persecution. Christ's resurrection remains a vital part of the Gospel message today. Prove this belief untenable and we have no message of faith and hope in Christ to preach.

II. Our Faith Is Vain.

Our faith in Jesus Christ becomes void and meaningless if we cannot substantiate our claim of a living Saviour. If Christ be not risen, all of our beliefs, hopes, and fine moral achievements are founded upon unforgiveable falsehood. If Christ be not risen, faith in Paul's testimony is indeed seriously shaken; but of greater consequence is it that such un-Scriptural faith is found out to be clinging to a mere memory, a meaningless name, a mythical Christ. We may even admit there was an offering of the Lamb of God on Calvary. But what token have we by which to distinguish that death from

the many other crucifixions? We may also grant that the sacrifice was accepted. But where is our evidence of the fact? The guilty soul has no real, living, interceding High Priest drawing near to God with its burden of sins (vs. 17). Alas, more than 19 centuries ago that High Priest's body was left to see corruption in its new tomb near the Holy City, and we must confess Jesus Christ to be no more than the Lazarus now finally deceased! If, after all, the compensation of life in Christ is but an eternal delusion; if, above all, the sinful soul must enter eternity without a Saviour and an atonement, left forever "in the lurch," and made ashamed by our hope (Rom. 5:5), then believers in Christ have known but a fool's paradise, and transacted a fool's bargain. As Christians we are the gazing-stock of the world in the theater of life and we may look for nothing but mocking laughter of the spectators, unless these should unexpectedly indeed accord us pity or compassion. We should then be of all men most miserable.

III. We Are Still in Our Sins.

In Romans 4:24-25 we read, "If we believe on him that raised up Jesus



sage to the hitherto unreached hearer. Here we see that faith comes by hearing, hearing by preaching, and that no message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be complete without some reference to the doctrine of the resurrection (Rom. 10:9). Christ's resurrection is the proof or receipt that the debt has been fully paid; otherwise we have trusted in a hoax.

IV. The Dead in Christ Are Perished.

"Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished" (vs. 18). That comforting hope of re-

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our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." Fundamental to salvation is justification—that act of God whereby He pronounces the believing sinner righteous in Christ. We begin to note the logical progression, or regression, in Paul's negative argumentation. We are justified by faith that is necessarily linked with the resurrection of Christ. How do we receive this faith? We look to the 10th chapter of Romans to find the divine formula for getting the mes-

union with loved ones asleep in Christ is utterly shattered. Our deepest longing to be like our Lord (I John 3:2) and with our Lord Jesus Christ and the countless redeemed of all ages for all eternity is without foundation. "If Christ be not risen," our hope of eternal life vanishes, for we have staked all in Jesus Christ, who said, "Before Abraham was, I am," and, "Because I live, ye shall live also." But thank God "he [Jesus] shewed himself alive . . . by many infallible proofs" (read I Cor. 15:4-8).

THE DOCTRINE of the resurrection of Christ is one of the cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith. Upon this doctrine all others rest.

Were it not for the fact of the literal bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, today would find us all without God, without hope, and without a Saviour. Truly Christ is the blessed hope of the believer. The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ guarantees five things.

I. *The Return of Our Saviour.*

Jesus said to His little band of disciples, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

The Scriptures promise His return. While men were gazing into the heavens at the ascension of Christ, two men in white apparel said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11b).

Paul, in writing to the church at Thessalonica, promised the return of

"To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3).

our Saviour. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God" (I Thess. 4:16a).

II. *The Resurrection of the Saints.*

Because He lives, we shall live also! "The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28b-29). "The dead in Christ shall rise first" (I Thess. 4:16b). "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (I Cor. 15:22-23).

III. *The Rapture of the Saints.*

Yes, one day there shall be that glorious event for the believer when he shall be caught up into the presence of the Lord. "I will come again and receive you unto myself" is the promise of Jesus concerning those who are His own (John 14:3). "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout . . . the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air" (I Thess. 4:16-17a). "When Christ, who is our

life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory" (Col. 3:4).

IV. *The Reward of the Saints.*

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10).

"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (I Cor. 3:13-15).

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12).

V. *The Reunion of the Saved.*

This is a glorious anticipation for the believer. One day we shall meet with our saved loved ones again and be with them forever! Separation and tears here; reunion and the fullness of joy in the presence of Christ!

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:2). "And so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (I Thess. 4:17b-18).

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20b).

Because of His omnipotence, Christ broke the power of Satan, the bands of death and the grave, and came forth to live forevermore. To all who believe, His resurrection guarantees life which is eternal, the full and free forgiveness of sin, a peace which they have never before experienced, a bright hope for both today and tomorrow, and the assurance of a home in heaven at the end of this life's little day.

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THE RESURRECTION

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I Know He Is Risen!

How do you *know* that Jesus Christ arose from the dead? Here is a question that may rightfully be put to any Christian, especially during the Easter season, when the resurrection of Christ becomes the focal point of religious thought and discussion. Now the way in which a person answers that question will reveal a great deal about his understanding of Christian truth. If he answers, "I know because I accept it simply by an act of faith," he might be classified as a *mystic*. If he replies, "I know because my parents and forefathers have accepted the resurrection of Christ as an article of faith," he is a *traditionalist*. If he says, "I know, because the church says so," he is probably a *Roman Catholic*.

But what is the *correct* answer to a pointed question like this? Let us see first how the Apostle Paul would have answered it. Turning to I Corinthians 15:3-4, we find these words: "Christ died for our sins *according to the scriptures*; and . . . he rose again the third day *according to the scriptures*." Now Paul was referring here primarily to the prophecies of Old Testament Scriptures which found their perfect fulfillment in Christ's atoning death and bodily resurrection (such as Isaiah 53 and Psalm 16:10), although the Gospel accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke might also have been in his mind. But the point is that *Paul's first appeal is to the Scriptures!*

It is not my *faith* in the resurrection that makes such an event historically certain (for my faith or trust may be wrongly placed); nor does *tradition* have the final weight of authority (for mere "tradition" may, and often does, trace back to something that has no real foundation in fact); nor is it simply because *the church* says that Christ arose, that settles the matter (for "the church," historically considered, has been mistaken in its beliefs about many things—purgatory, the Mass, the Assumption of Mary, the infallibility of the Pope, etc.)

Let us be perfectly clear, then, about this matter of actual *proof* that Christ arose from the dead. The final appeal for all Christians today in this matter must be the

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Bible (I say "for all Christians today" because the early disciples actually *saw* Christ after His resurrection, according to the four Gospels and I Corinthians 15:5-8).

Now for evidence to be truly convincing, it must be carefully examined by an unprejudiced mind. And nowhere is this more true than in the case of the Bible. Have you ever examined those marvelously accurate circumstantial accounts of Christ's resurrection as recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John? Simon Greenleaf, one of the greatest lawyers of American history, and the author of that famous three-volume work entitled, "A Treatise on the Law of Evidences," published in 1846 a book called, "An Examination of the Testimony of the Four Evangelists by the Rules of Evidence Administered in Courts of Justice." In this masterful 500-page treatise, Greenleaf established the absolute trustworthiness of the four Gospels in their account of the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Gilbert West, a prominent English agnostic of the 18th century, determined, with the help of his friend, Lord Lyttelton, to demonstrate once and for all that the Bible was an imposture. As a result of his studies, he became convinced of the truth of Christ's resurrection, became a Christian, and wrote his famous treatise entitled, "Observations on the Resurrection of Christ."

In his outstanding apologetics textbook, "Therefore, Stand," Dr. Wilbur M. Smith has written an 80-page chapter entitled "The Resurrection of Christ from the Dead: The Apologetic for an Age Demanding Historical Certainty." In this scholarly and well-documented chapter, Dr. Smith accumulates the results of centuries of study on this subject, and presents in logical order the various lines of proof for the historicity of Christ's resurrection. These are some of his arguments: nothing less than the literal bodily resurrection

of Christ can adequately explain (1) the unique character of Christ in history, the unparalleled influence He has had upon subsequent history, and the amazing claims and predictions He made, including that of His own resurrection on the third day following His anticipated crucifixion; (2) the fact of the empty tomb on the third day after His death, which neither the Romans nor the Jews could adequately account for, in spite of ingenious attempts; (3) the thoroughly trustworthy and harmonious testimony of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John to the fact of the resurrection, and the detailed manner in which they describe as eyewitnesses the empty tomb and the various postresurrection appearances of Christ (totaling 10 in all); (4) the otherwise unexplainable transformation of weak, timid disciples into mighty apostles, whose steadfast testimony concerning the bodily resurrection of Christ was terminated only by their cruel martyrdom; (5) the sudden and remarkable way in which thousands of orthodox Jews changed their day of worship from Saturday (the Sabbath) to Sunday (the day on which Christ arose); (6) the phenomenally rapid expansion of Christianity against all odds, and its eventual conquest of the entire Roman Empire and the western world.

In all fairness to the facts, then, do we need to lean upon mere blind faith, mere traditionalism, or mere church authority for our assurance of the historical reality of Christ's resurrection? God does not place a heavy burden upon our credulity when He asks us to accept the resurrection of His Son as an accomplished fact, but rather, in His grace, has condescended to give us "many infallible proofs" (Acts 1:3), that we might rest our full confidence upon the Gospel of eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

But if the evidence is so powerful, then why do most men deny or ignore Christ's resurrection? Simply because they are not willing to face its obvious implications; namely, that Christ, by virtue of His resurrection from the dead, is completely sub-

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TWO SPARROWS

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Couched in the vivid imagery of the Levitical ritual are numerous portraits of the grace of God in His dealings with mankind, both redeemed and unregenerate. God's first concern must be for the purity of His people and the protection of a peculiar people, but His heart of love makes it mandatory that a means of redemption be provided. Laws must be given to prevent the defilement of a chosen nation, but grace demands that even the vilest offender be restored to fellowship when cleansing has been accomplished. It is just such a picture that is to be seen in the ritual of purification for lepers as recounted in Leviticus 14. This is but a foreshadowing of the events of redemption which later are revealed.

God made elaborate laws to prevent the spread of the leprous scourge and the consequent pollution of His people. Thus the defiled leper must remain without the camp of Israel until the disease should run its course. No man within the congregation of the Lord dare have fellowship with the afflicted one lest he too share the reproach. Without the camp the leper waited until no portion of his body has escaped the signs of leprosy. When the whitened flesh gave evidence that healing had come, then he must present himself before the priest to be judged clean. He was already healed, this act being but the symbolic proof of the cleansing and the sign that now he was eligible for the fellowship of his people. How true it is that only when man is in his extremity that he becomes the fitting object of God's cleansing grace.

The priest must go out of the camp of Israel and there submit the man to examination that all might be assured of the full healing of the lonely man. As the priest considers and beholds that leprosy has covered the man in entirety, then it is that he declares him clean of the plague.

Thus a man whose only source of life lay in God finds restoration as a member of the nation and the family of God. The meaning is evident—this is man in his need finding purity and cleansing in his Saviour. As blessed as this truth might be, it is the ceremony of purification which catches our attention at the moment.

THE SHADOW

"Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: and the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water" (vss. 4-5). Once declared clean, the leper must now give public evidence of his deliverance. Two birds are required to complete the act: the first of these is slain over an earthen vessel filled with fresh water so that the blood and water are mingled; the second receives the blood of sacrifice and is released. With the cedar wood, the scarlet, and the hyssop the priest dips repeatedly into the blood of the slain bird and the climax of the ceremony is reached as the priest dips the living bird into the vessel and sprinkles the head of the waiting man seven times. With the transfer thus made, the living bird is released to fly away in freedom. Only then is the waiting nation of Israel assured that he who was an outcast is now a fit member of the chosen race.

THE SUBSTANCE

Unquestionably, this ceremony of purification is one of the Old Testament portrayals of the New Testament doctrine of the atonement and justification of the sinner. The Book of Hebrews echoes the scene and others as our great High Priest, even Christ, goes without the camp to meet the one whose sins have made him turn to God. In the dual ritual

of Leviticus 14 one can clearly see the two great aspects of the redemption of sinners: the death of Christ on his behalf, and the resurrection which seals the man's justification. That an initial sacrifice was necessary is seen in the slaying of the first bird whose blood made a mark of expiation, and as the blood of sacrifice mingled with the crystal-clear water, it emblematically set forth the forgiveness of sin and the new-found purity of life. The second bird captures our attention, for this sprinkled one is released and rises high above the heads of the priests and the leper. As the little bird circled above the uplifted faces of those waiting men, the heart of one forgiven leper rose in unison with its little body. The release of a bird could not avail, but the freedom of one bearing the mark of blood gave evidence of the work accomplished.

If the first set forth his identification with God in cleansing, then the second illustrated the newness of life, his from that moment on. One needs little imagination to make the proper application, for he sees emblazoned across the sight of that lone rising bird the words of a later writer—"If ye then be risen with Christ" (Col. 3:1). As the flight of the blood-sprinkled bird gave hope to the restored man of Israel, so the glimpse of an empty tomb lifts the heart of the grateful believer from the sordid sight of life about him to the realization of a new life in his Saviour.

I KNOW HE IS RISEN

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stantiated in His claim of being the Son of the living God, the only Saviour of the world, and the final judge of all mankind! The alternatives therefore are clear: either reject the evidence and the claims of Christ, thus blotting out forever your personal hope for salvation from sin, the joys of heaven, and the assurance of eternal life; or allow the evidence be your guide to the only Saviour whom God has ever sent to redeem your sinful soul, and accept Him as your Lord and Saviour with that kind of faith which has its foundation resting upon infallible facts and which reaches upwards even to Christ upon His throne in heaven. Which alternative will you take this Easter season, my friend?

The Brethren
Missionary Herald



Path to the Total State

According to Federal Trade Commissioner Lowell B. Mason, there are today in this country "so many conflicting laws, interpretations, and regulations" that no matter what the 100,000 business firms in interstate commerce do "they can be found guilty of some technical transgression of the law."

Then taking a look into the future, Mr. Mason predicted that the time might come when no one would dare "any longer sell anything, at any price, or under any terms or conditions, without first receiving clearance" from government control.

All this sounds as if the commissioner had been reading the 13th chapter of Revelation (see verses 16-18). Faithful preachers have been sounding the warning for many years, but it is startling to see this condition rising so quickly in our own country.

What Shall We Do?

In the face of the totalitarian trend in government, what should the true believer do? Well, in the first place, we should everlastingly use the opportunity to press home the great truths of the Prophetic Word of God. There never has been a time when Biblical prophecy was more needed by both the church and the world. We should point to world conditions and then to the specific prophecies which predict the coming of such world trends.

But in the second place, it is also our duty to *resist the trend*. Certainly, we know that "the mystery of iniquity doth already work," but it is also our responsibility to resist the Devil and all his works. This is no time to stop the battle and drift with the tide. Totalitarian government will some day close for a brief season every open door to the Gospel. It is our business to keep as many doors open as long as possible.

The Efforts of Senator Bricker

The most crucial legislative problem of the present hour is how to shut the loophole of the Constitution which permits the executive arm of the Government to fasten on this country, by the scheme of treaties, strange laws which have never been passed by Congress. The so-called "Bricker Amendment" is an effort to stop this loophole. And this is no mere political dogfight between opposing parties. Outstanding members of both great parties are deeply concerned. And the great pity is that the President seems blind to the appalling danger which is threatening. Some of his friends have argued that he is the victim of bad advice. This may be so. But all Christians should pray that thoughtful men in both political parties will be able to agree on some effective method which will make it impossible for evil men outside our country to control our internal laws and affairs. And the churches should make their voices heard.

The late Woodrow Wilson was not always right in his ideas, but the following words of his are worth recalling in the present crisis: "*The history of liberty is a history*

of the limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it. When we resist concentration of power, we are resisting the powers of death, because concentration of power is what always precedes the destruction of human liberties."

Great as they may be, our rulers after all are merely men. And men, we have found, love power. This is true of Republicans as well as Democrats. Better a thousand times to limit the powers of rulers than to enlarge them, especially in this perilous hour when we face a worldwide movement to fasten the bonds of a super world government on this country by underhanded methods.

A Grateful Alumnus

Recently a retired banker and real estate broker, 87 years old, handed over to a small educational institution in New York a gift of \$1,500,000. Explaining his generous gift, the donor said he was grateful for a \$400 scholarship given to him back in 1881.

Perhaps at least two lessons can be drawn from this incident: First, schools should never overlook an opportunity to do good to all their students. Some very unpromising student may turn out to be a millionaire. But second, students should not forget the places where their educational benefits were received, especially where the priceless benefit of a truly *Christian* education was given.

"To Kill . . . With the Beasts of the Earth"

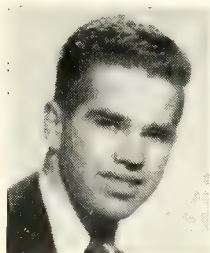
There is currently raging in the city of Chicago and its environs a real epidemic of rabies. In one 24-hour period in one section of the city nearly 100 people were bitten. Editorials are being written by newspapers about the grave problem. A new law has been passed to control the situation. Doctors have warned the public and told them what to do when bitten by any dog. All this recalls the report of an epidemic in Canada a few months ago. It spread from dogs to wolves and foxes, and then to domestic animals such as cattle and hogs. Signs of the epidemic were seen when the wild animals lost their ordinary caution and began to attack human beings boldly. One man was attacked as he was operating a tractor. Another animal actually tried to break into the door of a house.

Such dangerous epidemics will remind readers of the Bible that there is coming a time during the tribulation period when the terrible rider of the pale horse is given power over a fourth part of the earth "to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death [disease], and *with the beasts of the earth*" (Rev. 6:8). It had been said that with the advance of civilization the danger from wild beasts would practically disappear. But the awful scourge of rabies can be spread by even squirrels and rats, even by pets. And without proper treatment, tedious, expensive, and often dangerous, death is certain.

Nothing written in the verbally inspired Word of God can ever fail.

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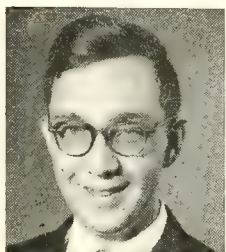
WILLIAM E. JOHNSON—Education: American Seminary of the Bible; Grace College, A.A. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: City mission, street meetings, jail and hospital visitation; had charge of nursing-home services, summer of 1953. Member, First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa. Married. Future plans: Waiting the Lord's leading.



WARREN D. JACOBS—Education: The Missionary Training Institute, diploma; Wheaton College, B.A. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: DVBS, pulpit supply, Sunday-school teacher, house-to-house visitation. Member, Christian Missionary Alliance Church, Lima, Ohio. Married. Future plans: Pastorate in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church



CHARLES HORNE—Education: Grace College, B.A.; Missionary Training Institute. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Student pastor, Pleasant View Community Church. Member: Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, Sandusky, Ohio. Married. Future plans: Remain at Grace to work for Th.M. degree.



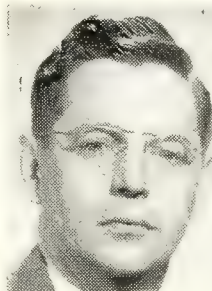
RUTH IRENE HALL—Education: Chesapeake and Ohio Hospital School for Nursing, R.N. Will graduate in May with B.C.E. degree. Practical experience: Gospel-team work at Alfran Nursing Home and at street meetings. Assisting with church services as soloist, pianist, and with musical groups. Future plans: Possible further education at Grace College.



RUSSELL W. IRWIN—Education: Butler University; Indiana University, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Sunday-school class, children's ward of General Hospital at Indianapolis, Ind., work with young people's group in park meetings one summer, tract ministry in connection with house-to-house selling job. Member, Prairie Baptist Church, Noblesville, Ind., where serving as student pastor. Married. Future plans: Will continue present pastorate for one year before entering foreign-missionary service.



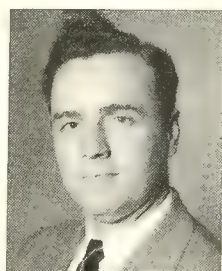
HERMAN H. HEIN, JR.—Education, Grace College, A.A. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Helped organize services in road gang prison, Winchester, Va.; practical-works director at Grace Seminary 1 year; gospel-team work in all fields; student pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Goshen, Ind. Married. Two daughters, aged 7 and 6 years. Future plans: Has been accepted by above-mentioned church as home-mission self-supporting pastor.



JESSE HUMBERD—Education: Bryan University, B.S. (magna cum laude); Wittenburg College, B.A.; Ohio State University, M.A.; Northwestern University, Navy Officer Training. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Student pastor and mountain-mission work in Tennessee, 3½ years in Navy, conducted services on destroyer as there was no chaplain, several years of Sunday-school teaching, teaching DVBS, deacon in church 3 years, 4 years public-school teaching, 1 year teaching in Wittenburg College. Member, Vicksburg (Pa.) Brethren Church. Married. Two daughters, aged 10 and 8 years. Future plans: Will teach in teacher-training institution.



ARTHUR GORDON—Education. Bible Institute of Pennsylvania; Grace College, A.A. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Gospel team in Bible school, preaching, singing, and student pastorate. Member, Beulah Baptist Church, Russellville, Pa. Married. One daughter, aged 6 months; two sons, aged 2 and 5 years. Future plans: Remain in present pastorate at Salem Community Church, Larwill, Ind.



DONALD E. OGDEN—Education: Bob Jones University, A.B. and M.A. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: On teaching staff at Bob Jones University for 2 years; on teaching staff in Grace College, 4 years; director of music and youth work at First Baptist Church, Goshen, Ind., 2 years; director of music and youth work, Winona Lake Brethren Church at present. Member: First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Married. One daughter, aged 4 years; one son, aged 2 years. Future plans: Continue teaching at Grace College.



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EARLE E. PEER—Education: Bryan University; East Tennessee State Teachers' College; Grace College, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Student pastor, Hairpin Curve Chapel, Dayton, Tenn.; pastor, Vernon Brethren Church, Limestone, Tenn.; student pastor, Sidney (Ind.) Brethren Church. Member, Sidney (Ind.) Brethren Church. Married. Two daughters, aged 8 and 5 years; two sons, aged 4 years and 3 months. Future plans: Has been called to the Rosemont Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va.



BILL A. BURK—Education: Compton Junior College; Bible Institute of Los Angeles; Grace College, A.A. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Sunday-school and DVBS teacher, boys Bible club work, gospel team, pastor at Huntington, Ind., 1½ years. Member, Community Brethren Church of East Los Angeles, Calif. Married. One son, aged 2 months; one daughter, aged 2 years. Future plans: Under appointment to Brazil and expects to leave in the near future.



GENE EDWIN WITZKY—Education: Bryan University, B.A. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Street-meeting work, child evangelism, 9 months in pastorate. Formerly member, First Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio; now member and serving as student pastor of Second Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio. Married. One daughter, aged 21 months. Future plans: Two years in present pastorate and then to Germany as a missionary, as the Lord leads.



IRVIN B. MILLER—Education: Grace College, A.A. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Youth for Christ, personal work, pastoring a church one year, Sunday-school teacher. Member, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa. Married. Four sons, aged 15, 14, 12, and 3 years of age. Future plans: Has been serving as pastor of the Broadway Christian Chapel, Kimmell, Ind., and will continue as the Lord leads.



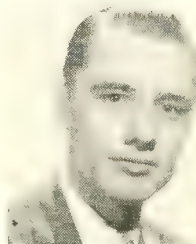
LAWRENCE BRATTON, JR.—Education: Moody Bible Institute; Grace College, A.A. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Street meetings, hospital visitation and services, rescue-mission work, pastoral work. Member, Mottville (Mich.) Bible Church. Married. One daughter, 2 years of age. Future plans: Will become full-time pastor of the Volinia Baptist Church, Decatur, Mich.



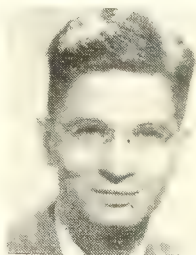
CARL H. BURCH—Education: Northern Baptist Seminary; Goshen College, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Served as pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Bristol, Ind., for past 4 years. Member, Grace Baptist Church, Bristol, Ind. Married. Two daughters, aged 6 and 4; one son, aged 4 months. Future plans: Continue present pastorate if the Lord so leads.



DONALD J. TSCHETTER—Education: Grace Bible Institute, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Work in jails, hospitals, tract distribution, DVBS, some preaching. Member: Mount Olivet Mennonite Church, Huron, S. Dak. Married. Three daughters, aged 5, 3½, and 2½ years; one son, aged 1 year. Future plans: Further education at Grace.



ARTHUR H. ARRINGTON—Education: Grace College, A.A. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Sunday-school teacher; worked with gospel teams and boys' clubs. Member: First Brethren Church, Covington, Va. Married. Two daughters, aged 5½ and 2½ years. Future plans: Accepted call from Vernon Brethren Church, Limestone, Tenn.

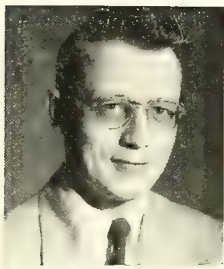


ROY J. CLARK—Education: Bryan University, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Pastor of Russiaville (Ind.) Baptist Church 2 years; practical work in visitation, quartet singing. Member, Calvary Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y. Married. One son, aged 9 months. Future plans: Will return to Grace for Th.M. degree.

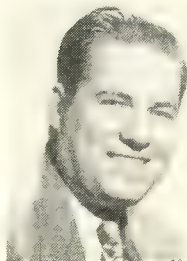


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JOHN STROM—Education: Baldwin-Wallace College, B.A. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Active in visitation evangelism, Sunday-school teacher, preaching and personal witnessing, radio work, street meetings and prison farm. Member: First United Presbyterian Church, Elyria, Ohio. Married. Three sons, aged 3 years, 1 year, and 1 month. Future plans: Desires to serve as pastor.



JOHN MITCHELL—Education: Grace College, A.A. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: work among boys at First Baptist Church in Warsaw, Ind. Member, Primitive Methodist Church, Houtzdale, Pa. Future plans: Finish college.



VERNON BULLER—Education: Grace Bible Institute; Goshen College, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Summer mission work in the Ozark hills; director of music at McCoy Memorial Baptist Church, Elkhart, Ind.; quartet work in the various schools attended. Member: Saron Mennonite Church, Orienta, Okla. Married. One son, aged 2½ years. Future plans: Awaiting the Lord's leading.



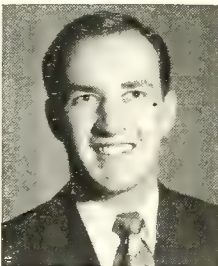
ROSELLA COCHRAN—Education: Broadlawns Hospital School, R.N. Will graduate in May with a B.C.E. degree. Practical experience: DVBS, SMM patroness, Sunday-school teacher, child evangelism, gospel teams—jail and nursing homes. Member, Leon (Iowa) Brethren Church. Future plans: Has made application for missionary service in French Equatorial Africa.



WILLIAM A. EARNEST—Education: Sinclair College, Hutchinson Junior College, University of New Mexico, Dayton Art Institute. Will graduate in May with a Theological Diploma. Practical experience: Youth work, Sunday-school teacher, DVBS, and camp; church publicity; house-to-house visitation; street meetings. Member, North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. Future plans: Awaiting call for pastorate.



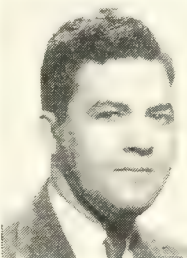
WARREN PURDY—Education: Bryan University, B.A. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Pastor, Pious Chapel, Idaville, Ind. Member, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Future plans: Interested in serving as student pastor in Chicago or vicinity as he continues in graduate study.



LEONARD MEZNAR—Education: Bryan University, B.A. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Jail work, child evangelism, street meetings, Sunday-school teacher, pastorate (7 months), nursing-home work, door-to-door evangelism, hospital visitation. Member: First Baptist Church, Wabash, Ind. Married. Future plans: Attend Faith Seminary for graduate work.



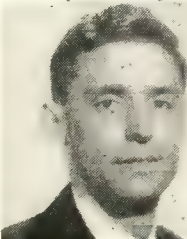
THOMAS J. CRAGHEAD—Education: Grace College, A.A. Will graduate in May with Th.B. degree. Practical experience: Taught Sunday school, personal work, laymen's work. Member: First Brethren Church, Covington, Va. Married. One daughter, aged 2 years; one son, aged 7 years. Future plans: Waiting call to enter pastorate.



CLINTON DEAN RISSER—Education: Bryan University, B.S. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Gospel-team work and quartet and solo singing. Member: West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. Married. Two daughters, aged 4 years and 11 months. Future plans: Has applied to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church for service in Brazil.

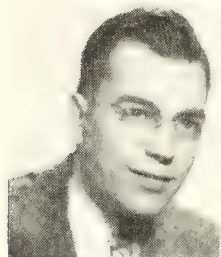


WILLIAM C. CRIST—Education: Providence Bible Institute, B.A. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Sunday-school teacher, street meetings, jail work, mission work, door-to-door visitation, hospital visitation, DVBS. Member, Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Paterson, N. J. Married. One daughter, aged 2 years; one son, aged 6 years. Future plans: Waiting call to serve as pastor.

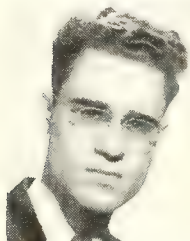


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WILLIAM HALLIBURTON—Education: Bible Institute of Pennsylvania, diploma; Wheaton College; Akron University Summer School; King's College, A.B. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Member: Evangelical Reformed Church, Akron, Ohio. Married. Two sons, aged 3 years and 1 year. Future plans: Waiting call to serve as pastor.



ROSS E. KING—Education: Attended Bryan University. Will graduate in May with B.C.E. degree. Member: Peru (Ind.) Brethren Church. Married. One child. Future plans: Expects to enter teaching field.

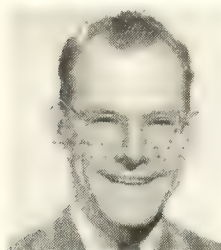


AUDREY BYERS—Education: Philadelphia School of the Bible, diploma; Brown Preparatory School, 1 year; Hahnemann Hospital Nursing School, R.N. Will graduate in May with B.C.E. degree. Practical experience: Youth work, Sunday school, child evangelism and DVBS teacher, gospel teams and summer camps, Christian Nurses Fellowship and Foreign Missionary Fellowship. Member, First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va. Future plans: Will



marry Dalmain Congdon ('53) soon after graduation and serve as pastor's wife until the Lord opens the door for them to go to Africa.

FRANCIS M. BRILL—Education: Bryan University, B.A. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Gospel-team work—hospitals, jails, street meeting; summer pastorate, 1953. Member, First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va. Future plans: Available for pastoral work where the Lord leads.



JOHN W. REED—Education: Bryan University, B.A.; Temple Baptist Theological Seminary. Will graduate in May with B.D. degree. Practical experience: Street meetings, jail work, youth work, Sunday-school teacher, personal work, student pastor at Congregational Christian Church, Tippecanoe, Ind. Married. One daughter, aged 2 years. Future plans: Waiting the Lord's leading.



POPULAR LADY AT GRACE SEMINARY



If a popularity contest should be held in the Grace Seminary family, the winner would in all probability be Mrs. Howard Byers. Mrs. Byers has become famous on the hill because of the pies she bakes and other food prepared daily in the snack shop. Members of the faculty even succumb to the extent that some even buy whole pies to take home.

Mr. and Mrs. Byers and their family came to Winona Lake from Johnstown, Pa., last fall when their son, Glenn, entered Grace College. The school seized the opportunity to have her operate the snack shop, for many recalled the reputation of her cooking at the Pennsylvania camps. She is doing her part to make both college and seminary students feel right at home.

GRACE SEMINARY GIFTS FOR MARCH 1954

Allentown, Pa.	\$2.00	Mundy's Corner, Pa.	\$16.00
Altoona, Pa. (1)	159.30	New Troy, Mich.	28.00
Ankenytown, Ohio	30.00	Philadelphia, Pa. (3) ...	100.00
Ashland, Ohio	257.70	Radford, Va.	7.00
Beaumont, Calif.	102.00	Rittman, Ohio	70.00
Berne, Ind.	30.00	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) ...	260.50
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	148.00	San Diego, Calif.	30.00
Clay City, Ind.	22.00	Seattle, Wash.	270.00
Compton, Calif.	150.00	Sharpville, Ind.	4.66
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.	28.00	Sidney, Ind.	234.22
Dallas Center, Iowa	2.00	Sidney, Ohio	10.00
Danville, Ohio	15.00	South Gate, Calif.	56.00
Dayton, Ohio (1)	4.82	Spokane, Wash.	79.00
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riv.) ..	433.17	Summit Mills, Pa.	11.00
Elkhart, Ind.	10.00	Taos, N. Mex.	15.00
Elyria, Ohio	19.00	Temple City, Calif.	25.00
Everett, Pa.	28.00	Waterloo, Iowa	94.35
Fillmore, Calif.	142.00	Winchester, Va.	137.75
Flora, Ind.	547.00	Winona Lake, Ind.	852.87
Garwin, Iowa	145.00	Wooster, Ohio	174.49
Hagerstown, Md.	28.00	Yakima, Wash.	109.41
Johnstown, Pa.	20.00	Yellow Creek, Pa.	23.00
Kittanning, Pa. (1)	50.44	York, Pa.	118.55
La Crescenta, Calif.	8.50	Non-Brethren	144.00
Lake Odessa, Mich.	175.82		
Leon, Iowa	62.44	Total: General Fund.	6,072.73
Limestone, Tenn.	10.00		
Listie, Pa.	224.36	Gifts Designated for Special Projects	
Long Beach, Calif. (1) ..	35.00	Covington, Ohio	\$70.00
Los Angeles, Calif. (1) ..	106.13	Dayton, Ohio (N. Riv.) ..	4,450.00
Los Angeles, Calif.		Winona Lake, Ind.	4.00
(Com.)		Wooster, Ohio	500.00
Martinsburg, Pa.	25.00		
Martinsburg, W. Va.	2.00	Total: Special	5,024.00
Middlebranch, Ohio	90.25		
Modesto, Calif. (Christian Center)	56.00		
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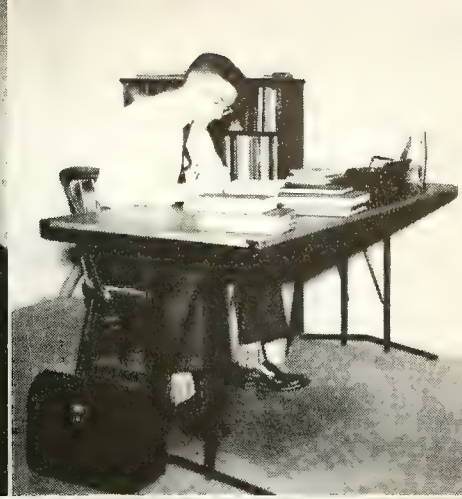
A seminary student began preaching his class sermon in a conceited manner, soon forgot it, and retired in confusion. A professor kindly remarked: "If you had gone into the pulpit as you came out, you might have come out as you went in."—*Earnest Worker*.

MODERN BUILDING

UP-TO-DATE PROFESSORS

BUT—

ANTIQUATED DESKS!



We'll leave it to you to decide whether or not there is a real need for some individual or group to take a project! Several of the teachers at Grace have been desperately handicapped because of the condition of what they have been obliged to call "desks." Take a good look at them and ask yourself if they are a credit to a lovely new building or a help to the teachers who are called upon to use them.

Now, that chair in the upper left picture really has a history! George Cone, Jr., Instructor in Linguistics, happened to be at the county courthouse one day when they were preparing to retire this aged chair and consign it to a funeral pyre. George interceded because—well, after all, it was much better than anything he had in his office. You will note that the room contains a table, not a desk. In the absence of drawers, this teacher has been using an ancient wooden file which, like the chair, long ago earned its retirement but still must work! On our visit to Mr. Cone's office the only good-looking thing we could see was the picture of his wife! George needs a desk! Can you help furnish his office?

Now, take a look at Professor Rea (top right). He looks happy indeed for a man who has in his office nothing but a folding table.



"I need one, too!"

Fortunately the table is long, for it must serve as desk, typewriter stand, and a place on which to put the things that should go into the drawer that the table doesn't have! Professor Rea needs a desk and an easier chair. Who can take it as a project?

Professor Bess appears at the lower left, trying to work out Hebrew lessons for his classes on a home-made desk that was never intended for a teacher's office. It was made at the school for the lecture classroom and, as a result, has no drawers either. To compensate for the situation Mr. Bess has been using the base of someone's 19-century livingroom desk, seen immediately behind him. Things of this kind were never intended for a Hebrew teacher. Who can remedy his situation?

Now, take a good look at Professor Gilbert at his desk (?), seen on the lower right. There you have something—or do you? Try and figure out the proportions of that picture, if you can! No, it isn't that the boxes and books on the desk are so large, or Brother Gilbert's feet below it. The desk is just plain small, and it has drawn many a laugh from those who visit the English professor's office. No one knows where he got the desk (?) standing back against the wall. Will someone please rise to help in this crisis before Mr. Gilbert gets stuck in this undersized affair and has to wear it to his lectures!

In the smaller picture is Professor Homer Kent, Jr., who says, "Me, too!" His desk is just like that of the

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EXCAVATING AT DOTHAN

By John Rea, Assistant Professor in Bible and Archaeology

(In a previous article Professor Rea described the Biblical and historical significance and the geographical setting of the ancient site of Dothan in northern Samaria.)

"Lufti!"—"hadhir." "Omar el Huneiti!"—"hadhir." "Machmud Mustapha!"—"hadhir." "Abed Suleiman!"—"hadhir." So began the day's work at 6:30 each morning with the roll call. The Arabs from nearby tents and villages answered "here" in their native tongue. Not having alarm clocks, they would come to the mound at daybreak to be sure of being there on time. How different from the attitude of Americans who always rush in at the last minute!

Selecting the Workers

On March 28 last year, the day we began to dig, men who needed jobs desperately came from miles around the Plain of Dothan. The large majority of the Arabs in the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan are poverty-stricken. The standard wage for the common laborer is from 50 to 80 cents a day. Yet they live so simply that even that small amount enables them to support a large family with bread. Our policy was to hire only one man from a family in order to spread as far as possible the benefits of their wages. Some of the workers were Arab refugees from the vicinity of Haifa in the new State of Israel.

Our Living Quarters

The 10 of us on the staff from America enjoyed living near these people away from the usual places of interest visited by tourists. We had rather comfortable quarters in a new stone house rented from the local Arab landowner. It was the modern home of a prosperous family in Palestine; since there was no electricity, no running water, no heating, however, most of us would class it as rather outdated. We supplied all the necessary furniture, lanterns, and primus stoves by purchases made in Jerusalem. A Christian Arab widow cooked delicious meals for us and became the interpreter whenever our slowly increasing knowledge of Arabic would fail us.

The American Staff

Dr. Joseph P. Free, professor of archeology at Wheaton College, directed the expedition. Having been to Palestine and the Near East many times, he is experienced in excavating and knows Arabic well. His charming wife not only acted as gracious hostess whenever interested Americans and Europeans came to visit the site, but also took charge of supervising one of the three gangs of workmen. They also had with them their two young children, Anita and David. Other members of the staff included Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Kilby, of Wheaton College; Mr. George Kelsey and Mr. Edwin Hollatz, graduate students at Wheaton College; Rev. Harold Meland, former director of the Bethel Children's Home at Jackson, Ky.; and the writer.

Supervisors of the actual digging included Mrs. Free, Mr. Kelsey, and the writer. Photography and making



The Hill of Dothan. Place of excavation may be seen as the bare spot just below the summit on the right side of the hill.

records and drawings of the pottery and other objects found were in charge of Dr. Kilby, assisted by Mrs. Kilby, Mr. Hollatz, and Mr. Meland. Dr. Kilby and I also worked together in plotting the ancient walls that were uncovered. From time to time, of course, we all relieved one another, so that everyone gained experience in each of the various activities.

A New Science

Archaeology has become a new science. No longer is it a mere treasure hunt for statues and other museum pieces. (The natives, however, thought we were looking for gold, for why else would people in their right minds travel all the way from America to dig in the side of a hill?) The directors of the Departments of Antiquities of the Near Eastern governments, when giving licenses to excavate, now require that exact records be kept. Through comparative study of the published reports of the many different archaeological expeditions, scholars have been able to reconstruct the history of the ancient Near East. Each stroke of the pick may uncover some new element in that history or add confirmation to what we already know. In the interests of historical science, then, we began work at 6:30 a. m., stopped digging at 4 p. m., but often were still recording or gluing together broken pottery at 11 p. m.

What Is a Mound?

We started excavating on the slope just below the crest of the mound. But why should we expect to find anything? Originally, many millenniums ago, some people had built a village on a small hill in the midst of the fertile, well-watered valley. For one reason or another their village was destroyed or was abandoned. Later, others liked this site for a town and built their houses on top of the ruins of the previous dwellings. This cycle

recurred over and over again, and the height of the hill gradually rose with the accumulation of layer upon layer of debris. At some point in history the town came to be called Dothan.

Valuable Rubbish

It was a certain habit of the ancient people that makes archaeological excavation worth while. Perhaps because of superstition, perhaps because of laziness, or perhaps in order to utilize the portions of walls still standing, builders of a town would leave the former foundations and other remains, merely leveling them somewhat instead of clearing off the mound completely. Then also, when the site was being occupied, the inhabitants had no garbage collectors; they simply threw their rubbish and broken dishes into the few narrow streets. If the timbers of a flat mud roof rotted or were burned so that the roof caved in and then the walls of the house collapsed, the rubble was not removed. The household implements remained buried under the stones and plaster and mud to tell thousands of years afterwards the story of life in that town.

Surprisingly enough, it is the potsherds, the broken pieces of jars and bowls and platters, that the archaeologist cherishes. Usually he has to rely upon these to determine the date of a particular Canaanite or Israelite city. Succeeding generations changed the shape and coloring of their "chinaware," and traders and new peoples brought in different types and styles from other lands. Each period in the history of Palestine—yes, almost each century—has its distinctive kinds of pottery. These have been catalogued during the last 50 years, and a "pottery chronology" generally agreed upon by archaeologists now forms the basis of dating the individual layers or levels of an ancient city in Palestine.

Levels of Occupation

Since Palestine has always been the ladder or bridge between Egypt and Asia, it has been invaded over and over again. Thus its cities were often destroyed by siege warfare. But other factors were involved, such as an earthquake, an accidental fire, or a pestilence that decimated the population of a town to such an extent that it was abandoned. Drifting dust in summer, and winter rains, which washed the debris of the collapsed houses off the mound, added to the desolation before the site was rebuilt. Each time an ancient city was destroyed or abandoned, its ruins formed a "level of occupation," sometimes two or three feet deep, sometimes a little more or less.

By our digging last year we discovered that there were about 11 main cities on top of the hill of ancient Dothan. The first or lowest began before 3000 B. C.; the latest or highest lasted until about 800 B. C. Later on, in the more settled times of the Roman and Byzantine periods, people lived near the well at the foot of the hill. The top level (our Level 1) dated to the time of Elisha (II Kings 6), and Level 4 (fourth from the top) dated to the days of Joseph (Genesis 37). Dothan is mentioned in connection with these two Biblical characters. Our excavation added confirmation to the validity of the events in these chapters by showing that Dothan was inhabited at those times.

(In a succeeding article, Professor Rea will describe some of the actual "finds" during the course of the excavation.)

Building Men Who Build Churches



Among the busy students at Grace Seminary are some who are also busy pastors. One of these is Nathan Meyer, who is pastor of the Leesburg, (Ind.) Brethren Church. During the year and a half Brother Meyer has served as pastor, the church has doubled its attendance at both the Sunday school and church services. Last Sunday 176 were present in Sunday school. During the past year the Leesburg congregation has refinished the outer walls of the church building, and a new front porch has been added. They are now so pressed for space that in the near future a building program is contemplated. Much credit for the growth in Sunday-school attendance is due to the weekly program of visitation and to the tireless efforts of Bro. F. B. Miller, the Sunday-school superintendent, who each week loads his car with youngsters from the surrounding communities. Recently Brother Miller found it necessary to turn in his car on a station wagon to care for the increased numbers of children the boys and girls were rounding up for him to bring in.

The greatest cause for rejoicing, however, is the large number of souls that have accepted Christ as their Saviour. In recent months there have been decisions almost every Sunday.

Recently Pastor Meyer conducted a baptismal service in the seminary chapel, since the Leesburg church has no baptistry of its own. Ten received the rite of Christian baptism and were added to the church. These are pictured above and are, reading from left to right: front row—Keith Enyeart, Edward Enyeart, Kenneth Enyeart, and Larry Hoffer; middle row—Ann Enyeart, Patricia Enyeart, Judy Julian, and Nancy McCormick; back row—Mrs. Julian, Mr. Wilbur Julian, and Pastor Meyer.

MODERN BUILDING . . . ANTIQUATED DESKS!

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Hebrew teacher, except his speaks Greek. If you could have seen the way it was groaning with books the day we visited his office you'd know why we didn't have the courage to print the whole picture. It is sufficient to say that both Brother Kent and the desk need help. What can you do?

Honestly, Brethren, we do not know of anything in the way of equipment that will help Grace Seminary more than at least a half dozen new desks. We believe there are a number of individuals or groups throughout our National Fellowship who will be glad to undertake the purchase of at least one desk as a special project. If you desire information as to the cost of a desk and chair, please write the school.—P. R. B.

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BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH.—The walls of the auditorium have been decorated in light green, and maroon drapes have been placed at the windows. A new entry has been constructed at the main entrance. Rev. Robert Markley is pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—The California District Conference of Brethren Churches will convene at the First Brethren Church May 29-June 5. Dr. C. W. Mayes will be the host pastor.

WAYNESBORO, PA.—The Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene at the First Brethren Church May 5-8.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Nineteen adults and 29 children were present Mar. 21 at the new Stearns Street Brethren Church in Los Altos.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF.—Rev. Ralph Colburn, national youth director, and Miss Julia Rowland were united in holy wedlock at the First Brethren Church on Apr. 10. A reception was held in Fellowship Hall of the church after the ceremony.

GLENDAL, CALIF.—Rev. J. Keith Altig became the pastor of the First Brethren Church on Apr. 1.

MODESTO, CALIF.—The northern California WMC rally was held at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church on Apr. 12-13.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—Chaplain Wayne Flory is stationed with the 7th Division, U. S. Army, in northern Korea. He reports conducting about 10 services a week, in addition to the many hours spent in personal conferences. A letter to Chaplain Flory would be appreciated. His address: Chaplain (1st Lt.) Wayne S. Flory O2268595, Hq. 1st Bn., 17th Inf. Regt., APO 7, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

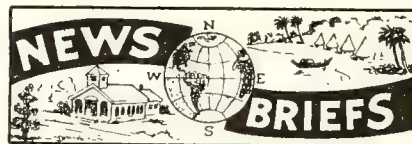
WAYNESBORO, PA.—A mother-and-daughter banquet will be held at the First Brethren Church Apr. 29.

UNIONTOWN, PA.—Mr. Horace F. Dean, president of Christ for America, was the guest speaker Apr. 3-4 at the First Brethren Church. Rev. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.—The Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church observed their first anniversary on Mar. 28. Dr. Karl Keefer was guest organist for the day.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Rev. D. I. Holliday, pastor of the Waynesboro, Pa., church, conducted pre-Easter meetings Apr. 15-17 at the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Russell Weber is pastor.

JENNERS, PA.—There were 72 present at the midweek prayer service on March 24. On Sunday afternoon, Mar. 28, 23 were baptized in the baptistry of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., as a direct result of the Evangelistic Crusade Team One. The attendance is increasing tremendously and the 100 mark is near. Rev. Victor Rogers is pastor.



FORT WAYNE, IND.—The Brethren Family Visitor is a midweek weekly bulletin mailed to all members and friends of the First Brethren Church. This is used as a source of contact for the church. Rev. James Hammer is pastor.

ROANOKE, VA.—Robert E. A. Miller, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. A. Miller, who was at the point of death some months ago with a very serious illness, has been given a final examination and been pronounced healed by the doctors. Indeed this is an answer to prayer, for the doctors had admitted they could do nothing for him.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Dr. Elias White, one of our Brethren ministers, has been supplying in the historic old Gibson Heights United Presbyterian Church here. Dr. White is dean of the Brooks Bible Institute. Brother White was the main speaker at the regional conference of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship which convened at Camp Tadmor, Mo., Apr. 23-25.

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA—Rev. and Mrs. Don Bishop arrived here on Mar. 31, safe and well. They will go to Rio Cuarto in the near future where they will work with Rev. and Mrs. Lynn Schrock. Tentative plans call for the Bishops to open a second station in Rio Cuarto, according to the Foreign Missionary Society office.

COMPTON, CALIF.—The young people from the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., were guests of the young people of the First Brethren Church here Mar. 12.

CAMP IDYLWILD, CALIF.—A young people's snow camp was conducted here Mar. 19-20 for the young people of Brethren churches of southern California. Rev. Bill Smith was the guest speaker.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Rev. and Mrs. Joe Hoffmann left Apr. 7 for a two-month tour of Europe. Rev. Hoffmann is chaplain of the Los Angeles Fire Department, and is a member of the First Brethren Church.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—According to the Long Beach Press-Telegram, Mr. Abe Bowman, 93, member of the First Brethren Church here, was united in holy wedlock on Jan. 30 to Mary Anderson Binns, 73.

ALHAMBRA, CALIF.—Rev. John Hathaway, former Brethren missionary to French Equatorial Africa, went to be with the Lord on Mar. 31.

LANSING, MICH.—The Grace Brethren Bible Class is now meeting at 3 o'clock each Sunday afternoon on the fourth floor of the YWCA.

TAOS, N. MEX.—The Taos Foundation, Inc., estate of the wealthy Dr. J. Thorne, of New York, has awarded the Brethren Spanish-American Missions of Taos, a check in the amount of \$25 for Easter candies for the Spanish children.

COMPTON, CALIF.—The Talbot Theological Seminary Quartet ministered to the First Brethren Church on Mar. 14. Rev. Norman Nelson is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Dr. and Mrs. Homer A. Kent recently had part in a five-weeks Sunday-school institute held in Pierceton, Ind. Dr. Kent gave a series of lectures to superintendents and departmental heads and Mrs. Kent taught a class on how to teach kindergarten children. A number of churches in the Pierceton area were represented.



UNREST



AND THE SIGNS OF CHRIST'S COMING

Prophecy is constantly being fulfilled today, bringing the time of Christ's return closer than ever before. A person would seemingly have to be deaf, dumb, blind, spiritually dead, and woefully ignorant, not to understand that Luke 21:25-26 is coming to pass right before our eyes, and that the great events of verses 27 and 28 may be right around the corner! Newspapers, magazines, radio, and television are daily proclaiming some fulfillments of this passage which *paints a picture of great unrest in the world.*

1. SOCIAL UNREST POINTS TO CHRIST'S RETURN.

The phrase in Luke 21:25—"the sea and the waves roaring"—refers to the great masses of people who are in unrest, turmoil, and confusion. People are unsatisfied and unhappy today. Unrest begins with the individual. Dissatisfied with self, men commit suicide. Divorce among adults and disobedience of children is on the increase. People are pleasure mad, yet not happy. They use drink and dope, yet are sad. Crime is on the increase and murders are committed just for the thrill. High-school students go on a strike, and there are epidemics of prison riots. The problem of race segregation has been placed before the U. S. Supreme Court, which affects the education laws in 21 States, and involves 10 million white children and 2½ million colored children. The issue is whether colored children shall be allowed to attend the same public school as the white children. There is great unrest in the South!

There is unrest within governmental circles. For months Senator Joseph R. McCarthy had the nation on edge and had important men trembling as his House Un-American Activities Committee carried on investigations to uncover spies within our governmental system. Even former President Truman was subpoenaed to testify.

Social unrest, based on the color line, has spread to Africa. Last year

Life, U. S. News, and World Report all devoted entire issues of their magazines to the Dark Continent. From Kenya to Capetown unrest was inflaming the African jungle and veldt. A force of 1,000,000 Kikuyu tribesmen, many of whom had taken the blood oath of the secret Mau Mau society, were determined to drive the white men from the land, resulting in many bloody riots. Adding to the tension, there is an increase in witchcraft and pagan customs. Recently 300 witch doctors met in South Africa and agreed to establish a school where Africans could be trained in occultism. Seventy million of Africa's 176 million souls have not yet heard the Gospel once.

2. RELIGIOUS UNREST A SIGN OF CHRIST'S RETURN.

In Luke 21:25 we have predicted: "And upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity." "With perplexity" means "with no way out." Truly the nations are in distress, with no way out! Much of the world unrest arises from religious problems. Anti-Semitism or hatred of the Jew, is still a live issue. Communism threatens to engulf the world. Modernism is deadening the life of the church. The publication of the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible has confused and divided the religious world. The World Council of Churches is aiming for a world church, and in their attempt to control denominations, have repeatedly attempted to keep fundamental missionaries from the mission fields. Even fundamentalists are dividing, with the Independent Fundamental Churches of America withdrawing from the American Council of Christian Churches.

Russia and Czechoslovakia are still persecuting the Jews. Behind the tragic Bamboo Curtain shrouding China's 475 millions, the death knell to all Christian liberty is slowly pealing. Probably not more than 200 Christian missionaries remain there, and it is feared these may

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not all be alive now. A generation of brain-washed youth is being raised who know no God but the state, and no Bible but the Communist decalog of violence, hate, and social revolution. This same picture is being repeated in all Communist-dominated countries. Doors are being shut and the future of missions is threatened.

3. INTERNATIONAL UNREST INDICATES CHRIST'S RETURN.

We read further in Luke 21:26: "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Unrest, confusion, and blind fear predominate today. It was a strange paradox that in Oslo, Norway, as Gen. George C. Marshall was being presented with the coveted Nobel Peace Prize for originating the plan to rehabilitate war-torn European nations, that Communist agitators staged a roudy anti-American demonstration outside the hall.

The United Nations have failed to solve the Korean situation. The eight-year war in French Indo-China continues. Russia continues to make trouble in Germany and all Europe. Nations talk openly about the dangers of World War III breaking out. Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer says: "Russia and the United States may be likened to two scorpions in a bottle, each capable of killing the other, but only at the risk of his own life. The atomic clock ticks faster and faster."

The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists advanced their time clock on civilization to *three minutes to midnight* after the Russian H-bomb explosion was confirmed. President Eisenhower solemnly predicted sud-

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A SCRIPTURAL REASON FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF

Nonresistance

"My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence" (John 18:36).

A careful examination of this and related passages reveals that the child of God is to refrain from using physical force and engaging in carnal warfare. Consider what Christ has to say in the above verse about His kingdom.

The Kingdom of Christ

The Old Testament reveals a universal kingdom of God. One can trace the development of this kingdom through the historical and prophetic sections of the Old Testament to the announcement of its character by our Lord Jesus Christ in the period of the Gospels.

That the kingdom announced by Christ as "at hand" was identical with the kingdom of Old Testament prophecy is seen in the fact that the very name "kingdom of heaven" was derived from Daniel 7:13-14, perhaps the clearest statement of the kingdom in the Old Testament.

It is in the Gospels that we find the teaching of our Lord concerning the kingdom, with the certainty in view that it is to be rejected by Israel (John 2:19-22; Luke 4:28-29). To prove the failure of this nation to recognize Christ as the King of the kingdom, Jesus announces a new thing—the church. He teaches His disciples the necessity of His death and resurrection (Matt. 16:20-21). He instructs them also that He will eventually come in the glory of His kingdom, and that His disciples will have an active part in its future manifestation here on earth (Matt. 19:27-28). By means of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, God again offered His Son as King. During the various trials of Jesus (mentioned in John 18) He continued to

urge His claim to this kingdom. Such is His claim when He says, "My kingdom is not of this world," etc.

There is not the remotest declaration in this passage, or any other Scripture passage, that the church is the kingdom. This is made clear in the Book of Acts. In the early chapters there is the proclamation by the apostles that the kingdom is ready for immediate manifestation, depending upon the attitude of Israel. Peter in his address from the temple porch reoffers the kingdom to them (Acts 3:12-26). But careful examination of the Book of Acts reveals the growth of Jewish opposition to this reoffer which culminates once again in their rejection (Acts 28:17-31; Matt. 13:10-14). As a result, the church of Jesus Christ is declared by the apostles to be "the spiritual nucleus" of the kingdom. As the Jewish opposition grows to the reoffer of the kingdom, the church becomes of greater importance, and the kingdom becomes secondary (Acts 18:6; 19:8-9; 23:10-12). The result is that in this present age the church is revealed fully in God's eternal purpose, and grace in relation to the kingdom of our blessed Lord. Christ said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Paul wrote, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14:17).

The reference to the kingdom in John 18:36, then, is one to a kingdom belonging to the Lord Jesus Christ. Due to His rejection by the Jews, it has been postponed with reference to its glory until the end of this present age; this present age being for the purpose of preparing the bride of Christ (the church) to be "the spiritual aristocracy" in the kingdom in its final manifestation during the millennium. It should be the duty of every child of God to advance the coming of that kingdom of Christ by

building up the church. How is this to be done?

Not by Physical Force

The kingdom of Jesus as developed here does not derive its origin by human will and earthly force. "My kingdom," said Christ, "is not of this world." Since it is not, the subjects of this kingdom should not employ force to maintain it. "If my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight . . . but now is my kingdom not from hence." Jesus gives proof of this in the way He gave himself over to the Jews. The record of the arrest and trial of Christ reveals in practice what is taught as a principle in John 18:36: that the servants of Christ need not to fight to develop His kingdom, the nucleus of that kingdom being the church. Let us, then as Christians—

Demonstrate This Principle

Romans 12 is a plain command for Christians not to be conformed to the world. I Peter 2 refers to believers as strangers and pilgrims in the earth. As citizens of the kingdom of Christ, we should so live. Can we advance that kingdom by using physical force? Can we hasten the coming of His kingdom by the taking of human life? The answers are obvious.

The kingdom of Christ is not of this world, and since it is not, the subjects of this kingdom should not employ force to maintain it. It is not an earthly kingdom, for an earthly kingdom is based on worldly policy, material prosperity, and social progress, whereas the principle of Christ's kingdom is receiving the truth. The truth is Christ incarnate, for He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

Evil and aggressive kingdoms today extend themselves by conquest; so does the kingdom of Christ. However, its weapons are not carnal, but it extends itself by preaching and teaching the truth to all ages, using as its weapons meekness, forbearance, and peace. Men seeing these things in the subjects of Christ's kingdom are subdued to it.

It is the firm conviction of the writer that in the light of the teaching of John 18:36, no child of God can advance the coming of Christ and His kingdom by becoming a member of the armed forces of any country in the world today, where

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WE ARE LIVING in a day when on every hand in the secular world almost everything is being tested. The farmer sends a sample of soil from his farm to the laboratory to have it analyzed in order to grow better crops. The proving grounds of the automotive industry have been the scene of many severe tests for the cars you and I are now driving. The annual National Air Races have resulted in the design and engineering of aircraft that has revolutionized air travel so that today airplanes travel at an almost unbelievable rate of speed. The atomic scientists are busy day and night in the laboratory making new discoveries in the field of atomic research. We might well ask the question, "Why this intensive research and testing program?" I believe the purpose of these tests is to improve the quality of the particular product in each case by discovering the defects and correcting them.

It would be well for every born-again believer to daily "test" his Christianity in the Lord's laboratory and on His proving ground. Such a testing, I am sure, will reveal "defects" which need correcting. What shall be the norm or criterion for this self-examination and this testing of our faith? Shall we look to men? Shall we set up some saint of God as our example? I fear that the Christian who looks to a mere man for his example in the Christian life is sooner or later doomed to disappointment. There is only one worthy example, even our blessed Lord. There can be only one criterion for testing our Christianity, and that is the life and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ as found in the Word of God.

I am suggesting three questions by

which we, as believers, ought to test ourselves. Let us enter the Lord's laboratory humbly but honestly. Wherein the test reveals "defects" in our lives, may we fall on our knees before our Saviour and ask Him for the grace to become the kind of Christian He wants us to be.

1. *What about your Lord's Day customs?*

Luke records these words concerning our Lord Jesus in chapter 4:16: "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day." Is your attendance at God's appointed place of worship on the Lord's Day (both morning and evening services) a custom, or do other "customary things" interfere with your church attendance? We who name Jesus Christ as our Saviour can do well to emulate our Lord's example in this respect. It is the growing conviction of the writer that every Christian is indebted to the Lord to be present at all the services of the church, including prayer meeting, unless prevented by illness or some reason which can conscientiously be given to our blessed Lord. "Let us draw near with a true heart. . . . Let us hold fast the profession of faith . . . let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:22-25).

2. *What about your good works?*

For the most part, it seems, Ephesians 2:10 is a forgotten verse. We like to quote verses 8 and 9, but seldom is verse 10 included with them. Not only has verse 10 been deleted from our testimonies but the most tragic thing is that its truth has been deleted from the experience of so many Christians. We are saved by God's grace apart from any works, but I would like to emphasize the practicability of verse 10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." I do not believe in a salvation by works, but I do believe in a salvation that works. May the consuming passion of our Lord's heart to be obedient in doing the Father's work grip our hearts also. "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34). "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

3. *What about your responsibility to the lost?*

In the home of Zacchaeus Jesus said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). This verse very aptly sets forth the purpose for Christ's coming into the world and epitomizes the earthly life and ministry of our Lord. Since Christ has commissioned us, as His disciples, and commanded us to preach the Gospel and to be witnesses of His saving grace, it is incumbent upon us that we also seek the lost. We have no choice in this matter; as blood-redeemed saints of God the obligation rests upon us to evangelize the lost. We are saved to tell others. May God grant us a heart like that of the Apostle Paul when he said, "For necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is me, if I preach not the gospel!" (I Cor. 9:16). Paul first said, "I am debtor," then, "I am ready to preach the gospel," then, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:14-16).

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By Rev. Earle Peer

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OUR MODERATOR SPEAKS

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WHAT DOES MY LORD EXPECT OF ME (EPH. 5:25-27; HEB. 13:17)

Suppose you had to *run* for church membership as any candidate "runs" for political office. Would you win? Suppose the membership were good for one year only, and that reelection depended upon the good you had done in your church during the past year. Would you be among those reelected? Suppose there were a long list of those waiting to get in. Would you be more "alive" to remain in? Suppose you were called on to explain just why your name should be kept on the roll. Have you a helpful service to the Lord you are giving? Suppose every other member of the church gave just like you give. Would your church live or die? Suppose every other member attended prayer meeting like you attended. Would there be one every week or one a year? **JUST SUPPOSE!**

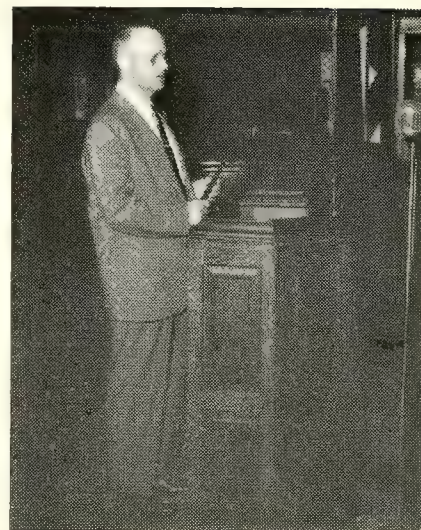
Christ expects His church to be "doers of the word" (Jas. 1:16-22). J. C. Penney once said, "If a man is too busy to worship God *twice* on Sunday and on prayer-meeting night, he has more business than God intended him to have." A church member confessed, "Lord, as I sit here on this lonely Sunday evening surrounded by my papers, company, and relatives, half listening to the radio, it has just come to me that I lied to Thee and myself. I said that I was not well enough to go to church. That is not true. I would have gone hunting if it had been another day. I would have gone to work if it had been Monday. Lord, I'm not sick, or anything else. I am a liar."

Christ expects His church to be a *soul-winning church* (Acts 1:8). Low spirituality reflects low-doing and low-giving and low-serving—yes, low-witnessing. The early church was a **SOUL-WINNING CHURCH**. Spurgeon, in London, had scores confessing Christ each Sunday. The secret was a trained people witnessing and praying for this victory every day. Brethren, we can have revival **IF** all the sleeping folk will

wake up, and all the lukewarm folk will fire up, and all the dishonest folk will confess up, and all the disgruntled folk will sweeten up, and all the discouraged folk will cheer up, and all the depressed folk will look up, and all the estranged folk will make up, and all the gossipers will shut up, and all the drybones will shake up, and all the true soldiers will stand up, and all the church members will pray up, and all that are in debt will pay up (the above from Frank Knox).

Charles G. Finney gives seven symptoms of spiritual declension which call for revival: (1) When there is want of brotherly love and Christian confidence among believers. (2) When there are dissensions, jealousies, and evil speaking among Christians. (3) When there is a worldly spirit in the church. (4) When the church finds its members falling into gross and scandalous sins. (5) When there is a spirit of controversy in the church or in the land. (6) When the wicked triumph over the churches and revile them. (7) When sinners are careless and stupid, it is time for Christians to bestir themselves.

Christ expects His church to be true to the faith (Heb. 10:23). One should have the courage of his convictions. Hear Paul: "Take heed unto **THYSELF** [first], and unto **THE** doctrine" (I Tim. 4:16). Today is characterized by apostasy of **LIFE**, which is usually followed by apostasy of **LIP**, doctrine. The **EMPTY PEW** in the average church speaks in language of warning and tragedy. It speaks constantly of unfaithfulness to God and to His church. It speaks of myriads of unclaimed blessings. To the preacher it says, "Your sermons are not appreciated." To the visitor it says, "This church is not progressing." To the treasurer it says, "Look out for a deficit." To the prospective church member it says, "You had better wait a while longer." To the missionaries throughout the world it says, "Your



Moderator Joseph L. Gingrich

work is not needed." To the Lord Jesus it says, "Your work of love and of suffering is not appreciated; your death was in vain, and your fellowship is not wanted" (Adapted).

Christ expects His church to be an **EXEMPLARY CHURCH** (Gal. 6:6). Friendliness and a deep concern for *all* the others are of vital importance. Be friendly to everyone—not just two or three. **PARENTS** should set the example before all the youth of the church. We are reminded constantly of "**JUVENILE DELINQUENCY**," and it is alarming, **BUT** what about the negligent parents who are **FAILING** in meeting Christ's command to rear, train, and admonish these children in the way in which they should go? Remember—

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away,

In the parable Jesus told;
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray

From the ninety and nine in the fold.

Out on the hillside, out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought;

And back to the fold, safe into the fold,

'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.

NATIONAL TREASURER WRITES—

Dayton, Ohio, April 6.

Dear Brother Deloe:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Deloe, I have been thinking about the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen's start in evangelism—how in September 1949 we were to help the Board of Evangelism (with our prayers, tithes, and offerings), to sponsor three meetings in the year at Portland, Oreg.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Harrisburg, Pa.

Then August 1952 the birth of the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade.

Laymen, do you remember the day Brother Lepp came to our meeting and made the announcement of the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade, how we stood and sang (with tears and sobs of joy) "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"?

Last year we set our goal for \$3,000 to help the Brethren United Evangelistic Crusade. From August 1, 1953, to March 31, 1954, the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen has received \$1,095.66. We have only five more month to receive about \$2,000.

Laymen, have you done your part?

In His service,

Walter Hoyt.

RECEIPTS FOR MARCH

Board of Evangelism (\$3,000).....	\$329.20
General Fund (\$500)	7.25
Boys Clubs (\$250)	13.50
Student Aid (\$1,000)	7.00

NEW PASTOR WELCOMED

The Men's Fellowship Group of KITTANNING, PA., held a Father-and-Son Banquet in the church basement on April 5 to welcome the new pastor, Rev. William H. Schaffer.

The Alexander Mack Brotherhood at JOHNSTOWN, PA., met March 15 at the church.

On March 16, the men of the First Brethren Church at LA VERNE, CALIF., met for a potluck dinner, with Rev. Lewis Hohenstein, pastor of the Whittier, Calif., First Brethren Church, as speaker.

ELKHART, IND., men met March 15 at the home of Bro. Kurtz in Goshen.

National Fellowship OF Brethren Laymen

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

DAYTON PRESIDENT REPORTS ON LAYMEN'S DAY MEETINGS

From Bro. H. L. Edwards, president of the DAYTON, OHIO, men's group, we received the following on the Laymen's Day program February 28.

"We feel that it was a great success for the first one. . . . We had a 19-member male chorus that sang at all three meetings. At the afternoon and evening services there was a male quartet and a solo. Bro. Mason Cooper [national president], brought us three fine messages from the Word of God. We did not have too many present for the afternoon rally as it was a very blustery day. There were about 200 at the morning service, 35 at the rally, and about 165 in the evening.

"At our laymen's meeting last night we agreed to continue the chorus and quartet; also do visiting. We had 19 present last night. . . . I am very thankful for the cooperation I have received since being president.

"Yours for souls,

H. L. Edwards."

P. S.—There were four decisions on the 28th.

A two-night Bible conference was sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood at LEAMERSVILLE, PA., Feb. 28 and Mar. 1. Speaker was Rev. Jack Keith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Curwensville, Pa.

Dear Laymen: One of you could have filled up this space if you had sent in something of interest to the editor of this page. So I will fill it with an admonition from the Word. Remember, in this day of apostasy, when so many are choosing their *own way*, that Jesus said: "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME" (John 14:6).

NEW OFFICERS AT WASHINGTON

New officers of the Men's Fellowship at WASHINGTON, D. C., are: Clyde Vance, president; Floyd Hartman, vice president; and John Mehaffie, secretary-treasurer.

Men at INGLEWOOD, CALIF., met April 2 and heard Roger Arnebergh, Los Angeles city attorney, as the speaker.

The northern Ohio Brethren men's rally was held at ASHLAND, OHIO, on March 21. Rev. Wayne Beaver was the speaker. Supper was served to the men following the afternoon service.

The Men's Fellowship at WINCHESTER, VA., met April 13 for their inspirational meeting at the parsonage. Earl Hildebrand was in charge.

The Brotherhood at the WHITTIER, CALIF., First Church met on April 13 and had Rev. George Gef-takys, evangelist, as speaker.

The laymen of the Blair-Bedford area met March 25 at the JUNIATA, PA., church.

OUCH!

We regret that our comments under the heading "Ouch!" on the Laymen's Page (March 27) were taken so seriously. Meant to be humorous, they caused indignation to arise in a brother (or sister) in Long Beach, Calif., who wrote a letter (unsigned) to us with some very appropriate Scripture references. He (or she) is absolutely right, and we only wish we could have written to him (or her) to explain a little more about the background of the incident. By the way, things written on this page are the sole responsibility of the undersigned and complaints (or bouquets) should be addressed to him.

Jesse B. Deloe (Layman).

LAYMEN'S DAY AT FINDLAY

Sunday, April 4, was Laymen's Day at FINDLAY, OHIO, when the men of the church, in the absence of the pastor, had complete charge of all services. Brother Jason Thomas sent us the news and church bulletin, which showed that among those taking part were many new Christians.

In Memoriam

Names appear in this column only when sent in by pastor.

MR. ERNEST NIELSEN went "to be with the Lord" Feb. 22. Brother Nielsen was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Rev. Richard DeArmey, pastor,
Grace Brethren Church,
Waterloo, Iowa.

MR. EDWIN PUGH departed from his earthly tabernacle on Mar. 3, when he was drowned. Brother Pugh was serving aboard the Destroyer U. S. S. *English* when he fell overboard and all attempts at rescue failed. He accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour on Oct. 22, 1950, and was baptized the same day.

Rev. Paul Dick, pastor,
First Brethren Church,
Winchester, Va.

MRS. JOHN LUTHER departed from this life on Jan. 20. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Clay City, Ind.

Rev. Ralph Burns, pastor,
First Brethren Church,
Clay City, Ind.

MR. EMMET McCLURE BOWSER, 70-year-old member of the First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa., has departed from this life. A memorial service was conducted on Mar. 1 at the North Buffalo Brethren Church.

Rev. Donald Rossman, pastor,
North Buffalo Brethren Church,
Kittanning, Pa.

MRS. MYRTLE M. SISK, 76, was called home by her Lord on Sunday, March 7, 1954. Mrs. Sisk and her husband have been faithful members of the Sidney Brethren Church for many years. Mrs. Sisk united with the church at Sidney in 1906 and was a teacher in the children's department for over 40 years. Sister Sisk will long be remembered by the brethren at Sidney.

Rev. Earle E. Peer, pastor,
Sidney Brethren Church,
Sidney, Ind.

UNREST

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den and mass destruction, erasure of cities, windrows of unidentified dead, a possible doom of every nation and society, as a possible result of the use of atomic and hydrogen bombs. In his address to the United Nations General Assembly he said: "Atomic bombs today are more than 25 times as powerful as the weapons with which the atomic age dawned, while hydrogen weapons are in the ranges of millions of TNT equivalent!" The A-bombs used on Japan were 20,000-tonners, therefore the big A-bomb of today packs the blast effect of 500,000 tons of TNT going off at once!

Gen. George C. Kenney (Ret.) said: "Only an insufficient supply of atomic bombs deters Russia from attacking the western world." He further said: "Russia last year produced 40,000 aircraft, virtually all of them front-line fighters and bombers, which is more than double U. S. production." With the atomic weapons available, an all-out war could destroy both contestants. No wonder "men's hearts are failing them for fear," as the Bible predicted. The signs point to the soon coming of our Lord, for Luke 21:27 speaks of "the Son of man coming in a cloud," and verse 28 warns us, "when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." The Christian is to "look up" (vs. 28); "take heed" (vs. 34); "watch and pray" (vs. 36).

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

When the Devil calls, let Jesus answer the doorbell!

It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart.

How to handle the Bible: (1) Get everything out of it. (2) Do not read anything into it. (3) Let nothing remain unread in it.

So many of "the pillars of the church" are nothing but caterpillars.

Sin is the greatest of all detectives; be sure it will find you out.

—Selected.

THE SECRET OF MIRACLES

An old Christian was arguing with a skeptic about miracles, while the latter, who was whittling away, said that the reign of law prevented miracles, and "I can demonstrate it. I hold in my hand the best proof in the world that law reigns. If I let go this knife no power can suspend the law of gravitation. It will fall down." The old Christian said, "Now watch me with my jackknife," and he flicked it up and it stuck in the ceiling. Said he, "I let go of it and it did not fall down." Said the skeptic, "Oh, but you did something to it." "Yes," said the Christian, "that is what God does."—*Christian Herald*.

NONRESISTANCE

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his duties in that army require him to actually take life. Possibly, service in the Medical Corps, or with service troops, is permissible, for such service does not require the taking of life. In fact, the United States Government permits young men to register for duty in the armed forces as a noncombatant. It is even possible to register as a C. O. (conscientious objector). But no Christian has a right to register as a C. O. unless he gives real evidence that he is living in separation from the many evil habits of this present world.

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Activity in ARGENTINA



Congregation at Rio Tercero
(Rev. & Mrs. Churchill) & Mrs. Sickel at left



DVBS group - Corral de Bustos

Street scene - Santa Eufemia



Preparing for services at Don Bosco
Bro. Churchill, Bro. Hoyt, & Don Pedro



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard
Editor, Foreign Mission Number

This Glorious Season

These editorials are being written in the resurrection season when, as in no other season of the year, the whole Christian world turns eyes to the empty tomb. And really that empty tomb expresses the only unique and different thing about the Christian message. The religions of the world tell of beautiful lives, of sacrificial dying, of joy, and of blessing, but none has the glorious good news of a real bodily resurrection of One from among the dead. Our Christian message, therefore, is a unique message, never to be watered down by its association or surroundings—"He is risen!" Jesus Christ is not among the dead, He is of the living! Because He lives, we too shall live! Let us herald forth this message.

One for One

A Fine Spirit

Since returning from South America and immediately following the midyear meeting of our board of trustees, we have been busy visiting churches. We have visited in Ohio, Indiana, California, Pennsylvania, and within a few days we will be in the Tennessee-Virginia area. Our purpose is to visit for a period of one to two weeks in all of our national districts just as rapidly as is possible for us and as is suitable to the churches and pastors. The response has been most encouraging—I believe it is the best during my eight years as your general secretary. Our missionaries on furlough, also helping in this great program of visitation, concur in their testimony to this very fine spirit in all of our churches. Our thanks is first to God, then to you people for such fine interest.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

A Fine Response

Yes, such a fine interest should indicate a fine response so far as our tithes and offerings for foreign missions. We believe we will have just that. We all recognize that we are in a recession; many people are out of work, and incomes are less than a year ago. Many are asking, "What will this do to our foreign-mission offering?" I suppose our missionaries are also scanning the economic sky. Expanding to reach more souls for whom Christ died—yes, just holding present lines in the program of missions so dear to the hearts of those mission-

aries—depends so very largely on tithes and offerings presented to the Lord for foreign missions in this resurrection season of the year. I predict a fine response in missionary giving, with a substantial increase over last year's offering. But my prediction is not based on any deductions made as I view the economic sky in April 1954.

One for One

Sacrifice Will Be Necessary

Prosperity does not necessarily mean large missionary giving; neither does recession mean reduced giving. Prosperity often means only a whetting of the appetite of the natural man for more—more—more of those things to satisfy worldly ambitions and desires. Frequently such means the unreasonable purchasing of luxury items with but little cash, hoping to pay in the tomorrow. Current cash for the Lord's work is often very scarce in the seasons of prosperity, and oftentimes more money in cash is actually available for the Lord's work during the times of recession or depression. Sacrifice is always necessary if our Christian giving is to be pleasing to the Lord. Sacrifice will be required on the part of all of us if we are to increase our foreign-mission giving 34 percent, which is necessary to claim our present opportunities, and sacrifice will be needed even to increase the 14 percent necessary to care for current operations. But sacrifice is not unpleasant to the one who knows and loves the Lord; rather it is that which brings the very greatest blessing and joy in the Christian's living. Members of our Brethren churches are spiritually capable of sacrifice in the matter of Christian giving. We have done it before! We can do it again!

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An Earthquake Didn't Stop Them

I do not have the details before me as I write, but I am sure most of you will remember hearing our late dearly beloved Dr. Louis S. Bauman tell concerning the earthquake experience in Long Beach, Calif., some dozen years ago. Homes of hundreds of the Brethren were either destroyed or damaged, great damage was done to the beautiful, almost new, First Brethren Church, and it was just before the Easter season when the foreign-mission offering was to be given. Many must have thought and said, "I can't give anything to

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foreign missions this year." Possibly some were not able to do so, but when the offerings were totaled, if I remember correctly, the church gave her largest offering to that date for foreign missions.

This present slight economic recession will certainly do nothing to all of us in any way comparable to what the earthquake did to that great church. An earthquake didn't stop them, and I don't believe a little recession will stop the channels of our tithes and offerings as far as foreign missions are concerned this year.

One for One

Ours Is an Aroused Church

I doubt whether there is a single member of the Brethren Church, at least one that is "worth his salt," who is not aroused by the challenge of the magnitude of our foreign missionary program. And I know that this aroused, thrilled, foreign-mission-minded church will not permit a slight recession to cause her to forget or neglect responsibilities to our "soldiers of the cross" out on the firing line. The spirit of "share and share alike" is becoming contagious for many people in our Brethren

churches, and that spirit will do for Christ in sunshine or rain, prosperity or recession, this year and next.

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Hitting on All Four

Some who read this might understand better if I should say, "hitting on all eight." The first expression referred to the four-cylinder motor when it was running perfectly. Well, our foreign-mission program isn't perfect; neither are any of those who have a part in it. But I do want to testify that on all of our SIX fields—Africa, Argentina, Brazil, France, Hawaii, and Mexico—our foreign-missionary program is "hitting on all four." Souls are being saved, those saved are being taught, those taught are going out to win others. Self-supporting churches are being established, natives and nationals are assuming almost unbelievable responsibilities so that missionaries are being released to strike hard in new centers. To me that means a successful program in any land. We therefore have courage to ask you to give—yes, give until its hurts, then keep on giving until it quits hurting—toward this great business of "getting the Gospel out."



Children's class in front of meeting place at San Ignacio.



Brethren Longoria and Fuentes with a family of believers.

ON THE TRAIL—

SEEKING THE LOST—IN BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO

REPORT MADE BY DR. ALBERTO MORALES

(Editor's Note—During February Bro. Walter Haag made a trip down the peninsula of Baja California. He was accompanied by Dr. Alberto Morales, of Tucson, Ariz., and two Mexican brethren from San Diego, Calif.—Polo Longoria and Matias Fuentes. The purpose of the trip and the definite leading and blessing of the Lord are reported by Dr. Morales in the following article which he dictated to Brother Haag.)

The Place

Baja (Lower) California, Mexico, has been considered a territory of over 1,000 miles in length and 130 miles in width. Its formation is rugged, perhaps of volcanic origin. Therefore the road in general is paved with rocks of all sizes and shapes. Strictly speaking there are no roads in Baja California except for 125 miles. The traveler has to contend with the hazards of these so-called roads, which should really be called trails. The peninsula is a vast desert land with a few oases that help the inhabitants as well as the traveler.

Through such desert and on this type of road the Christian missionary, as an envoy of the God of love, has to travel in order to give the message of salvation to this isolated people. Because of the lack of communication this territory has been segregated from the rest of the republic and almost forgotten by Christian missionary efforts.

The People

The people are scattered all over the peninsula, living mostly in what they call ranches composed of one or a very few families. There are no more than three or four large cities. The people are amicable, although some are quite bashful. Those who are not used to seeing stran-

gers run to hide and only the man of the house comes out to talk to the stranger; however, when the stranger is identified or made known, the rest of the family comes out to see him and to talk to him. In general, the people are of very little means or extremely poor.

They have not had the opportunity of education or religious training except what the Roman Catholic Church has given and that has been only in the large towns. As far as the Gospel is concerned, the people of this peninsula have been neglected. It is for this reason the Lord has put it into the heart of some like Bro. Walter Haag, of the Brethren Church, to seek the lost on the trails of Baja California.

The Work

By the grace of God and in His own time, four of us—Brother Haag, Brother Fuentes, Brother Longoria, and I—started to go south of the border on Saturday, February 6. Continuing until the 22d of the same month we went from ranch to ranch, and to the mines, making our major stops in Punta Colnett, San Ignacio, Santa Rosalia, and Rancho Coyote.

We gave out hundreds of Gospels, gospel tracts, 17 New Testaments, and 18 Bibles. Whenever we saw a person on the road, in a truck, or anyone passing by, we always stopped to talk to him about his salvation. The people are hungry for the Word of God—one father of eight children, when we gave him a Bible, told us that now he has something to teach to his children. In several instances the people begged us to stay longer to give them more of the Word, and their constant plea was, "When are you coming back?" To our sorrow we could not give a definite answer and we had to leave in order

to cover more places. We found many who had never heard the Gospel of salvation in Christ. What a blessed privilege for us to give to these people the message of the "Good News."

It did not matter to us whether we talked to one person or more. We always presented the claims of Christ with the thought in mind that it was our opportunity as well as theirs, and perhaps that opportunity would never come again. We believed it our responsibility to take advantage of the opportunity. When we had meetings, the people listened with eagerness. When the meetings were over, they seemed not to be satisfied but wanted more, so they remained after the meeting closed to sing, ask questions, and have a Christian conversation.

The Visible Results

The Lord gave the privilege of seeing some visible results, such as 50 professions of faith. The faith of the believers was strengthened, we learned of possibilities for new missions, and there was interest even from the authorities. We regret that we had to see a priest

destroying some of the Gospels that we had given to the children.

Looking Ahead

Taking into consideration the many believers there are, we now look to the future with hopes that these believers may receive more teaching of the Word. In order for such to be accomplished, there is a great need for at least two Mexican missionary pastors to take care of the work and to help these believers grow in grace and also to work step by step towards the organization of strong churches, that from these churches the light of the Gospel may be spread out to other communities nearby. We feel the necessity of one pastor in Tijuana, another in San Ignacio, and perhaps one in Mulege, if it is possible to have a mission at this point.

We praise the Lord and give Him all the honor and glory for this work and we beg you, the reader, to pray for the work in this peninsula as you have never prayed before.

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Group of believers at Punta Colnett

Dr. Morales explaining the Word.

FROM LAREDO, TEXAS

The little band of children who have been coming to club and Sunday school are still coming, and a few of them are getting grounded in the Lord and His Word. As yet we have not had a Bible class in this community for adults. 'Til the present at least, it just hasn't seemed to work out. The people as a whole are somewhat friendly, but reserved, toward us. There is a need for the hand of God to break upon their dull hearts, that they might be broken at the foot of the cross.

Across the border we still are meeting in two homes. Usually there are about 20 coming to each place. There are at least five adults who are really manifesting that God has worked in their hearts. Some of the others are already Christians, and the rest are favorable to our coming and speaking and witnessing each week. A number of the children, both here and across the border, are manifesting a real joy in the Lord. We are sorry to see one young married lady leave us for Monterey. She

EASTER OFFERING REPORTS

Financial report blanks for use in reporting the Easter offering have been sent to all pastors and churches. Be sure to contact our foreign-mission office if you did not receive your supply.

Your Easter offering and report should reach our office by June 30, 1954, or as soon as possible thereafter. We trust that date may be met by all reporting.

Send all reports to the foreign-mission office, addressing them as follows: Miss Ruth E. Reddick, P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. Please make all checks, money orders, etc., payable to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

accepted the Lord about a month ago and has enjoyed the meetings. She was caring for her sick mother, who is not yet clear as to salvation but is interested.—*Sibley Edmiston.*

In Memoriam

Rev. John W. Hathaway, beloved by those in the Brethren Church who remember the years of his service in French Equatorial Africa, departed to be with the Lord on March 31 and his earthly temple was laid to rest on Saturday, April 3. Funeral services were held in the beautiful Rose Hills Chapel at Whittier, Calif.

Brother Hathaway gave 16 years of his life in a most unselfish manner in missionary work in our field in French Equatorial Africa, serving from 1922 to 1938. For most of that time he served as superintendent or director of the mission. Since returning from the foreign field he has served as a pastor and as a missionary in the homeland.

I am sure we speak for the missionaries on the field and for the many friends in the homeland as we extend to Sister Hathaway, to the immediate relatives, and to the intimate friends our Christian sympathy. It is our prayer that the "God of all comfort" may be permitted to supply His comfort in abundant measure to their sad hearts.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

WE ARE SORRY!

Yes, we are truly sorry that some of your foreign-mission supplies arrived rather late. Conditions entered in over which we seemed to have no control. Materials were prepared before we left on the South American trip, but developments during these months and decisions made in our midyear board meeting as late as March 9 caused us to radically change much of the material.

Our society has changed its business year to correspond with the calendar year, hence there is not quite the urgency that all offerings be in by a specified day. However, we do earnestly ask that your offerings for foreign missions be out of the way as we enter into the season for the next Fellowship interest. Try hard to have your foreign mission offering sent in by June 30, but we will, of course, count to the credit of your church all offerings received during the calendar year of 1954.

R. D. B.

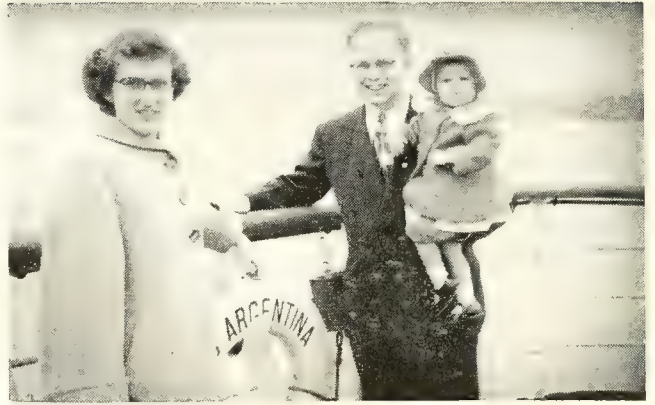
One for One

MY NEED now is great and urgent; God is greater and more near; and because He is, and what He is, all must be, all is, all will be well. Oh, the joy of knowing the Living God, of seeing the Living God, of resting on the Living God in our very special and peculiar circumstances! He will look after His own honor, provide for His own servants, and supply all our need.—*J. Hudson Taylor.*

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

Study missionary geography under the Holy Spirit and God will write the names of the heathen so on our hearts that we cannot rest until we bring them the Gospel.—*A. B. Simpson.*

DON BISHOPS ARRIVE IN ARGENTINA



Word has been received by the foreign-mission office that the Don Bishop family arrived safely in Argentina on March 31. The above photo was taken by Bro. Roy Snyder and shows the Bishops on board the S. S. *Argentina*, just before sailing from Baltimore, Md., March 12.

One for One

THE BORROWED GODS

The gods of a village near Taichung, Formosa, had favored their followers with unusual success and happiness—this was the story these villagers told. Consequently, the people of a neighboring village had asked to borrow the images. As the three gods stood on the railroad station information counter before being put on the train, hundreds of people—men, women, and children—came with incense and paper for burning, and on all sides were most devoutly paying them homage in farewell. The gods, with three men to accompany them, were given the best seats on the train. *What a challenge this brings to Christians! Because of Christ's influence shown forth in your life, do your neighbors ask to "borrow" your God?—The Missionary Broadcaster.*

SOME AFRICAN LINKS

By Miss Mary Emmert

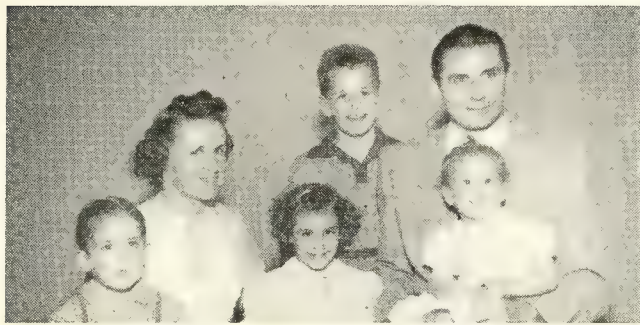
NOW AVAILABLE AT 50 CENTS PER COPY

This book is a fascinating, well-illustrated account of the author's years in French Equatorial Africa. A gift copy has been presented to each family who gave \$5 or more to foreign missions during either of the last two years. In a few cases correct addresses are needed to complete this distribution, but such will be cared for as soon as possible. The book has been most enthusiastically received.

The remaining copies of this book are now being offered at a cost of 50c per copy. Orders should be sent to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind.

FUTURE PLANS

THE GOODMANS



Paul Dorothy David Marvin
Anne Suzan

Dear Friends of the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society,

As you know, due to our daughter Anne's illness, our work on the field in French Equatorial Africa was interrupted. Since we have been home Anne has undergone continuous treatments on her paralyzed left leg. Although there has been some improvement, her progress has been much slower than that for which we had hoped and prayed. All indications are that it will be a period of years before Anne can return to the field without jeopardizing her health. We know that the Lord could have healed Anne's leg quickly if it were His will. Since He has not, we believe it is an indication that we are not to plan on returning to Africa at this time.

For a time we believed that we might be of service in the work in France with the Fogles. France is certainly a field where the Gospel is needed. However, to see the need of a field and to receive God's call to enter into that field are not the same thing. Since the refusal of our visa and after much prayer, we do not believe we have received a definite call of the Lord into this work.

Since arriving at the foregoing decisions, we have requested the foreign-mission board to terminate our relationship with them, at least for the present time. We are deeply thankful for our board and especially our general secretary, Dr. Barnard. They have given us every consideration and assistance, and it is with deep regret that we take this action. We shall unite our prayers with yours that the Lord shall supply the laborers to enter quickly into the very needy harvest fields of Africa and France. Perhaps it is you who should go to take our place.

Yours in the fellowship of Christ,

The Goodmans.

April 1954.

In behalf of the board—

Our years of association with Marvin and Dorothy Goodman have been happy years. They first went to Africa in 1945 and served in a most faithful and self-sacrificing way until they were forced to return to the States because of the illness of little Anne. You will remember that she was stricken with polio and they returned on emergency furlough in 1952. Little Anne has made noticeable improvement but the feeling is that her improvement has not been sufficient to justify the return of the Goodmans to Africa, neither to cause them

THE ALTIGS



Vivian



Keith

Dear Brother Barnard,

Just a word of explanation about our relation to the board and our going back to the field.

There has been no solution to the problem of the schooling for the children and what we would do with them if we were to return to the field soon. Therefore, we are asking to be released from the board and our responsibilities on the field.

We certainly enjoyed all of our associations with the board and we feel that the Lord has greatly blessed in the opening of the field in Brazil. Our prayers will always be burdened for the work, not only in Brazil but in every part of the world.

The Lord has opened up a field of service for us here as we go to the Glendale church to assume the pastorate.

Sincerely in Christ,

J. Keith Altig.

April 1954.

In behalf of the board—

It is with great reluctance that we are releasing Rev. and Mrs. J. Keith Altig from their association with our society as foreign missionaries. The Altigs have done a most commendable piece of missionary pioneering in our field in Brazil. Our recent visit to that field demonstrates this in a large way. We desire that the Altigs shall do what they believe to be the Lord's will for their lives, but shall look forward to the future years, if the Lord may so direct, to their return to active missionary service in Brazil.

Our prayers will be with the Altigs in the new pastoral responsibilities which they have accepted at the First Brethren Church of Glendale, Calif.

R. D. B.

to believe that they should leave the States for any other field.

We therefore reluctantly release them from contract with our society, and the release was as of February 12, 1954. We shall continue to pray much for them, trusting that the Lord will reveal to them the place where He would have them serve in the homeland and awaiting the day, if it may be His will, when they will again be available for foreign-missionary service.

R. D. B.

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INGLEWOOD, CALIF.—May 14 is the date set for the mother-daughter banquet at the First Brethren Church.

ALTOONA, PA. (JUNIATA)—The spring rally of the WMC of the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene here May 6.

YAKIMA, WASH.—The newly decorated auditorium of the Grace Brethren Church was rededicated on Apr. 18. Rev. Russell Williams is pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO—A new high was reached in the prayer meeting on Apr. 7, when 77 were present. The Sunday school has averaged 253.3 for the last quarter. Rev. Gordon Bracker is pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO—In the special feature department of the Wooster Daily Record there recently appeared a fine writeup of the history of "Your Morning Devotions," which is a daily radio broadcast by the First Brethren Church under the direction of Rev. Kenneth Ashman, pastor. Since this program went on the air, Nov. 6, 1947, there have been nearly 2,500 broadcasts.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Dr. O. E. Phillips will be the Bible conference speaker at the Grace Brethren Church May 9-12. Rev. Russell Weber is pastor.

RITTMAN, OHIO—The Northern Ohio District Fellowship youth rally was held here Mar. 27. Evangelist Archie Lynn was the speaker. Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., was host pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Dr. William A. Mierop, president of Philadelphia Bible Institute, was guest speaker Apr. 11-17 at the First Brethren Church. Dr. W. A. Ogden is pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF.—The Westmont College Choir gave a concert here on Apr. 8. Rev. Victor Meyers is pastor.

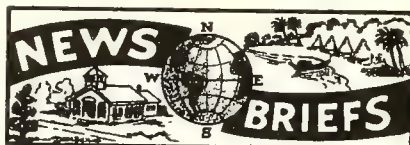
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—The young people of the First Brethren Church here attended a semiformal banquet at the Brooklyn Heights Presbyterian Church Apr. 2. Rev. Archer Baum is pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA.—In addition to the sunrise service Apr. 18, there followed a breakfast in the basement and the special radio broadcast. Rev. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF.—The Brethren Christian Center, Rev. Raymond Thompson, pastor, and the La Loma Grace Brethren Church cooperated in the Greater Modesto Crusade for Christ with Evangelist Jack Shuler. This crusade closed on Apr. 11.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH.—The Grace Brethren Church was host to the district WMC rally on Apr. 29. The church voted to install a new twin-type oil furnace. Rev. Robert Griffith is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—The North Riverdale Brethren Church will be host to the Southern Ohio District Conference of Brethren Churches May 17-19. Rev. Clyde Balyo is pastor.



BUENA VISTA, VA.—The Washington Bible Institute Choir presented a musical program here on Apr. 4. Rev. Edward Lewis is pastor.

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH.—Sunday-school attendance is now reaching over the 40 mark in the Grace Brethren Church. On Resurrection Day the record was broken when a goal of 82 was set. Rev. Robert Markley is pastor.

KITTANNING, PA.—The slogan, "God's Lighthouse on the Hill," has been approved by the official board of the First Brethren Church. A blinker light is being considered for installation on the church tower. Rev. William Schaffer was installed as the new pastor on Apr. 22.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA.—The Vicksburg Brethren Church was dedicated on Apr. 25. Rev. Dean Walter is pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO—The Wheaton College women's glee club was in charge of the special service Apr. 8. Rev. Miles Taber is pastor.

HOMERVILLE, OHIO—Rev. Miles Taber, pastor of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church conducted a pre-Easter Bible conference beginning on Apr. 14. Rev. Robert Holmes is pastor.

WHEATON, ILL.—Dr. Robert D. Culver will join the faculty of Wheaton College next fall on a full-time basis.

TRACY, CALIF.—Rev. William Clough, pastor of the First Brethren Church, has returned to his home. His recent surgery was a success, and gratitude is expressed to all those who remembered him in prayer. An all-time high was attained in the Bible school on Apr. 4, when 144 were present.

ALTOONA, PA.—The auditorium of the First Brethren Church was rededicated on Apr. 18. The auditorium has been completely redecorated, new lights installed, and new carpet laid. Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., was the speaker. Rev. Mark Malles is pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA.—The Pike Brethren Church will conduct a cornerstone-laying service on Sunday, May 2, at 2 p. m. Rev. Henry Culp, pastor of the Altoona Bible Church, will be the speaker. Rev. Clair Gartland is pastor.

ALLENTOWN, PA.—On Oct. 1 Rev. William Gray begins his ninth year as pastor of the First Brethren Church.

PORTLAND, OREG.—Members of the Grace Brethren Church here reported having read 1,837 chapters in the Bible during the month of March. The 35 people who reported their reading average 52½ chapters apiece. Rev. Vernon Harris is pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND.—Rev. James Hammer, pastor of the First Brethren Church, delivered the Palm Sunday message at the Veterans Administration Hospital. The message was carried by public-address system to the entire hospital.

LISTIE, PA.—Junior church has been organized at the Listie Brethren Church for boys and girls up to 12 years of age. The average attendance is 40. A junior WMC was recently organized. Rev. John Burns is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—The ladies of the Patterson Park Brethren Church will observe a mother-daughter banquet on May 11. Rev. C. S. Zimmerman is pastor of the church.

"And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God" (Revelation 3:14).

HAVING heard this verse frequently used as a proof-text in denial of the deity of Jesus Christ, it became the writer's urgent desire to ascertain the true meaning of the phrase in question. Two problems must be solved: First, what is "the creation of God"? And second, what is meant by "the beginning"?

The first of these two questions is easily answered. Doctrinal and linguistic evidence concur in the fact that "the creation of God" includes the entire visible and invisible universe with all it contains, to which God the Father bears the direct relationship of Planner, Creator, Preserver, and Provider. This is the "creation" of which Christ is in some sense "the beginning."

The second problem is not so easily solved. There are three main interpretations of the phrase "the beginning":

(1) *That Christ is the first and greatest being ever created by God.*

The writer immediately rejects this view, not only because it is contrary to the clear teachings of Scripture (as shall be seen later), but also because the grammatical construction of the phrase in the Greek will not permit such a translation. While it is true that the Greek word *arche* ("beginning") sometimes denotes the first in a series, it is likewise true that the word *ktisis* ("creation") invariably refers to the creation as a whole—the universe in its totality—and the means by which it came into existence. Even if *ktisis* ("creation") were in the plural here instead of the singular, it would signify that Christ is "the first in a series of creations, or universes"! Only had the Holy Spirit used the word *ktismata* ("creatures") instead of *ktisis* ("creation") could the expression possibly be understood to denote "the first of God's creatures."

(2) *That Christ is the author, source, or origin of the creation of God.*

The writer affirms that this interpretation expresses a Scriptural idea, but does not accept it as the full or final explanation of the phrase under consideration. There are two main reasons:

First, out of 58 occurrences of the word *arche* ("beginning") in the New Testament, it never once denotes authorship or origination unless Revelation 3:14 is the exception!

Secondly, speaking in the absolute sense the Word of God nowhere presents Christ as the originator of the universe. While the entire Godhead had part in the creation, God the Father was the Originator (I Cor. 8:6), God the Son was the Mediator (John 1:3, 10; I Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2—all in ASV), and God the Holy Spirit was the Executor, Com-

and His divine sovereignty (Matt. 28:18; John 17:2; I Cor. 15:24-27; Eph. 1:21-23; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 2:8).

Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, Mediator of all creation, Ruler of the universe—and Saviour of all who believe—rightfully deserves our utmost adoration, devotion, and obedience!

SUMMARY

The word "creation" denotes "the universe in its total sense, with all it contains and all its phenomena." God the Father bears to this universe a relationship which is fourfold. He not only planned and performed the creation, but He also preserves and provides for it. This fourfold relationship involves all entities, actions, and events in the visible and invisible universe, past, present, and future.

Christ, the eternal, uncreated Son of God, is Ruler of the universe in the sense that He, as Mediator in this fourfold relationship, possesses priority in time and of position with reference to the entire creation. When He, by means of His incarnation, identified himself with that creation, He laid aside the inde-

pendent exercise of His divine attributes. When He, then, had fulfilled the purpose for which His Father sent Him into the world, He was, so far as His human nature is concerned, exalted to a "new" position, but, so far as His divine nature is concerned, He was merely taking back the position which was rightfully His on the basis of primogeniture—"the beginning of the creation of God."

THE BEGINNING OF THE CREATION OF GOD

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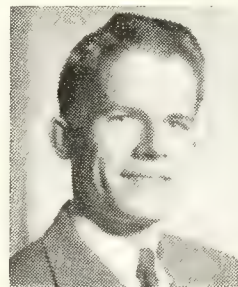
pletor, and Adorner (Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13; Psa. 104:30) of that creative work.

(3) *That Christ is the sovereign Lord and supreme ruler of God's creation.*

The writer accepts this as the true, full meaning of the title "the beginning of the creation of God." Space permits the presentation of only two of the many reasons for this interpretation:

First, the word *arche* ("beginning") denotes rulership in at least 12 instances in the New Testament. Some examples are Luke 12:11 ASV ("rulers"), Luke 20:20 ASV ("rule"), I Corinthians 15:24 ("rule"), Ephesians 1:21 ASV ("rule"), and Titus 3:1 ("rulers").

Secondly, the entire Word of God testifies irrefutably to Christ's absolute deity (Isa. 9:6; Matt. 1:23; John 1:1, 10:30, 20:28; Tit. 2:13; Heb. 1:8; I John 5:20), His eternal pre-existence (John 1:15, 30; 8:58, 17:5, 24; Col. 1:17; John 1:1; Mic. 5:2),



REV. RICHARD BURCH

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The Twenty-second Psalm along with the Twenty-third and the Twenty-fourth form a trilogy which describes prophetically the entire ministry of Christ for man's salvation. The Twenty-second Psalm reveals Christ paying the cost of salvation.

Even a casual reading of the psalm will reveal to the believer four prophetic references to the cross. The opening words were one of the seven words uttered by Christ during that awful hour. Verses 7-8 predicted the scoffing words with which His enemies would taunt Him. Verse 16 foretold the piercing of His hands and feet. Verse 18 described beforehand the parting of His garments and the disposition that would be made of His robe.

In the four Gospels we have recorded an objective picture of Christ's death for sinners. In the Twenty-second Psalm a curtain is drawn aside and man is given a glimpse of the thoughts that would race through His mind during that horrible hour.

The precise time these thoughts surged through our Lord's mind is set for us by the story recorded in the Gospels. It was during the hour of darkness just before the end. This dark isolation was pierced by the words of this psalm, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (vs. 1). These words were all that those who were gathered around the foot of the cross heard. They did not understand them. Here in Psalm 22 we have not only an explanation of this cry but a record of the accompanying thoughts which went unuttered.

From the first 18 verses we see that *this cry sprang from intense suffering* (vss. 1-18). This suffering dug deep into the spiritual nature of Christ (vss. 1-6). Its principle cause was a real objective experience of separation from God. This was the price He paid for sin. His explanation was, "Thou art holy . . . but I am a worm." During this experience His mind dwelt upon God's covenant relationship with Israel (vs. 3), and upon God's faithfulness to Israel during her history (vss. 4-5). But did not these dealings rest entirely on the assurance that Christ would come to be made sin and to be forsaken by God and thus to affect a full settlement for sin? That was the spiritual meaning and significance of the cry heard by those around the cross that terrible day.

This suffering touched the social

nature of Christ (vss. 6-13). He was isolated from man. He was made a reproach. He was despised. He became a laughing stock. Men considered Him as a soul abandoned by God. This cut deeply into the heart of Jesus as He hung that day upon the cross. But during it all His faith in the Father never wavered. He believed that the Father had caused His incarnation. He had experienced His Father's preserving power through many hazards. He was assured that when He alone had made adequate sacrifice for sin His Father would deliver Him in due time (vss. 9-12).

This suffering penetrated the depth of His physical being (vss. 13-18). It caused profuse perspiration (vs. 14). It effected the dislocation of His bones though none of them were broken (vs. 14). It brought about serious heart complications and destroyed His digestive system (vs.

THE PRICE OF SALVATION

—PSALM 22—

By Rev. Harold L. Dunning
Missionary, French Equatorial Africa

14). It wrung the moisture from His body and drove Him to an unquenchable thirst (vs. 15). It issued in His death (vs. 15). What was His agony when they pierced His hands and feet and hung Him on that tree (vs. 16)? Truly He bore our sins in His own body on the tree.

Finally, this suffering affected His emotional nature (vss. 17-18). Jesus endured the confusion, shame, and loss of dignity that engulfs a man who is stripped naked and made to stand before the stares of His enemies (vs. 17). How final and crushing it must have been to see His clothes given away (vs. 18). Small things? They burned their mark into His emotional nature that day and added their sum to the bill of sin.

With verse 19 the tempo of the psalm changes and this change leads us to see that *the cry*, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" *sprang from a triumphant faith* (vss. 19-31). It was because of this faith manifested by Christ on the cross that the writer of Hebrews could

write, "For the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame" of it. These joys are listed for us in verses 19-31.

Jesus endured the cross because He reckoned the Father to be His strength (vss. 19-21). He could place himself under the sword of judgment (vs. 20), and expose himself to the power of evil workers (vs. 21) because He had the assurance that when He had finished the work to secure man's salvation the Father would deliver Him.

Christ endured this terrible suffering because He was fully persuaded that He would in the end fulfill His God-given ministry in Israel (vss. 22-25). He believed that He would rise up to be to God's praise in Israel. He believed that He was God's agent to make good the promises to Israel. And so, for this joy He endured the cross.

He endured the agony of Calvary because He believed that He would thus redeem man eternally (vss. 26-27). Men scoff at His words concerning the meek, but He believed them and died to make them come true (vs. 26). He believed that if He was lifted up He would draw to Him the men of all nations of the earth (vs. 27).

He endured the horror of the cross because He was convinced of the indestructibility of His kingdom (vss. 28-29). He knew that He was God's anointed to sit upon the throne of David. He accepted the crown of thorns in obedience to His Father's word and was thus assured the crown of David (cf. vs. 29 with Phil. 2:9-11).

He endured the cross because He could thus secure from among the sons of men a seed that would serve Him in righteousness (cf. vss. 30-31 with Tit. 2:14). He saw the seed that would rise from the blood of His death. He saw them clothed in the righteousness He was even then working out for them. He saw them going to the uttermost parts of the earth to proclaim His righteousness to sinners. For this joy He endured every penalty of the cross until He would cry out, "It is finished."

And as today we read His holy and precious thoughts during that hour, what do they mean to us? Do they compel us to love Him more? Do they drive us to deeper and fuller consecration? We have been bought with a price, a terrible and wonderful price. To what end? That we might glorify God in our bodies.

"YOU MAKE ME SICK"

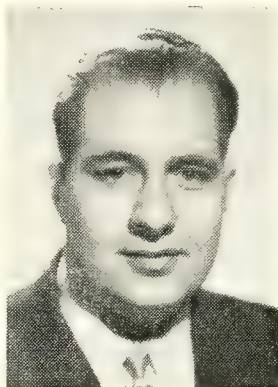
REVELATION 3:14-22

"You make me sick" is in reality what the Lord had to say in condemnation when He instructed John to write the seventh and last epistle to the seven churches of Asia. In this the last letter there is absolutely no commendation as there has been in each of the others. What a contrast—to Philadelphia, no condemnation; to Laodicea, no praise. There is a reason why the Lord became so sickened by this church.

The city of Laodicea was wealthy and commercially important. Its two chief exports—interestingly enough in view of verse 18—were woolen cloth and a type of eyesalve. The church of the Laodiceans was self-satisfied, full of spiritual decline and apparent apostasy; although they were materially wealthy, they were paupers spiritually. It was a church of tepid religion, which considered itself Christian, but was actually like the blind beggar, barely clad, who said: "I have need of nothing." It was this false profession—utter hypocrisy—that caused the Lord to direct such an awful judgment upon the people. He hated pretension when He walked the earth, as displayed so often in His words against the Pharisees. He hated it in the early church and He still hates it today. Christ expects people to be what they claim—either hot (full of true faith and good works) or cold (no pretension at all). Because of this lukewarm condition the Lord had to say, "I will spue you out of my mouth."

Now since the seven churches represent prophetically and chronologically the seven major periods of Christian church history, the church of Laodicea would be the prophetic picture of the general condition of the church in the last ages of its existence. While the conditions, good and bad, of each church are to be found side by side in every church age, the representing type is predominant in its age. Therefore in the last and final period—which period we are in or entering, so it seems—though remnants of true Christianity are found, the church will be predominantly a professing

church, lukewarm, not possessing the real truth. "Having," according to the Word, "a form of godliness but denying the power thereof." You need but observe your own community to see the truth revealed. How many churches today are preaching a pure gospel of salvation by grace, evidenced in good works, all on the basis of the sacrifice of Christ? Is not the church of today as a whole lukewarm, tepid, hypocritical, without power, and self-satisfied? Let it be our prayer and our aim that this



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should never be true of the Brethren Church, for when we come to the point we feel we have no need, beware of Laodicean decline!

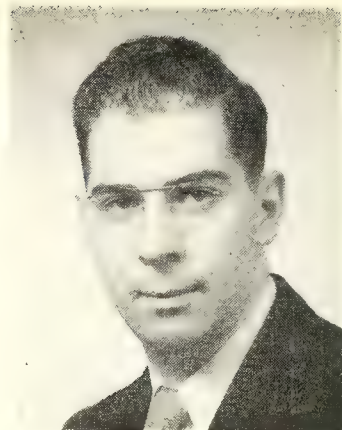
Side by side, then, the true and the false continue within the professed church down to the very end of the age. The Lord, I think, predicted a final sorting within that church when he spoke concerning the kingdom of heaven and likened it unto a great drag net (see Matt. 13:47-50). In the parable the net representing the kingdom of heaven is drawn—through the ages. When it is full, as God sees it, there is a

sorting of the good from the bad or, as it were, the false from the true. Though it may be difficult and sometimes impossible for us to ferret out Satan's clever counterfeits, the Lord's angels will accomplish the job in the last day. Without a doubt the general prophetic picture reveals that the church true—all true believers in the atoning work of Christ on the cross—will be taken out of the church professed—all that claim outwardly to be Christian—before the Lord begins His final judgment process upon the earth. Those that have said, "Lord, Lord," but have never known His Christ will then be spued out of His mouth and revealed to be what they really are.

How it behoves us as His children to guard ourselves day by day lest the Laodiceans' condition of lukewarmness creep into our lives. Sometimes we marvel at a man we say is "on fire for God." Christian friend, that's the way God expects all His children to be—not lukewarm but hot. God hates more than anything else in His children false profession, hypocrisy, tepid lethargy, because He knows it always leads to sin in the life. Let's not be a part of the spirit of the age—the age of Laodicea; let's be day in and day out, minute on minute, on fire for the Lord.

Now the last thing the Lord does and says to this church which well deserves the blast of the finger of God in Belshazzar's palace, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting," is to open wide His arms of love and ask once more for the last time that they hear and repent and be saved. To the last moment it seems the ever-loving and soul-searching heart of God pleading, must say, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

Preach in Power



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"And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils" (Mark 3:13-15).

Here we have one of the many mountaintop experiences recorded in God's Word. Sometime, when you have time, take your Bible and look up the wonderful events that have taken place on mountaintops.

But here we read, "He goeth up into a mountain." The Lord often slipped up into a mountain to have fellowship with His Father. Up in the mountain, away from the noise and the throngs that were about Him. And on this occasion we read He went up into a mountain. Now look at the next few words—"and calleth unto him *whom he would*." He calleth *whom He would*.

Here, our Lord having the opportunity to call many from the throngs, chose to call *whom He would*. The Lord is doing the same thing today. Out of a world filled with millions of souls He has seen fit to reach down and call you and me.

You and I did not go out seeking God, but rather He came seeking us. We were not saved because we wanted to find God, but we were saved because the Holy Spirit spoke to our heart and *called* us unto himself. As we look back over our own Christian experience, we realize that although we ourselves were unworthy, yet God called us to be His own.

Then note the next few words—"and he ordained twelve, that they should *be with him*." He ordained, or set apart, those whom He called, for a purpose. That purpose was that they should *be with Him*!

He has ordained us, or set us apart, from our old life, from our old plans, from our old ideas, from our old ambitions. He ordained us for a purpose—that we should *be with Him*!

The Lord wants fellowship with man. He wants us to spend the endless ages of eternity with Him. But also He wants us to *be with Him*

now. We can *be with Him* by spending that quiet time daily in His presence. That time of prayer and meditation around His Word. That time when He can speak to our heart and show us what He wants us to do. That time *with Him* when He says to us, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

We need to experience that mountaintop communion, being *with Him* daily. Then note the next phrase or so—"and that he might send them forth to preach."

We were not just saved to escape hell. We were not just saved so that we could be with God in heaven. We were saved in order that we could serve. He called us so we could be sent forth to *preach*! I don't mean that everyone is called to stand in the pulpit and present God's Word. I don't mean everyone is to grab a suitcase and head for Africa to do missionary work, but I do mean that God has a place and a work for each one of us to do. He wants to send us forth to *preach*. You may not be able to go out and stop a stranger on the street and seek to present Christ to him, but you can preach the Word by the life you live. In fact, your life could do more good than many, many sermons a pastor may preach from behind the pulpit.

And then look at the last verse—"And to have *power* to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils." There is something wrong with the church today. There is something wrong with the Christians today. There is something wrong in our own lives today. We lack the *power* that God wants us to have! I believe we have the same Lord today that called the worlds into being; that flung the

planets out into space and keeps them there by His power; the same Lord who arose from the grave to become my Saviour! He's the same yesterday, today, and forever! We have the same God today, yet much of that which is done in His name is *powerless*!

Today we hear God calling us to become His children, yet after we accept Him we sit back and act like He has gone out of business.

May the Lord help us to really exercise our faith, that we may know the blessedness of being *with Him* and then going forth to *preach*, and having our ministry for Him filled with *power*, not that we may be acclaimed, but that honor and glory may come to our Lord Jesus Christ.

He *calleth whom He would*; He set them apart that they *should be with Him*, and that they should go forth and *preach in power*.

May the Lord use these few words to draw us all nearer to that precious side that was pierced for us, and may we all become better and more profitable servants of our wonderful Lord.

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Lake Odessa,			
Mich.	Apr. 26-May 9..	Robert Griffith...	Crusade Team 1.
Altoona, Pa.	Apr. 27-May 9..	Mark Malles....	Crusade Team 2.
Compton, Calif. ...	May 9-16.	Norman Nelson...	Bill Smith.
Kittanning, Pa. ...	May 11-30.	Wm. Schaffer....	Crusade Team 2.
Winchester, Va. ...	May 13-16.	Paul Dick.....	O. E. Phillips.
Everett, Pa.	May 23-26.	H. Lingenfelter...	O. E. Phillips.
Fillmore, Calif. ...	May 30-June 6..	Max. Brenneman.	Bill Smith.
Everett, Pa.	June 1-20.	H. Lingenfelter...	Crusade Team 2.

"Depart From Me, Ye Cursed"

Dreadful beyond words, beyond our power to conceive, beyond the bounds of human imagination, will be the doom and final state of the wicked! The fearless declaration of this truth regarding judgment for sin, eternal punishment, and the final state of the wicked has well nigh disappeared from the pulpits of our land. In all too many churches there are scarcely any left who believe that "it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31). Let us read again the words of the Lord Jesus Christ as He speaks of that fearful day when He shall say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels . . . and these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matt. 25:41, 46).

The Apostle Paul writes of those "who shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might" (II Thess. 1:8-9 ASV), and John the Revelator adds these portentous words, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8). It is impossible to exaggerate the frightfulness of those torments which are prepared for the wicked.

Men's hearts have deceived them into thinking they can sin with impunity. On every side we behold them sinning with both hands (Mic. 7:3) and drinking iniquity like water (Job 15:16) because they do not believe there is a day of reckoning coming. There is a warning for all such: "Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men . . . because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: therefore thus saith the Lord God . . . Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet . . . and your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your

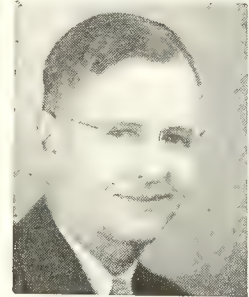
agreement with hell shall not stand" (Isa. 28:14-18).

The words "perishing," "perdition," "destruction," and "eternal fire" are the Scriptural description of the perpetual condition of wicked beings in a place of conscious and unending torment. The "death" which is the final outcome of a life of persistent sin and unbelief is a portion in the place called the lake of fire, the second death.

Shallow views of sin and of God's holiness lie at the bottom of weak theories of the doom of the impenitent. However, God has not left himself without witness and has given ample evidence that He *can* and *will* judge sin. The passage in Jude 5-7 speaks of those "suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." The Scriptures clearly point out that the final state of those who reject the redemption offered to them in Christ is one of conscious, unutterable, endless torment and anguish in the lake of fire.

It is our conviction that when Jesus said, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire," He was talking about real fire. In Matthew 13:42 He speaks of judgment in the terms of "a furnace of fire" because of its intensity. In Matthew 3:12 the judgment fire is referred to as "unquenchable fire" because the wrath of God against sin is inextinguishable. In the passage under our immediate consideration Jesus speaks of it as "everlasting fire" because an eternal God shall preserve all who are cast into it. For it will everlastingly burn yet not consume its victims (Rev. 20:10).

We heartily agree with all objectors that this conception of the final state of the wicked is an awful and appalling one. But we hasten to say that we believe it to be a Scripturally reasonable one when we come to see the appalling nature of sin, and especially the appalling nature of the sin of trampling under foot God's mercy toward sinners, and rejecting God's glorious Son, whom His love has provided as a Saviour (John 3:16-18). The reason why He has so faithfully described the final state of the wicked to us in the Scriptures is that we might be faithfully warned to "flee from the wrath



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to come" into the arms of this loving Saviour. For the moment that the cold hand of death lays us low it will be too late, forever too late, to decide where we are going to spend eternity. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). It is Jesus who tells us that the suffering of the lost is to be as endless as the bliss of the saved (Matt. 25:46). The one is to be as endless as the other.

Dear reader, may we admonish you to take nothing for granted in relation to your own soul's welfare and destiny; there is too much at stake. There were many who came near to the cross, the day that Jesus died for sinners, who have been haunting the caverns of the damned for centuries with no other prospect but the lake of fire. Remember, wrath abides (John 3:36). The destinies of eternity are settled in the life that now is. "Because there is wrath, beware lest he take thee away with his stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee" (Job 36:18). Today, if ye shall hear His voice, harden not your hearts, but rather accept Christ's gracious invitation, "Come unto me" and you will never have to hear Him say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire."



FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Continue to be much in prayer for the Easter offering for foreign missions—a total of \$300,000 is needed in order to care for current operations and to accept the immediate challenges in all fields.

2. Pray for the general secretary and the missionaries on furlough during the busy weeks of speaking engagements among the churches, district conferences, and youth camps.

3. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Edward Miller and family, who may have arrived in the States on furlough from Brazil before you read this, or who may be now en route.

4. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Sheldon and Carolyn, who should arrive in the States on furlough from Africa just shortly before the middle of May.

5. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder as they make plans to return to Africa in June for another term of service.

6. Pray for the Bill Burk family as they prepare to go to Brazil during midsummer as new missionaries.

7. Pray for the many young people who are finishing high school or college or seminary this spring, that the Lord will definitely lead them into further preparation or into the place of service where He would have them.

8. Pray definitely for all of our fields—for the missionaries, for the native and national believers, and for the plans now in operation or soon to be followed in expansion that more souls may hear the Gospel.

9. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams as they return to their station at Batangafo, Africa, from the hospital at Elat, where Brother Wil-

liams underwent surgery and Mrs. Williams received urgent dental care.

MISSIONARY HERALD—

1. Pray for the ever-widening ministry of the Herald as circulation reaches 8,500, which means approximately 24,000 readers.

2. Pray for the Missionary Herald staff as they meet the many problems associated with the publication work.

3. Pray for the approaching offering period (June and July) that the Lord might supply the needs of the Missionary Herald.

4. Pray that God might give wisdom to the Missionary Herald board as they consider venturing out on new channels in the publication field.

HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the new Crusaders' Band at Jenners, Pa., as they do visitation work two by two, that they might be able to reach that community for Christ.

2. Praise God for the cottage prayer meetings at Juniata, Pa. Continue to pray that the financial needs of the church will be met, with 50 percent of the men unemployed.

3. Pray that the large number of parents who send their children to the Portland, Oreg., Sunday school might be reached for Christ and the church.

4. Pray for a sound refinancing program at Phoenix, Ariz., that funds now used there might be released to help build another Brethren church.

5. Praise the Lord for the growing concern among the Seattle brethren for the salvation of souls, and pray that their house-to-house calling may bear fruit.

6. Pray for the five Brethren families making up the Brethren Construction Company as they erect the new church in York, Pa.

GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the way He continues to meet every need of the school as it arises.

2. Pray for the closing weeks of this school year and especially for

the activities and speakers of the graduation events.

3. Pray for guidance and direction for the seminary graduating class, that each one may be led into the Lord's chosen field of service for him.

4. Pray that many Christian high-school seniors may be led to come to Grace College this fall.

5. Pray for the school administration as the greatly expanded college curriculum for the coming year is planned and developed.

WMC (Supplied by Michigan District)—

1. Pray for the new Lansing work and for the Ozark work.

2. Pray that the young married women would have an interest in WMC.

3. Pray that the love of the Lord would so fill our lives that it would overflow into the lives of others, and many might come to know the Saviour.

SMM—

1. Pray that our offering for the higher education of missionaries' children will be increased this year.

2. Pray for those planning the national conference program, that it may be interesting and inspirational.

3. Pray for SMM girls who will be graduating from high schools and colleges this year, that they may seek to "Do God's Will."

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray much for the summer camps, final plans for which are now being made. Pray that they will be the means of salvation for many.

2. Pray for our Boys Clubs, that the outdoor activities planned for the summer will keep the clubs effective.

3. Pray definitely for guidance for the youth council and the youth director as plans are being made for the future.

4. Pray definitely that some pressing financial needs of the youth council may be met.

MISCELLANEOUS—

1. Do not cease to pray for the Evangelistic Crusade teams as they continue in the harvest fields.

2. Pray for our Sunday schools and for the daily vacation Bible school programs, that they may be used of the Lord.

3. Pray for our Christian chaplains and the boys in service.

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But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.—I Peter 1:25.



MOTHER'S HOLY INFLUENCE

By Althea S. Miller

Literature is replete in sonnet and verse with the influence of women in general, particularly mothers, on the history of mankind. There is hardly a schoolchild who has not heard the saying: "Back of every great man stands a woman, either wife or mother; perhaps both." If this be true in great men's life methinks it is also true regarding men who are not so great.

An article currently offered in a monthly magazine on Korean culture pays the women of that nation a rare tribute. This much-pillaged nation, which serves as a bridge between the mainland of Asia and Japan has a history of suffering. "It is a historical miracle that Korea exists today." The writer says that one of the reasons for Korea's existence is that "as a people and as a nation they possess a stunning integrity. . . . A Korean sociologist says: 'I think it's because of our women. They treasure this sense of personal purity. Japanese occupied us for 40 years, but our women ignored them. One enemy after another has swept our land, but none were able to seduce our women. Your American troops, coming as allies, have had a little better success.'" Bear in mind that this tribute is paid to women whose way of life has been influenced more by heathen religions than by Christianity. The tensile strength of this nation has been increased by its women who treasured a sense of personal purity. We do well to note also that it is Americans, reared in the atmosphere and influence of Christianity, who have been breaking down the standards of some of these women. Oh shame, America! Are your sons among these? Where are our holy, God-fearing mothers?

A mother's influence for righteousness upon her children and generation is awesome. Even though she may say she does not want to influence her family, indeed does not try to do so, the fact remains that *she does*. Her influence is far-reaching, either for righteousness or unrighteousness, in the home and in the lives of her family.

The ideal mother is a holy woman before she ever becomes a mother. Perhaps you cannot measure up to this ideal because you were not saved until after marriage and motherhood. But since you now know Christ and are now living a holy life before your family, you must bring to bear all the influence for godliness you can upon your offspring so that they will be holy men and women before they become fathers and mothers.

Don't be afraid of the word "holy." God's Word en-

joins us to live holy lives, lives high in spiritual purity, hallowed for His use. Through the Spirit Paul says: "The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (I Cor. 3:17). "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be *holy* and without blame before him in love" (Eph. 1:3-4). We are under obligation to our holy Father God to be holy, without blame. "Be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God" (Lev. 20:7). Because we have been bought with a price, the blood of Jesus Christ, our lives should glorify Him. They cannot do so unless we are living holily in all things.

In view of the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His bride we are to live in glad expectancy coupled with holiness. "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all *holy* conversation [living] and godliness" (II Pet. 3:11). When was the last time you spoke to your children of the promised coming of the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you live in your home, Mother, as though He may come at any moment?

Mother's holiness will be seen in her relationship to her husband. He will be the head of the home under Christ with mutual love and respect being given always. Too often I've had young people tell me that Mother and Dad argued and maneuvered for first place in the affections of certain children to the disgust and sorrow of all. The truly holy woman will "mother" all her children without seeking to monopolize or possess their very souls. Her interest in her husband's work and needs will be evident to all in the home. The price of a virtuous woman is "far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil [no lack of gain]. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (Prov. 31:10-12).

Hannah, of Old Testament fame, was a godly woman who gave her son willingly to the service of Jehovah. Timothy's mother, Eunice, showed a faith which led her son to recognize the claims of Christ and confess Him as Saviour. The mother of John and Charles Wesley showed by example that the claims of the things of God superseded anything in the world. A mother's holy influence is bound to reflect in her children sometime, somewhere. God cannot lie. He has promised, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). The path to

the fruition of this promise may be ever so long and beset with thorny trials, but *mother's holy life* will be vindicated. God cannot deny himself.

Mother's holy influence will be God's way of putting some of her children, perhaps all of them, into the army of the Lord as missionaries or ministers. No holy woman will withhold her children from the call of God for full-time service. Indeed, the giving of her children in service for Jesus Christ will be counted a privilege, not a sacrificial tragedy. This is the *triumph* of a mother's holy influence—a benediction to her prayers for the souls of her children.

THE MOTHER'S PRAYER

Lord, give me this soul!

I have waked for it when I should have slept,
I have yearned over it, and I have wept,

Till in my own the thought of it held sway
All through the night and day.

Lord, give me this soul!

If I might only lift its broken strands,
To lay them gently in Thy loving hands—
If I might know it had found peace in Thee,
What rest, what peace to me!

Thou wilt give me this soul!

Else why the joy, the grief, the doubt, the pain,
The thought perpetual, the one refrain,
The ceaseless longing that upon Thy breast
The tempest-tossed may rest?

Dear Lord, give me this soul!

—Author unknown.

March, April, May—Foreign Missions

MOTHERS OF THE WORLD

The truly Christian mother can never close her eyes completely to the needs of other women in the world for, as Grace Noll Crowell has said:

"So linked are all the mothers of the earth,
Though white or dark or yellow they may be,
Not only through the suffering of birth,
But through the sterner, graver agony
Of worldwide need . . ."

She knows that these "mothers of the earth" are all different—chic French women, nomad Mongols in felt boots, black-eyed señoras, bowing Japanese, African mothers in dark kraals, Indian women wearing gay saris—vastly different in race, culture, and creed. And yet she feels that she is a part of every one of them, one in the common experience of giving birth to a new life, one in their mutual need of the Lord Jesus. And, cost what it may, the mother with the missionary heart offers herself, her all, that they too may know her Saviour.

MOTHERS WHO GIVE

These heed the words of the hymn:

"Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious,
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way."

Such a mother is careful in the physical and mental development of her children; she sets before them an example of joyous Christian living, and early leads them to accept Christ. She acquaints them with missions through books, pictures, and letters. She entertains missionaries in the home; the family prays and gives for missions. She explains to her children that certain pleasures are foregone that the family might give more for missions, and they in turn catch the spirit of urgency and sacrifice. When God calls her children to the mission field, her heart is glad.

MOTHERS WHO GO

But some young mothers face quite another test. Hearing the claims of the mission field, they say, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord—but what about my children? Is it right to subject them to the dangers and health hazards of life in a foreign country? What about education?"

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Many young mothers and fathers have seriously faced these problems together and have found that these are honest, practical questions to which mission boards have given due consideration. Consequently, schools and medical facilities are provided wherever possible. But the greatest discovery they make is that the children are safer when their parents are in the will of God, even on the mission field, than they ever could be in the homeland if mother and father are disobedient to Him.

Mothers who go to the mission field find also that they have a very special ministry to perform. The first entrance into a closed home is often through the love and laughter of a little child. The missionary mother sets before the native church, so recently converted out of heathendom, an example of wholesome, godly, happy Christian family life. And all of this will be in addition to that essential ministry which she will continue to have to her own family.

HEATHEN MOTHERS

How they need the Lord Jesus! Their physical needs are often appalling, their social environment demoralizing and oppressive. It is not simply that they suffer hardships—but that they suffer without the comfort and hope of the Gospel.

Think of the Hindu mother who has lost her youngest child. When the missionary tells her about heaven, the mother replies, "But I already know where my child is. His spirit left his body and entered into a dog. The dog comes every day to the door of my house, and I throw out food for him because I'm sure it's my boy come back." What shallow comfort for a grieving heart!

AND WE?

Shall we women of America go on carelessly, callously, while "the mothers of the earth" hunger and thirst for the truth of God? Shall we Christian women be content with a round of meetings, luncheons, speakers, programs, while these go on into eternal darkness? Shall we not give ourselves to complete surrender of life, to fervent prayer, and to selfless sacrifice that these may hear and live?

March, April, May—Foreign Missions

BRETHREN

Women Manifesting Christ AROUND THE WORLD

Our mission studies, which have taken us across the seas and around the world, bring us again this month to the Western Hemisphere as we stop for this month to visit the various outposts of our church in Argentina with Miss Johanna Nielsen. Miss Nielsen is a charter member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., and made a great contribution to the early growth of the church, especially through her musical talent. She first went to Argentina as a self-supporting missionary in 1925. When she returned on furlough, home responsibilities prevented her return for several years, but the way was finally opened for her to return to Argentina in 1947. In all, she spent approximately 15 years on the field and is now living in Long Beach, Calif. She has been a close personal friend for many years of Mrs. Loree Sickel, WMC Missionary of the Year. Since we are this month studying the field on which Mrs. Sickel has pioneered, we present a short biographical sketch of her life, prepared by Miss Ruth Reddick, of the foreign-missionary office staff.



Johanna Nielsen

MRS. LOREE SICKEL, WMC MISSIONARY OF THE YEAR

Miss Loree Cutright was born in Marengo, Iowa, on September 10, 1897. She was one of five children. When she was two years old the family moved to Sunnyside, Wash. There, as a child, she attended the Methodist Sunday school. However, when about 14 years old, she became a member of the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside. Following high-school graduation, she entered the Bible Institute of Los Angeles to prepare for missionary service.

It was while a student at Biola that Miss Cutright met Clarence L. Sickel, whose home was in La Verne, Calif. He, too, was preparing for full-time Christian service, although it has been said that his interest in Argentina came about after he met Loree Cutright. The Lord led these two together and, at the annual conference in 1918, Clarence L. Sickel and Miss Loree Cutright were approved for service on the Brethren mission field in Argentina. On September 23, 1918, they were married in the study of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.

Immediately thereafter preparations were made for service in Argentina. They sailed for that field in 1919, arriving there on November 15.

Two daughters were born to this union—Loraine, on December 6, 1920, and Miriam, on February 2, 1923. Both were born in Argentina. Loraine became Mrs. Clifford Yocky on February 25, 1944, and she and her family live in Long Beach, Calif. On January 1, 1945, Miriam was united in marriage to Jack B. Churchill. The Churchills now serve as missionaries in our field in Argentina.



Mrs. Sickel

The Sickels spent the first 13 years in Argentina at Huinca Renanco. In 1932 they went to Rosario and, after three years at that place, they moved to Rio Cuarto, which is headquarters for our mission in Argentina. In 1934 Brother Sickel was appointed Argentine field superintendent.

In 1926 Brother and Sister Sickel and the two little girls came to the United States on their first furlough. Because of illness on the part of Mrs. Sickel, they were delayed somewhat in returning. During this period, or a portion of it, Brother Sickel served as interim pastor of the First Brethren Church in Whittier, Calif. They returned to Argentina in 1928.

It was not until 10 years later, in January 1939, that the Sickels were enabled to come to the States for their second furlough. This time they remained in the States until 1942, and during this period Brother Sickel served as pastor of the Second Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif. When they returned in 1942 to Argentina, the girls remained in the States to attend school.

Again in 1948 the Sickels returned on furlough. In November of 1949 Mrs. Sickel, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, the Jack Churchills, returned to Argentina. Brother Sickel was detained in the States because of illness, but he joined Mrs. Sickel in January 1950 at Almafuerde.

On December 10, 1951, the Lord saw fit to call Clarence L. Sickel from his earthly ministry. Following the death of her beloved husband and companion, Mrs. Sickel remained in Argentina, making her home with the Churchills. She went with them in 1952 to Rio Tercero.

Mrs. Sickel is a faithful servant of the Lord, serving well in the places where He has led. She is always willing and ready to be of help. In a recent letter she commented as follows: "I am always swamped. But it is

good to be busy for Him!" Letters from her fellow missionaries are high in praise and appreciation of her faithful and willing service.

As this biography is being written, Mrs. Sickel is planning for furlough. At the recent Argentine field council meeting, it was decided that Mrs. Sickel and the Churchill family should plan to return to the States in August 1954 for a year of furlough.

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The Jr. WMC at *Martinsburg, Pa.*, reports that they have been blessed in numbers and in serving the Lord. They have not only sent clothing to the Navaho mission but also care for needy local families.

The Sr. WMC of *Mansfield, Ohio*, expresses its appreciation for the Herald news items. One of the projects has been the making of slips for the girls at the Navaho school with material purchased by counting tax stamps.

We quote the following from an interesting report from *Lake Odessa, Mich.*: "I have only been in our WMC going on my second year, but hope the Lord will continue the blessings I have received from WMC work so far. Plastic plates, platters, and more silverware were purchased for our kitchen by the WMC. We have half-days for our devotional and business meetings at the homes of our ladies on the first Friday of each month. On the third Tuesday we have an all-day work meeting at the church. At the work meetings this year we have tied off five quilts, sewed carpet rags for rugs for the communion services, and rolled bandages. In February we bought groceries for the family of a sick man in the neighborhood."

A note from *Waterloo, Iowa*, indicates that the council there has been busy meeting its goals and helping in local church projects such as serving the father-and-son banquet and decorating the lower auditorium and kitchen.

The Sr. WMC of *Martinsburg, Pa.*, reports that they are putting special emphasis on prayer with a local motto, "Pray More in '54." They are also trying to encourage and help the Sisterhood girls.

The newly organized *Southern Ohio District* held their second rally at the Patterson Park Brethren Church on March 23. There were 135 in attendance. The project offering amounted to \$62, which will be used toward the Missionary Residence maintenance fund. The guest speaker of the evening was Mrs. Wayne Beaver, who brought a very inspirational message of the WMC work from "our sisters in Africa."

Your editor received the following letter from Mrs. Belle Zook, of *Huntington, Ind.*, several weeks ago: "It

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR JUNE

Bible Study—"Come Ye Apart for Growth."
Mission Study—"Brazil."



Africa—

Rev. Robert W. Hill.....	July 4
Rev. Lester W. Kennedy.....	July 4
Mrs. Floyd W. Taber.....	July 8
Miss Florence Bickel.....	July 10
Dr. Orville D. Jobson.....	July 11
Rev. Robert S. Williams.....	July 15
Mrs. Orville D. Jobson.....	July 21

Argentina—

Michael Stephen Marshall.....	July 12, 1951
Mrs. Solon W. Hoyt.....	July 29

Mexico—

Harold Douglas Haag.....	July 9, 1949
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On Furlough—

Carol Ann Miller.....	July 31, 1947
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so happens I am the 86-year-old who sent in the first \$3.65 penny-a-day offering. The 'penny a day' is so good and attractive, don't you think it would be profitable to spread it on the pages of the Herald? The money received would be the least important. The rousing of the women of WMC to see the need, opportunity, and privilege of witnessing to the Jews would be the greatest offering for the Lord."

The junior WMC of *Fremont, Ohio*, joined with the senior WMC in giving a party for the Sisterhood girls. They have started a missionary chest and have also fixed up their nursery.

A newsy letter from *Albany, Oreg.*, indicates that the council there is busy doing nice things for many people. Their projects have included such things as a CARE package to Czechoslovakia, clothing and school supplies to the Navaho mission, canned goods to a mission in Salem, Oreg., and shelling beans to send to the Evan Adamses.

BIBLE READING AND TRACT CORNER

Bible reading for May—a chapter a day of your own choosing.

Bible reading for June—a chapter a day of your own choosing.

Tracts of the Month

For ourselves—"Why Do Children Miss the Way?" Published by Moody Press.

For others—"Four Things God Wants You to Know." Published by Moody Press.

These tracts may be secured from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company in packets of 50.

E. G. (FOR EXAMPLE)

Do you recall the story of the mother who heard Jesus was to pass by her house one morning? In her heart she was stirred to excitement to see Him. Then she began to wash dishes, straighten the house, and sprinkle the clothes. Her children were jumping up and down, begging her to hurry or they would miss seeing Jesus. She had the children run errands. She grabbed the broom to sweep the porch. Her mind was frenzied because she did not wish to stop her routine and yet she wanted to see Jesus.

When at last she doffed her apron and hurried to the door, calling to the children to come now, they scanned the street in dismay, for the happy troop with Jesus had come and gone and were not in sight. With a heavy heart and the cries of blame from her children in her ears, she sat on her doorstep realizing what a foolish woman she had been.



Mrs. Kriegbaum

Have you ever wanted to go to the day-of-prayer service, but just let minor everyday duties deter you? Our heavenly Father's admonition is: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." God is able to prevent interruptions, and speed your efficiency during the day. Seek the needful thing, sitting at Jesus' feet; each day put Christ and His kingdom *first*. Do the girls in your church have a genuine example in you?

A certain neighbor had a yen for a pair of red shoes. After months of waiting she was able to purchase a pair. She put the package in her bedroom. A few minutes later she checked on her four-year-old son, and to her dismay found him covering her new red shoes with brown polish. He was promptly punished. Later he said, "Mommie, I just wanted to make your shoes pretty for Sunday." He chose the service he wanted to do. He made a mess. Do you say, "Here, Lord, this is what I want to do," when you should say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Do the girls in your home and in your church have a genuine example in you?

"Mother, are you going to leave us again tonight?" My thoughts retaliated with bitterness. Why should I leave my own children and go to supervise a Sisterhood? After the meeting, I was sorely pricked for begrudging a couple hours to the Lord's vineyard. The blessing of fellowship in hearing the girls pray, their desire to do service as Christians, and their enthusiastic planning again made me realize how rich are the joys and pleasures serving with our Lord. Are you an example of pure and Christlike thinking? Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

As you dress for WMC do you ever say you wish you could stay home and there are too many church meetings anyway? In our denomination we have a priceless heritage from God in being taught the Truth. But we are to be in behavior as becometh holiness, according to Titus 2:3, along with being teachers of good things to the young women. The true lover means it when he says, "I'd do anything for you." When we love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind, any service for Him will be a high desire and privilege, and never a drudgery.

About one of our famous early poets it is recorded:

By Mrs. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, National SMM Patroness

"His mother was a Puritan, one of those quiet, inspiring women who do their work cheerfully, as by God's grace, and who invariably add some sign or patent of nobility to their sons and daughters." Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh. Only God can give us pure hearts. Only from God comes the grace to do our tasks without murmurings and disputings. It is true if our hearts keep right, all the world will wear a rainbow. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

"Lord, where wilt Thou have me to serve today?" Then He pointed to a little Sisterhood and said, "Tend that for Me." I said, "Oh no, Lord; why no one would ever see, no matter how well my work was done. Not that little task for me." 'Tis human to desire the glamorous service, the Mount Carmel experience, to witness God's power in the whirlwind. But God is faithful in the "cave experience" and we must be faithful in the small tasks so we can hear His still small voice. Our love should flow warm and free when He asks us to do the humble tasks.

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." Christ left us an example. As we serve, we will suffer with Him. "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

"But be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Tim. 4:12).

March, April, May—Foreign Missions



The month of May brings us to the final month of the period devoted to our foreign-mission project. With the May offering our books should be closed and the sum for the foreign-mission project should be sent to Mrs. Chester McCall, the financial secretary, before June 10.

Our foreign projects for the year are the furnishing of aluminum roofing for some of our missionary residences in Africa and financial help to our new indigenous work in Hawaii. Have you done your best for this project?

Another project that should be cared for either in your May meeting or an early June meeting is the "Thank Offering." This offering, which should amount to a *penny a day* from each member, is to express our interest in the evangelization of our Lord's earthly brethren, the Jews, and should also be sent to Mrs. McCall during the month of June. Be sure to designate properly the offerings when sending them to her. The "Thank Offering" is used to help carry on our Brethren Jewish witness in Los Angeles. Does your offering represent at least a *penny a day*?

SISTERHOOD of MARY and MARTHA



BEAUTY OF FRIENDSHIP

By Althea S. Miller

The kind of friendships a girl makes reveal her true character. It is ever true that to have friends one must show herself friendly (Prov. 18:24). The girl with an I'm-too-good-for-you attitude will never get to first base as far as friends are concerned. But there are certain types of "friends" from which a Christian girl will hold herself aloof. To put our problems down in a few words let us say that we do want to form certain friendships, but there are others which we must avoid like the plague.

To girls your age, friendships are a very important matter. You want to feel as though you "belong" in a special way to a group your own age. Then beyond this group friendship, every girl wants a very close association with another girl. Together they share experiences, "weep on each other's shoulders," keep secrets, encourage one another, and sometimes argue, but never to the point of a permanent separation. Such an association is a real blessing to the girls involved only if both are born-again. And no born-again Sisterhood girl will form any such close friendship with an unsaved girl. The Lord Jesus wants you to be kind and win the sinner girl to himself, but you'll never do it by being on intimate terms with her. Her sinful ways will drag you down spiritually whether you believe it or not. Sin has a way of doing this, believe me. For the sake of your own spiritual health and for your testimony's sake, you must not make close friends of any girl before she is saved. No matter how clever or popular or pretty she is, if she does not know the Lord her world is different from yours; her plans and ideals are not on the same plane as yours.

The old proverb, "Water seeks its own level," is so true of girls' friendships. It is nearly always true that you will choose friends whose plane of living is not higher than yours. In light of this fact, what do your friendships tell of your Christian character? It is good for us to stop here and think of the danger in forming any cliques in our friendships. I have had new girls in the church tell me from time to time that they did not feel at home or even welcome in the Sisterhood society because the "old" girls—those who have been in for years—are not too friendly; they seem to gather in cliques. Now I know it is impossible to feel as warm and close to some girls as you do to others. You can't be bosom friends with all girls. But you *must* be cordial to newcomers. If necessary, go get them and take them with you to the SMM meetings. While at the meeting *avoid* whispering and giggling with close friends to the exclusion of the newer members and visitors. This is a sure way to freeze them out. Save your personal-problem

talks with your close friend for a time when you are *not* in any meeting.

By the time a girl is old enough to be a member of senior Sisterhood she is beginning to become interested in the friendship of some boy or boys. I pray that no girl younger than your age will ever become "seriously" interested in one boy. In doing so she makes a grave mistake because she is spiritually and emotionally too immature to see things in their true light and judge intelligently. But for the girl of your age, let's face it squarely: you are interested in boys, at least to some degree. So we ought to look at some of the standards which will help us to see clearly and choose wisely.

FIRST AND FOREMOST: is the boy a BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER? If not, you *must not* keep company with him steadily to the exclusion of friendships with other boys. Regardless of how much he likes you, or how handsome you think he is, or how popular he is with the other girls, or how fine his family is, or how absolutely "out of this world" his convertible is, or how elegant his speech makes you feel, you are playing with *fire*—terrible FIRE—if you allow a close friendship to grow. This is the time of life when you begin to know some of the delights (some agonies, too) of "falling in love." Keeping steady company with a personable young man who does not know your Lord as his Saviour can end in tragedy for you if you learn to love him and say, "Yes," when he asks you to marry him. **ANY FRIENDSHIP YOU MAY HAVE WITH A YOUNG MAN AT THIS STAGE OF YOUR LIFE COULD DEVELOP INTO LOVE AND ULTIMATE MARRIAGE.** That is why it is so important to choose your friends "in Christ"—boys included!

Open your Bibles to II Corinthians 6:14. Now read it aloud together. Whatever you do, **MEMORIZE THIS VERSE!** It may well become the one thing in all this world to keep you from a mismated marriage, an unholy alliance with an unsaved boy. I knew a girl several years back who was kept from a marriage outside the Lord by the knowledge of this verse and obedience to its command. The man involved was *wonderful* in every respect from the world's point of view. He was intelligent, personable, so *very* courteous and gentlemanly—and to make it more of what may sound like a fairy story: he was wealthy. He offered this girl everything lovely and desirable which money and love could buy in this old world. BUT, he was *not* a believer. And whenever he repeated his plea: "Will you marry me? I'll never stand in your way as far as your serving the Lord; my money will be yours to use for your church; what you believe makes me love you the more; I'll put

a pipe organ in our home for you," this precious verse came to that young girl's rescue. Satan sorely tried her by offering her *things* of the world. Sometimes the girl thought that the man would become a Christian after marriage. The Devil *always* tells you that lie! But after every impassioned plea of the man for marriage, when the girl tried to believe that this offer of marriage must be from the Lord, this verse literally stopped her from saying, "Yes," to the man. This girl was a Christian and had promised to serve the Lord. Marriage with an unsaved man would have been sin for it would have been an "unequal yoke." Today this girl, now a woman married in the Lord and blessed with a fine family, never ceases to thank God for His Word which kept her from sin when she obeyed that Word. Believe me, there is no joy in all this world to compare with that of obeying the Lord and marrying *only* in Him.

Second on the list to watch for in that "special" boy is: Do you have a good many common interests? Now I don't mean you simply must agree on every matter in this wide old world; if this were so, one of you would be a moron! But on the major issues like: shall we be in full-time service for the Lord because He has called us both, or will we be faithful laymen in the church with the boy earning the living in some secular occupation? And remember this: God will not call you to be a missionary or to some other full-time work for Him and call your husband to secular work. If God calls you to serve in some particular capacity, and the boy you want to marry feels led otherwise, you can count on it that his marriage is not for you, nor will it please your Father God.

Third: have you agreed on the establishment of your home on the basis of God's Word? Will you accept your husband as the head of your home? Will you both honor Him; agree on the number of children God wants you to have; realize that your marriage is for keeps—one man and one woman, "for better, for worse"?

We could go on almost indefinitely discussing the problems and privileges of friendships and marriage, but space will not permit. All I can do is urge you to PRAY earnestly for God's leading in this matter, then be obedient to His leading no matter what direction that leading may take. Above all, in every friendship, **BE NOT UNEQUALLY YOKED TO UNBELIEVERS.**

PROGRAM GROOMING FOR JUNE

PRAISING VOICES—Open by singing theme song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus," and repeat year's verse, I Chronicles 16:29.

SWEET SAVOR—Spend prayer time in the "Perfume Corner." Remember, "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

CLEANSSED HEARTS—Read Scripture, II Corinthians 6:14-7:1.

GLOWING LIVES—Seniors study "Beauty of Friendship"; Middlers study "A Beautiful Friendship."

SPARKLING TALENTS—Give special number.

BEAUTIFUL FEET—Consider "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil." Close by singing the second stanza of theme song, and repeat year's devotional benediction, Jude 24-25.

BUSINESS MEETING.

SMM BENEDICTION.



Hint 1. *June 30.* Deadline for memorizing James or I John. We have been thrilled to hear that one middler learned I John! Why don't you try it? Don't fail to report it to the general secretary.

Hint 2. *July 31.* This is the deadline for your free-will offering for the general fund. Send it to the national treasurer.

Hint 3. *July 31.* All project offerings from each SMM should be sent in before or at least by this date. Let's do our best this year and strive for our goal of \$1,700.

Hint 4. *July 31.* Deadline for your box of bandages for Africa. These bandages should be given or sent to your *district* bandage secretary. Each bandage should be seven yards long, two inches wide, raveled and sewed at the end.

Hint 5. *Districts.* Are you going to be an honor district this year? We hope so! Don't forget that you must have a district display and a written report brought to conference to represent your district. You might start thinking and working on it now.

Hint 6. *Districts.* Remember, one of your goals is to help your president to come to the early board meetings. We need her there to help us make plans for the coming year, and we know that you will want your district represented too. Please send along with her any suggestions you have for making our SMM a better one.

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What a wonderful possession a friend is! I am sure we can all agree to this statement. Our heavenly Father, in His great wisdom, provided human friends for His children and I believe it is truly a God-given privilege to be a friend.

What is a friend? To answer this question we might have almost as many answers as we have girls present, but I heard a minister give a definition just recently that thrilled my heart. "A friend is one who knows all about you and loves you just the same." Isn't that the simple truth? I know each one of us can think of some things in our own lives that are not exactly lovely, but these are overlooked by our true friends. How comforting to know that we have one or more girls who are our friends that we can be perfectly "natural" with. Of course we must realize that true friendship is based on our being natural with those we come in contact with. Let us not try to deceive our friends, for in the end we are the ones deceived.

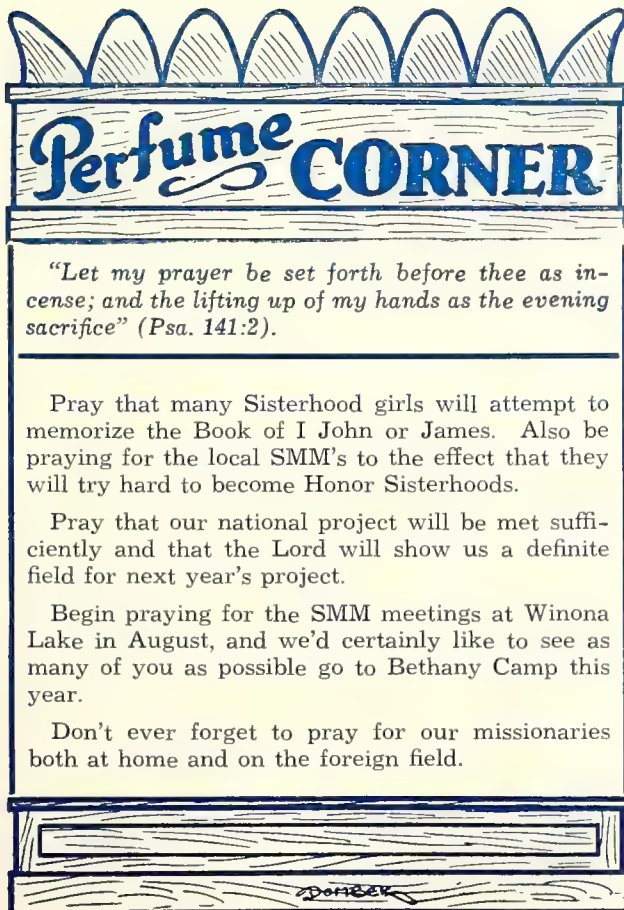
We have found out what a friend is, now let us find out what kinds of friends we should have. This is a very serious thing, especially in our complex world today. We meet girls from every type home and every walk of life in our schools and jobs, but we must remember this: that the kind of friends that we associate with reveal what kind of girl we really are. There is an old proverb that goes like this: "Water seeks its own level," and another that says, "Birds of a feather flock

together." We must be very careful that the "birds" (both male and female) that we are chummy with are of our "feather." You know the world sees the outward appearances and if you are constantly seen with a worldly girl as your companion they will "assume" that you are her "type." Here a question is raised that I have had many girls ask me: "But how can I win them to the Lord if I am not friendly with them?" Our Lord wants us to win the girls and fellows of our age to himself, but we must not become too engrossed in our friendship with them that we forget our own spiritual life and testimony. It is true, we must be friendly to those we desire to see won to the Lord, but let us not make them our closest friends till we see them accept our greatest Friend, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now we have another problem here concerning our friendships with unbelievers. Many times Christian young people are taught that we should be careful about the friends we choose, and I agree with this 100 percent, but often we assume a "holier-than-thou" attitude toward those who do not have the wonderful Lord we have. Let me tell you, girls, we can never influence anyone to be a Christian by this attitude; in fact, it might drive many away from the Lord we love. Let us read Proverbs 18:24 together and not only read it but heed it. We must not only show ourselves friendly to unsaved girls, but I feel that there is a lack of friendliness among Christian girls. I have been in young people's meetings where young people (and adults, too) have stood off and looked at the other "group" and never even as much as smiled at each other. That certainly does not show our love for Christ or other Christians. Let us really put Proverbs 18:24 in practice and you will see what a blessing you will receive from it.

I guess one of the things uppermost in every girl's mind is boys. This is nothing to be ashamed of, because it is part of your growing up, and the girl who says she is a man-hater is not even being true to herself. Now let us not overdo this. While it is natural to admire a clean-cut young fellow and even let him walk you home from church, be sure it does not crowd out of your life the spiritual things. This boy-girl relationship, as we might call it, is a very important phase of your life, and we must be very careful that it is always kept on a high plane. Always conduct yourself so that you never need be ashamed to face yourself or your Lord.

It is very important to emphasize here that we must be sure that our male companions are "in the Lord," for we never know when one of these friendships could develop into love and marriage. You might laugh at that, but you probably know many people who married their childhood sweetheart or their first love. We can never be too careful in our selection of male friends. Here is a place where we can ask the Lord's guidance and direction, for He is interested in our friends, too. A good verse to memorize is II Corinthians 6:14, and if we hide it in our hearts it will bring forth good fruits. You might not be the most popular girl in your group, but remember it will pay big dividends in the end. Always remember, a sweet, natural girl is one to be admired and is a credit to her friends, her parents, and her Lord. What kind of friendships are you making in these lovely years of your life? I pray that they will be beautiful ones and those that will last throughout eternity.



ADVENTURES WITH THE BIBLE IN BRAZIL

By Frederick C. Glass

LESSON 10

IA. Chapter 35—Bandits and a Bible.

- 1b. The influence of the Bible is spreading in Brazil (p. 212).
- 2b. Bandits take a Bible.
 - 1c. Christians remain true under the strain of the bandits (p. 213, par. 3).
 - 2c. The bandits take a Bible (p. 213, par. 4).
 - 3c. Another looting.
 - 1d. A substitute hostage (p. 214, par. 2).
 - 2d. The hostage prays before he leaves (p. 214, par. 5).
 - 4c. The hidden Bible.

DON'T MISS THIS!

Girls, we haven't heard from many of you who are working on the Book of James or I John. Again we would encourage you to try it, and surely with the help of the Lord you girls should have little difficulty. Come on, girls, you'll never regret those times of studying and memorizing, and the blessing you receive from it can never be replaced. There's very little time left, but with school soon out you should be able to complete one of these books by the end of June. When this was printed, we had only two who completed this personal goal. They are: (1) Mary Jane Keyser, of the Grace Brethren Church in Albany, Oreg. She is in the junior SMM group and therefore has memorized the Book of I John. (2) Nancy Weber, of the Grace Brethren Church in Hagerstown, Md., who has memorized the Book of James.

USE THIS BLANK IF YOU HAVE MEMORIZED A BOOK AND SEND TO GENERAL SECRETARY

I have memorized the Book of James/I John (cross out one) and would like to have the following award: a Sisterhood sweater ☐; \$7.50 in Christian supplies from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. ☐; \$7.50 toward Camp Bethany ☐.

Signed

Address

I have heard
repeat the Book of James/I John and she knows it well enough to say at one time. (Not learned verse by verse, or chapter by chapter, but the entire book learned.)

Signed (pastor).

Signed (patroness).

IIA. Chapter 36—Colporteur Experiences.

- 1b. Antao and his experiences.
 - 1c. He finds a lonely Christian.
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WHY SHE LOVED MOTHER

One day a lady called her little girl to her side.

"I'm so glad, Mother. I wanted to love you so much."

"Did you, darling? I didn't think you were lonely when I was busy, for you had your doll to play with."

"Yes, Mother; but I'm tired of loving Dolly, because she never loves me back."

"And is that why you love Mother?"

"Partly; but I love you most because you loved me first, when I was too little to love you back."

"We love him, because he first loved us."

—Unknown.

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WOOSTER, OHIO—Statistics reveal that the average attendance for the first quarter at the First Brethren Church was: morning worship, 240; evening service, 188; and prayer meeting, 67. Rev. Kenneth Ashman is pastor.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA—The Grace Brethren Church has authorized the parsonage committee to investigate the possibilities of purchasing a parsonage. Rev. Richard Grant is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—The 10th annual convention of Youth for Christ International will open here on July 4. Dr. Merv Rosell will be the speaker. Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, recently converted television performers, have been invited to participate in a special July 5 patriotic rally. Dates for the convention are July 4-18.

GARWIN, IOWA—A new high was set Apr. 18 when 141 were present for a regular service. The average attendance for the "hour of power" last quarter was 32. Rev. Paul Miller, Jr., is pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA.—A new record was established at the Cone-maugh Brethren Church Apr. 18 when 175 were present for Sunday school. There were 168 present at the morning worship service and 150 at the evening worship. Rev. Stanley Hauser is pastor.

LOS ALTOS, CALIF.—The Stearns Street Brethren Church like 109, for this was the number present on Apr. 11 at the Sunday-school hour, and for the morning worship. Rev. Charles Underwood is pastor.

GOSHEN, IND.—The record has been broken again at the Grace Brethren Church when, on Apr. 11, 61 were in attendance. Herman Hein is pastor.

LISTIE, PA.—A union sunrise service was conducted at the Listie

Lutheran Church in cooperation with the Listie Brethren Church. Rev. Walter Lepp and Crusade Team #2 took an active part in the service, with the message being delivered by Rev. Lepp. Rev. John Burns is pastor of the Listie Brethren Church.

ELKHART, IND.—The Grace Brethren Church is planning to build a new building in the very near future. We praise God for the rapid advances being made by this new home-mission church. Rev. Lowell Hoyt is pastor.

BEAUMONT, CALIF.—A mother-daughter banquet was conducted on May 6 at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. A father-son banquet is scheduled for October, and Rev. Norman Nelson, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Compton, Calif., has been invited to be the speaker.

BEAVER CITY, NEBR.—Dayton Cundiff, senior in Grace Theological Seminary, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church here. He will assume his duties about June 1.



MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO—The new address of Rev. Wesley Haller is Box 34. The phone number is North Canton 9-6691. Please change annual.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The big Sunday-school picnic will be held June 26 for the First Brethren Church. Rev. James Dixon is pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA—A mother-daughter banquet was held Apr. 23 at the Grace Brethren Church, with Mrs. R. Paul Miller, Jr., as speaker.

HOMERVILLE, OHIO—The West Homer Brethren Church has completed the redecoration of their church. A water system, automatic heating, a new kitchen, removable partitions in the basement have been installed, and the auditorium has been refinished. The work was all done by members of the church. Rev. Robert Holmes is pastor.

RADFORD, VA.—The members of the Fairlawn Brethren Church voted 42 to 2 not to accept the resignation of Rev. K. E. Richardson.

Pastor Richardson has decided to continue his labor here.

JENNERS, PA.—The Jenners Brethren Church reached an all-time high in Sunday-school attendance on Apr. 18. The goal set was 200, and 201 were present. Seventy-one were present for the sunrise service. Rev. Victor Rogers is pastor.

CLAY CITY, IND.—The Indiana District overnight youth rally will be held here May 14-15. Rev. Ralph Burns will be the host pastor.

YORK, PA.—The Brethren Construction Company, under the superintendency of Mr. Tom Bailey, is constructing the new edifice for the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Gerald Polman is pastor.

SPECIAL—Rev. R. I. Humbert spoke recently at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles; Arizona Bible Institute in Phoenix; LeTourneau Technical Institute in Longview, Tex.; Midwest Bible Institute in St. Louis; William Jennings Bryan University in Dayton, Tenn.; and Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.

YAKIMA, WASH.—Rev. Russell Williams, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church since Sept. 1947, has resigned. Brother Williams will assume the pastorate at Cheyenne, Wyo.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—The First Brethren Church was presented beautiful Christian and American flags on Apr. 11 by Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Zoaht, formerly of the Akron, Ohio, church. There are now 53 members in this new thriving church. At the first communion service in the new building, 36 were present on a very bad night. Rev. J. C. McKillen is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—Dr. William A. Mierop, president of the Philadelphia Bible Institute, was the guest speaker May 5-9 at the First Brethren Church. Rev. William Steffler is pastor.

EVERETT, PA.—Two records were established recently at the Everett Brethren Church. Mar. 28 a new Sunday-school record of 128 was set. The same week there were 70 in prayer meeting. Rev. Homer Lingenfelter is pastor.

CLAY CITY, IND.—Rebecca Elizabeth was born to Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Burns on Apr. 15. At birth she weighed 6 lb., 8 oz. Her parents dedicated her to the Lord on Apr. 25 at a service with the editor of the Missionary Herald officiating.

Someone once said, "God could not be everywhere; so He made mothers." Of course, the statement is incorrect. It is not Scriptural. God is everywhere! He is omnipresent! However, the statement does disclose the relative importance of Mother and reveals something of the high honor God has bestowed upon her. God must love mothers dearly or He would not have made so many of them and given so much space in His Word to them.

There are no more beautiful pictures of Mother to be found anywhere than those word-painted ones found in the Bible. The Bible is Mother's glory. It is Mother's best friend. Wherever the Bible has gone, there Mother has received her rightful place in life. Where the Bible has not gone, mothers are yet in slavery.

In the New Testament we read of Elisabeth, mother of John the Baptist; Mary, a woman pure enough to mother Jesus, the Son of God; and we read of Eunice, mother of faith, and mother of Timothy, a young man of faith led to Jesus Christ by the one nearest to his heart. The most sacred altar on this earth is a Christian praying mother's knee. And probably mothers of our nation and the world have led more souls to Christ than all the clergymen of all time put together.

In the Old Testament we read of Jochabed, the mother of Moses, who, with her own tender hands, made a little ark and pitched it inside and outside so that her little babe's life might be saved from Pharaoh. There is Hannah, who prayed for a man child and was given Samuel, whom she returned unselfishly and sacrificially to the Lord for service. There we learn also of Sarah, who mothered Isaac; and Ruth, whose baby was given a place in the messianic line.

The Bible speaks of good mothers and bad mothers. One of the most thought-provoking and instructive illustrations in the Bible is the account of two rival mothers (I Ki. 3:16-28).

David, king of Israel, is dead. His great kingdom and possessions have gone to his son, Solomon. Solomon has just been enthroned when a mother problem confronts him.

Two women are living in one house. Both are mothers. One night one of these mothers laid on her child and smothered it. She found it dead during the night and

And the Lord said: "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee . . ." but mother "looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt" (Gen. 19:17, 26).



MOTHER AND GOD

By REV. PAUL MOHLER

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very quietly switched her dead child for the other mother's living baby. At the dawn of the new day, the mother whose living child had been taken away looked into the face of the dead baby by her side and the awful truth struck home. She had been tricked.

The case came before the lower court. It was a difficult one! There were no witnesses—just one mother's word against another mother's. The case found no solution in the lower courts. The judges were in a fix. Finally it reached the highest tribunal—Solomon's bench. He had to decide whose the living baby was and to which mother it belonged.

The new king is young in years and experience. But he had prayed, humbly and unselfishly, for heavenly wisdom. He received God-given wisdom. He hears both sides of the case. He listened to both mothers. And the king said, "Bring me a sword. . . . Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other."

A sword was brought, and when the naked blade of the weapon flashed over the flesh of that little child, the effect was electric-like upon those mothers and solved the problem. One said, "Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it." But the real mother, the true mother, deeply touched in her heart of hearts, as any living child's mother is at the danger to her lovely little one, cried, "O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it." Don't kill it! Please don't harm it! Don't cut it in two!

It was enough. The mother instinct, that God-given mother nature, her mother love, had shown

itself. "Let the mother who doesn't want the child hurt have it. She is its mother," is in effect what Judge Solomon said. Sure! Every mother reading these lines knows in her heart that Solomon was right.

Mother is like God in many respects. She is deeply interested in the welfare of her children. So is God, but much more so!

Mother knows her children. Someone else may be fooled, but not Mother! Neither is God fooled! He knows His own. "The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his" (II Tim. 2:19).

This mother and every true mother openly, sacrificially, and unashamedly displays her deep love for her children. This dear mother felt that sword pierce her own soul as it flashed before her, and any sacrifice was better than to allow harm to her little one. Every honest mother's sacrifices are countless. She wipes noses! She washes faces! She cares for bumps! She soothes bruises! And she makes 10,000 steps in the night to that darling child's bed or cradle.

What an illustration Mother's love is of the infinite love of God for His children. He made the supreme sacrifice when Jesus hung on Calvary's cross for us. If a child finds a capable, loving mother, it has all it physically needs at once. Every lost soul needs thousands of things, but no soul needs more than it will find in God. "Can a mother forget her suckling child?" She rarely does! She may! But God never forgets His own! May we always see His infinite love for us, when we see, think of, and love Mother!

LESSONS

FOR MOTHER

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It would sometimes seem that we fundamentalists are reactionaries. Just because certain groups over-emphasize teachings on holiness we seldom preach messages on the Holy Spirit; or because another group pays too much homage to the Virgin Mary we give her little or no place in our thoughts. However, it appears that there are lessons we could learn from a study of the life of the mother of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

A Virtuous Woman

To the devout Hebrews who lived before the time of the birth of Christ, a part of the messianic expectancy was not only that the Messiah would be born of a virgin, but that this virgin must also be a very virtuous woman. Consequently, the question of the possibility of attaining such a height of virtue must have frequently haunted the minds of Jewish maidens. They probably often wondered if they or some of their friends might live a sufficiently virtuous life to entitle them to the privilege of bearing the much-wished-for Messiah.

Although we know very little about the early life of Mary, the angel Gabriel in his annunciation indicated that she had led such a life. In his greeting he said, "Hail, thou that are highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women" (Luke 1:28). Her attitudes toward God and toward those friends and relatives around her in her youth were such that she was a vessel fit for Jehovah's use.

Today God is still looking for virtuous women that He can use. "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies" (Prov. 31:10). Women with pure lives are needed to carry the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth.

A Religious Mother

The fact that Mary was a firm believer in Jehovah and the other precepts of Judaism was proved by the words of the angel Gabriel and the things which she did during the early life of her "first-born Son." Gabriel had assured her with the words, "Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God" (Luke 1:30). This favor with God could have been gained only on the basis of faith in Him for "without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). Mary's keeping of the law in the circumcision of Jesus, the presentation of Him to the Lord at the temple "when the days of her purification . . . were accomplished," and the bringing of Jesus to the temple at the age of 12 bore silent testimony to her adherence to the teachings of Judaism.

A Believing Soul

As we try to sound the depths of the heart and mind of the Virgin

Mary, we can not help but wonder how much she understood the meaning of the events in the life of her divine Son. The announcement of His coming by the angel and the events of the nativity she kept and "pondered them in her heart." The adoration of Anna and the prophecy of Simeon in the temple were probably mysterious sounds to her ears. From her reactions we can gather that Jesus was so human and humble that each sign of His deity came as a fresh shock to her. Her amazement at His discourse with the doctors in the temple and at His reply, "I must be about my Father's business," is understandable, and we strain for a glimpse at their relationships during those years of His life about which the gospel writers are silent. The silence of the evangelists proves that theirs is a record of the Saviour and not a biography of Jesus.

The incident of the shortage of wine at the marriage in Cana of Galilee reveals the confidence of Mary in her Son's ability to handle any situation, but His reply showed that He had entered upon a new phase of His life and that He no longer needed to be in submission to His mother. Mary's steadfast love for Jesus was manifested when she and His brethren came to see Him shortly after the religious leaders began to make their opposition known, and John records Jesus' concern for the welfare of His mother in the hour of His extreme suffering on the cross.

These examples from the life of Mary bear lessons for us. If the mothers of today would bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, would live before them lives of holiness, and would inspire them with love and confidence, there would be fewer nights of anxiety and tears of remorse, and our youth would be compiling a different record. "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come" (I Cor. 10:11).



Mother's

IMPORTANT ROLE

By REV. RALPH HALL

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NO ONE in all the world plays a more important role than a Christian mother. Both of our parents are a tremendous factor in influencing our lives. We acquire many of our ideas, our beliefs, and our habits from living with them. But Mother has a special influence because she is with the child more of its waking hours than anyone else. The influence which a Christian mother can and should have over her child cannot be determined sufficiently. Many a child has learned that Jesus loves him from Mother and having received Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord has given his life to serve the Lord, sometimes winning thousands to Christ. Charles and John Wesley came to know Christ through their Christian mother and not only shook all of Britain for Christ but the influence of their ministry was felt the world over. Many an erring son has come back to his Father and home in answer to the prayers of a godly mother.

In the Bible Paul suggests that Timothy's faith and ministry could be attributed to the human instrumentality of a godly mother and grandmother (II Tim. 1:5).

I. Timothy's Early Training.

The Bible gives only a brief account of Timothy's early life. In Acts 16:1 we are told that his mother was a Jewess who was a Christian believer. His father was a Greek and although the Scriptures do not say, by contrast it seems to infer that he was not a Christian believer. Timothy was taught the Word of God by his mother and undoubtedly was saved at an early age (II Tim. 3:15). Paul reminded Timothy in

this second letter that "from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

By the time Paul first met Timothy at Lystra on his second missionary journey he was already a believer with a fine testimony for Christ. He was "well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra" (Acts 16:1-2). Paul was immediately attracted to Timothy and realized that he was a young man dedicated to the Lord who could be greatly used in the Lord's work. So he took him along with him. Paul's choice later proved to be a good one.

II. Timothy's Ministry.

Timothy became a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. At first he traveled with Paul. He had a part in preaching the Gospel and establishing many of the churches in Asia Minor. In a sense he became Paul's successor and carried on the work which Paul had begun when Paul was no longer able. Paul refers to him as his spiritual son.

After Paul was imprisoned at Rome he wrote to Timothy the two epistles which bear his name. As he wrote the outstanding thing that he remembered about Timothy was his "unfeigned faith," a faith which had caused him to dedicate his life to Christ, a faith that had given him a passion for the lost souls of men, a faith which had remained steadfast regardless of the testings or trials.

III. The Human Responsibility for Timothy's Faith.

In speaking of Timothy's genuine faith, Paul credits a godly mother and grandmother as being humanly

responsible under God for his faith. "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (II Tim. 1:5). She had faithfully taught him the Word of God and the way of salvation. Perhaps she read it to him and helped him to commit it to memory. That early teaching resulted not only in the salvation of a soul but in a life dedicated to and used greatly of the Lord. We dare not underestimate a Christian mother's power to mold the life of her child for Jesus Christ. God has called us to be ambassadors for Christ and to witness for Him. That witnessing ought to begin at home.

Christian mothers, there is no more important role in all the world than yours. How necessary it is that first of all you are completely devoted to Christ, that your own life is a living testimony for Christ before your child, that Christ is a reality in your own experience. You must teach them by example as well as precept. You can't win your child to Christ if He isn't real to you. Since your influence is so great, what an opportunity to serve the Lord by bringing your own children to know Christ as their Saviour, and then molding their lives that they may really live for Christ and serve Him. Who knows, God may use your son as he did the Wesleys. Find time to read the stories from God's Word to your child, teach him the way of salvation, and bring him to an acceptance of Christ as his personal Saviour before he grows up and leaves home. Find the time even if you have to neglect some of your "less" important work.

Since becoming a father, Mother's Day has come to mean more to me than just a day in which to pay tribute to my mother. If there is any time in the year when one thinks of home and parents, it is on this occasion. On the other hand, Mother's Day is a time when we are reminded anew each year of the loss of interest in home life. One has but to read the daily papers to see how true this is.

In a recent edition of one large city newspaper there appeared a number of articles that illustrate this fact. In England, two teen-agers were charged with cruelty to their parents. They had not permitted their parents to have a fire in the stove, and had beaten them for refusing money for the movies and for cigarettes. In another news story there appeared the report of the judge of the juvenile court in Columbiana County, Ohio. From a survey made among schoolchildren in that county, the statement was made that 80 percent of the children, whose average age was 12 years, did not let their parents know their whereabouts when away from home in the evening, and the average time for arriving home was midnight. The survey revealed, too, that 80 percent of the mothers worked outside of the home.

What is responsible for such conditions? Is it not a decay of interest in the spiritual welfare of our children? Too many parents are merely concerned about the material needs of their children. Mothers are working. Even children have part-time employment. Children are taught the necessity of medical care, proper food, and good clothes. Parents instruct their children in the use of money and how to acquire a fortune. But there are comparatively few who manifest the same concern in the spiritual needs. They forget seemingly that the Lord said, "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). As parents we have certain duties to our children.

The Duty of Prayer

Parents should pray for and in behalf of their children. Many a person has gone into a Christless eternity because their parents failed to pray. God alone knows how many children have been saved from pitfalls because of the prayers of godly parents. God alone knows how many

DUTIES OF PARENTS

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children have been saved from hell because their parents prayed for them.

The Duty of Loving Your Children

"The aged women . . . teach the young women . . . to love their children" (Tit. 2:3-4). You may say it is a natural thing for parents to love their children. But many of us show more care for the stock on the farm or for our cars than we do for our children. This may be the reason why Paul, speaking of the perilous days that should come, said that one of the marks of apostasy would be "without natural affection" (II Tim. 3:3).

The Duty to Correct and Discipline

Proverbs 29:15, 19:18, 13:24, 23:13-14, etc. You may be surprised to know that these verses are in the Bible. We as parents should not be brutal, but the Lord means in these



passages that we should break the will of our children with the use of the rod if necessary, rather than have them break our hearts. Someone has well said: "Too many parents are not on spanking terms with their children."

The Duty of Teaching and Training

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). Here we have both a command and a promise. The command is simple; the promise is sure. Teaching agencies such as the Sunday school, the daily vacation Bible school, the church, etc., have their place in the spiritual training of children. However, the primary teaching of the Word of God is that children should be taught in the home. Every parent ought to have such a knowledge of the Lord and His Word that he can lead his own children to a saving faith in Christ.

The Word of God places upon us as parents these responsibilities. The average reader of this article will say, "Oh well, this may apply to my neighbor, but not to me and my children." But if you will examine your own home, and your relationship to your children, you will discover that possibly you have not been faithful in the performance of each of these duties. God grant that at this time of the year when the emphasis is on motherhood, that both mother and father may realize anew their obligation to their children.

MOTHER'S LIGHT

Little Jennie was to repeat her first verse from the platform at Sunday school. Her text was, "I am the light of the world," and her mother had faithfully drilled her all the week.

When she stepped up on the platform, Jennie swallowed a couple of times, then said loudly: "My mother is the light of the world."

Perhaps there is a moral in this little story. How wonderful when a child can think of her mother as "light in the Lord."—*Prophecy*.

A MOTHER'S INFLUENCE

By Rev. Ord Gehman, Pastor, Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.

Today we honor God's crowning achievement in the realm of human relationships—OUR MOTHERS! It was once said that God placed mothers here for us so we could better understand the influence of divine love. We realize that God is omnipresent, but how wonderful it is to feel the reassuring touch of a mother's hand to indicate that she is near!

One of the best-attested facts in human experience and relationships is that each of us, however insignificant, influences the lives of others. We influence other lives for good or evil. It becomes an exceedingly sobering thought when we stop and realize that such a tremendous responsibility devolves upon us. It is quite likely, at least in the main, that no individual wields the influence that a mother does. With that thought in mind, let us suggest three things.

First of all, let us consider the fact that a mother can influence her children for good or evil. The many hours out of every day that a mother spends tending to the pressing needs of her infant child tell a far-reaching story. She bathes and cares for that little helpless body. She heeds the slightest cry and ministers to whatever need her little one may have. It is mother who gets the first coy smile and receives that first tender embrace. Her attitude is reflected in the countenance of her children. When she cries, they see the clouds. If she smiles, the sun shines through. Mother directs those tiny feet for their first steps and helps to train that little one in the formation of their first words. Then she trains them to talk. They either learn to praise God or blaspheme His holy name. And in it all, Mother quite generally holds sway as far as the trend of the thinking and acting of her offspring is concerned. Her attitude and thinking is reflected in the reaction of the children.

A child who has the wonderful

privilege of being born in the home of Christian parents is surrounded by spiritual influences and habits even before he comes to the sense of his own awareness. His first trip from his home is to attend the services of the church of his parents. And why should it not be thus? For when a mother and her small child are able to go anywhere, they are able to go to church! It is not only the responsibility of Christian parents, but the grandest privilege vouchsafed unto us that we may so train our children from infancy.

On the other hand, those children who are not so fortunate to be born in a Christian home may feel the same parental love and concern from the human standpoint, but never have the godly influence of spiritual things in their lives. Their first impressions are of worldliness, sin, and unconcern for the things of Christ. Their minds are filled with the frittering fancies of a world order which is bound for collapse and decay. Yes, a mother influences her children in the paths of righteousness or ungodliness!

Again, let us note that a mother not only influences the trend of development and attitude in her children, but she actually has a definite hand in the formation of her children's patterns of living. We do not believe that children born of Christian parents are Christians. That is contrary to Scripture! But we do believe that mothers, saved or unsaved, mold a child's life a great deal. When a child is reared in an atmosphere of Christian love and godliness, his inclination is toward spiritual things. It is not surprising that children from Christian homes make decisions for Christ early in their lives. From babyhood they have been taught that Jesus loves them. Thus, it is normal that His love should appeal to them as they learn the great fundamental truths of Scripture. Accordingly, their re-

sponse to the Spirit is to be expected. Likewise, the children of an ungodly mother are molded by the attitudes they see prevalent in their mother. The un-Christian mother actually trains her children in the realms of ungodliness while the Christian mother trains her children in the things of Christ.

In the final place, we notice that a mother's influence not only plays an important part in her children's status in life, but goes a long way in determining their eternal destiny. The principle set forth in this statement, "As the tree falls, so it lies," is certainly applicable to the thought at hand. The individual whose godly mother has influenced his life toward spiritual things will praise God throughout all eternity for his salvation. True, his mother did not effect his salvation because she was a Christian, but she did heed the admonition of the Word to train her child in the "fear and admonition of the Lord."

Accordingly, her godly influence is unending in the life and eternal state of her beloved child. The worldly mother not only experiences eternal separation from God, but is cognizant that she has influenced her children to a life of Christ-rejection which has resulted in their eternal condemnation. As she precedes her children into a Christless eternity, she pleads, as did the rich man recorded in Luke 16:27-31, with our Saviour to send someone to her children who are left behind that they may escape her place of eternal torment!

We are not surprised, therefore, to find this in the Word of God: "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies" (Prov. 31:10). After the writer points out the sterling qualities of this virtuous woman, he adds: "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Prov. 31:28).

Mothers, you hold in your hands the tools of influence which shall greatly affect the future decisions of your children. Do not let the opportunity to use that influence for the glory of God pass from you, but take advantage of every situation to guide the steps of your children into the paths of righteousness, realizing that you are not only influencing a life but you are playing an important part in the eternal destiny of immortal souls!

Bright Navaho Babes Face a Dark Future

READ "THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF NAVAHO LAND," BY EVAN M. ADAMS, AND
OTHER REPORTS FROM THE NAVAHO MISSION STAFF IN THIS ISSUE





Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



(Editor's note—Again this month the editorials are being written by Rev. Lester E. Pifer, assistant field secretary, in the absence of Dr. L. L. Grubb.)

Crime Soars to New High in 1953

The following facts are taken from the new Federal Bureau of Investigation report just received in our office. "Major crimes reached a new high of 2,159,080 in 1953. The 6-percent increase over the previous high in 1952 was supported by increases in all crime classes except murder, down 1.2 percent. Crime is outstripping population rate of growth 4 to 1. Our population increased 5 percent and crime jumped 20 percent since 1950. Robberies, up 8.5 percent, lead the increases, with burglary, up 8.2 percent, second. Larceny, aggravated assault, and auto theft increased 5.4, 5.3, and 5.2 percent in that order. Crimes of rape increased 3.8 percent while the rise in negligent manslaughter was nominal, up 0.7 percent. Over 400 million dollars was lost in property crimes. Over 13,000 stolen autos in 1953, worth over 14 million dollars, remained unrecovered at the year's end."

The report then makes a striking summary regarding persons arrested. "Arrests of about 4 million persons in cities are estimated from reports of 1,174 cities reporting 1,791,160 arrests in 1953. Arrests include driving while intoxicated and negligent manslaughter but not other traffic matters. Every other person (49.3 percent) arrested for burglary was under 18 years of age, and 1 out of 3 was not yet 16. Over half of the car-theft arrests were juveniles, and 29.0 percent were not old enough to get a regular driver's permit in most States. Arrests of young people under age 18 increased 7.9 percent in 1953, while adult arrests increased 1.9 percent."

What the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica is certainly evident from this report. "For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work" (II Thess. 2:7a ASV). The spirit of this lawless age has reached an alarming state. Christian people everywhere should be cognizant of this fact and be deeply concerned. The spirit of the Antichrist is already manifest. Our redemption draweth nigh. All this is true, but the true child of God cannot fold his hands and do nothing. America is a vast mission field. Every child of God must awake to this reality and exercise every prerogative by the grace and power of God. Mankind is lost. The story of man's life is sin. God says all have sinned.

The only hope in such a situation is the Gospel of Christ. Its infinite power will regenerate the hearts of men, women, and children. There is power in prayer. The message of God's Word heralded from the nation's pulpits, from every Sunday-school class, from every organization surrounding the church, and from every Christian life would certainly awake to a sense of moral righteousness. Let us pray for genuine revival, for a

moral purity in this nation, and for souls to come to Christ.

The Old Family Altar Would Help

The now rendered old-fashioned family altar has been blessed of God from the beginning of God's people. It was used of the Israelites to teach and instruct the children and family in the Scriptures. It is advocated in the New Testament and demonstrated in this day to be of infinite value to the training of our children in the things of God. In some ways it has advantages over the Sunday worship service in that it meets daily. In the small group, family members feel more free about asking questions, taking part, and it has a more intimate appeal, being only attended by the immediate family.

There are many splendid examples of the family altar in the Old Testament. The offerings brought by Cain and Abel were brought to a family altar. Noah and his family knew the benefits of the family worship service. The altar was set up as soon as the ark came to rest on dry land. There is abundant evidence that Abraham and Sarah had such a service in their home. It was common to Isaac. Jacob gathered his sons around the family altar. It is also significant that Joshua, divinely chosen military leader over Israel's armies, gave clear voice on this matter. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).

One of the sweetest and most glorious pictures of the home is a family altar service. A service in which time is taken out of the daily routine when all can worship together. A time when each member of the family, from the youngest to the oldest, gathers to participate in the Bible reading, praise, and prayer. These four items are essentials to the family altar. Every effort should be made to make this the climax of the family day. It will mold and fashion the character of all; it will be a source of encouragement to live closer to Christ in everyday life, and it will become a habit that will never be forgotten.

I shall never forget the two weeks that I spent in a home at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. An effort had been made to find a specific time for the family altar when everyone was at home. Finally, the father stated that the time would be just before the dessert and after the main course of the evening meal. And so it was, before any dessert was served, all had a part in Bible reading, praise, and prayer.

There is a contentment which comes to the parents when the family-altar service is a habit of the home. It is a joy to know that they are fulfilling the command of our Lord to bring up the children in the fear and admonition of the Word of God. The promise of Proverbs

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The Four Horsemen of Navaholand

By Evan Adams

The sagebrush stretches of Navaholand form an island of heathenism in the more sophisticated paganism of modern America. There is little in common between the conditions of life in the log hogan and that of the avenue dwellers in the cities beyond the mesas and arroyos. Because of the wide gulf separating these ways of life, and because of the indifference of so-called "Christian America," little is cared about the malnutrition, disease, pain, fear, and superstition spread over the land of the Diné, the people.

The one common denominator of life on the avenue and along the wagon trail was recognized by the Apostle Paul when he wrote, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). The indifference and self-complacency of Mr. and Mrs. Average American has produced such thinking and speaking as this: "Let the quaint people in the freedom of their wide-open spaces and their own ways of life alone." "Wide-open spaces" permit freedom of movement, but it does not give freedom from constant fear of evil spirits. "Going in their own way of life" does not care for the total lack of material things necessary even to subsist, let alone the fact that it is a "way unto death."

Menacing Navaholand today are four ruthless horsemen, riding through the arid country, visiting the camps and hogans, sometimes at night, sometimes in the daylight. They are not always welcomed, but the people do not know how to keep them out of the camp. Their horses are branded with the marks of four familiar outfits, Disease, Drunkenness, Demonism, and Death. They all work for the same boss, Apollyon.

Mission life on the reservation brings frequent glimpses of these spectral riders. Every day there comes a call for help from some camp where the unwelcomed riders have passed through. We come to find the hoofprints and the wreckage left from the visit.

The First Horseman

The average Navaho lives in constant contact with Disease. Many of the diseases common in every hogan are frightening in their very names to the homes of America: tuberculosis, syphilis, trachoma, diphtheria, scabies, impetigo, pneumonia. It is difficult to convince a Navaho of a disease he can't see or feel; it is difficult to get cooperation in isolation, medication, and prevention of disease where there is no understanding of causes and cures.

Mortality estimates run at 50 percent for all children under five years of age. Of the six burials cared for by the mission this winter, four were children below two years of age. Usually the missionary isn't called to help with sickness until too late; the first horseman has al-

ready visited too long; the medicine men have given up after days and nights of chanting.

The Second Horseman

Liquor has always been the scourge of the Indian. Strict federal laws, established nearly a century ago, forbidding alcohol sales to the North American aborigines, had fallen into disrespect and flagrant abuse in recent years, until enforcement agencies merely winked at violators. Recent legislation in the Nation's Capital handed the problem of liquor control to the States. New Mexico voters favored the abolition of "discrimination" in liquor sales. Now today the Navaho can buy any kind of liquor along with the white man, a dubious "privilege" to be handed to a people without education, discernment, law enforcement, or moral standards, a people who are living today in a physical condition that is *below the level of subsistence*. America, already bloody-handed from her century and a half of perfidious dealing with the Indian, has now stained her ballots with the drunken brawls of Navaholand.

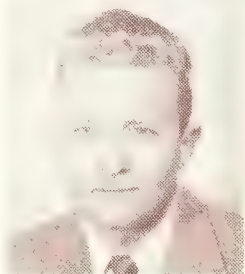
A knock on our door at 10 o'clock one Sunday night brought a scrawled note for help. A young man had ridden eight miles with this plea for immediate aid, "Please come fast my wife bleed for long time." We got into the jeep and soon outdistanced the returning rider. Coming to the camp we found the aftermath of a two-day visit of Drunkenness. A semiconscious woman lay on the earth floor of the hogan bleeding through the nose and mouth. Her face showed the signs of a brutal beating and kicking. A frightened little girl cringed in the shadows out of the glow of the fire. A remorseful and now frantic husband, sobered by the reality of what was before him, stood helplessly by. Cold wet cloths put on the back of the neck soon stopped the bleeding. Then the mother, too weak to walk, was carried to the jeep for the long night ride to the nearest hospital. As we drove out of the camp we thought that we saw the second horseman silhouetted on the scrub-cedar ridge in the moonlight, laughing as we carried away his latest folly. He has visited many homes in the same manner since that night, and he will visit many more in the nights to come.

The Third Horseman

Navaho lore and ceremonial practice recognizes a duality in the spirit world: the "holy people," called *yéi*, and the evil spirits called *ch'indi*. All disease and trouble is caused by the latter spirits. Curing rites are aimed at locating the part of the body invested by the evil spirit and exorcising and driving it away.

The daily life is laden with taboos, the breaking of which brings the person into jeopardy with the *ch'indi*. Hogans where someone has died are abandoned immediately, never to be revisited. Frequently they are burned to destroy the evil that is still in them.

People without the truth and living in constant fear are ready recipients of demon activity. Demonism is more than a theological discussion in Navaholand, it is an everyday reality. The only cure for demonism and the release from the fear that comes with its practice is



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the name of the Lord Jesus Christ; "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). We have heard the testimony from the Navaho believers to the truth that "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).

The Fourth Horseman

"And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death." This same pale horse and his rider are well known in Navaholand, and the most feared of all the horsemen. Every family can remember his visit more than once. Many of the children ride off with him. The sound of his hoofbeats brings terror into the heart of the people—such terror that a mother will abandon her dying child in the sagebrush and snow to avoid his contact.

One morning I drove into a camp to attend an old sick woman. The commotion in camp indicated that Death had already been there. The daughters sat at the hogan door wailing and lamenting for the mother that had departed from the "earthly tabernacle" only five minutes before I arrived. One older woman sat on the floor of the hogan beside her mother's body and cried repeatedly, "*Shí má ádin*" (no more mother, no more mother).

The family begged me to help them in their trouble. I had no interpreter and so I could not comfort them with the Word of God. All I could do was assist in the burial. As I began building a rough coffin from scraps of lumber, everyone else was busy loading wagons with the belongings of the family. In half an hour the camp was empty of all inhabitants, except one old man and myself. Fifteen men, women, and children had left three empty hogans and disappeared behind a mesa.

Since the mission was nearly 30 miles away, we dug a grave in the sand at the top of that mesa. It was truly a depressing and hopeless feeling as we dug through the frozen ground that January day to bury the body of an old woman who had been visited by the horseman. Beside me an old man dug—in the same hopeless state—and I had no way to talk with him. While a prayer was offered for the Navaho people and for renewed strength to reach them for Christ before the rider on the pale horse came again, we lowered the crude box into the waiting hole.

Death and Victory

Death came to the mission school and claimed the life of little Mabin Sala on Sunday, March 14. His nine years of life had brought him into contact with the four horsemen many times. He was a sickly child, suffering with heart trouble. His last sickness went quickly. And Death rode off with him after two days of sickness. The government doctor in the hospital where Mabin died said that he had infection of the liver and spleen, and long aggravated heart trouble.

Drunkenness was a constant visitor in his home. His stepfather had been imprisoned for attempted murder of the family in one of his drunken rages. The mother didn't want Mabin to come home for visits because of fear that he might be injured by the father in his drunkenness. A deep scar on the little boy's chin was from a kick the same drunken stepfather had once given him.

Demonism was employed by Mabin's family the night of his death. The old medicine man was called when the family learned of the illness. By incantations and demon possession until his body shook, the old man said

BOARDING-SCHOOL PUPILS HOGAN BOUND



Miss Priscilla Zimmerman, teacher at the Navaho Mission and Boarding School, has taught the last class for the 1953-54 schoolterm. The school closed May 14, and the Navaho boys and girls returned to the hogans.

The Brethren Home Missions Council would like to express their gratefulness to everyone who helped in any way to provide the opportunity for these boys and girls to attend a school. Especially a school where they received the benefit of Christian influence and instruction. Pray for these Navaho boys and girls that their testimony will remain true and strong as they return to hogan life and to the influences of evil.

that he knew that Mabin was dying. He ordered the family to go to the hospital and get the boy immediately so that he might sing over him.

At 10 o'clock a truck drove into the mission and the parents demanded that we go immediately to the Shiprock hospital (100 miles away) and get their boy. One of the party said that we had made Mabin sleep on the graves and that his belly was now full of devils. We did not comply with the demands of his family and that night he passed out of the range of his people's troubles.

Just before his departure for the hospital little Mabin reaffirmed his belief that the Lord loved him and would care for him. We feel certain that this time Death was swallowed up in victory. We can say, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." With this comes the promise that renews strength, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:55-58).

The Challenge of the Navahos' Physical Need

By Mrs. Katharine Sylvester, R.N.

Our hearts were thrilled when the Lord opened up this opportunity of service for us. As we look about us we see the tremendous challenge of trying to reach these needy people through the avenue of physical help, by touching their sick bodies, as well as witnessing to them of our wonderful Saviour.

I had the privilege of attending a medical meeting with the government doctors at the tribal headquarters in Window Rock, Ariz. This meeting was called in order to acquaint the missions with the health program available through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and also to acquaint the government about the many medical problems the missionary faces. The Lord has been so good to us in leading a Christian doctor, who is a returned missionary from Ethiopia, to Ship Rock. This is the health center to which we send our sick patients. Dr. Rasmussen is evangelical and is very much interested in helping the mission station by coming out at given times to hold clinics and to advise on further care and treatment necessary in so many of our health problems.

The Navaho Indian is still steeped in paganism and has many superstitions regarding death and illness. They will come to the missionary or doctor many times after it is much too late to be of any help. Just the other day, one of our women had gotten a sliver deep under her nail. A week later she came to me with a throbbing arm and an angry-looking finger. She had this finger coated with resin from a tree. It took much diligent soaking in hot epsom-salts solution, plus some sulfa ointment, to finally clear the infection up. Her arm had been hurting so badly that she tied a tight string around her wrist, hoping to keep the infection from going any further, and also to relieve her of pain. Needless to say, after a few days when the infection was checked she was a much happier woman, and is showing everyone her well finger.

Since we have set up our small dispensary unit here, we have had the opportunity of treating many people.



Mrs. Sylvester and some of her patients.

We are trusting the Lord to use this means as an avenue of reaching the Navaho people for Christ.

NAVAHO MISSION NEEDS EQUIPMENT NOW

By Evan M. Adams, Mission Superintendent

With the recent arrival of Mrs. Katharine Sylvester at the Navaho mission the long-standing need for trained medical personnel was met. However, she is like a mechanic without tools, and needs some basic medical equipment immediately before she can cope with many of the problems. The following list is suggested of what can be used now, even before a clinic building is erected. In many cases the equipment listed cannot be purchased by just anyone, but the mission has contact with several surgical supply houses where we can purchase it. However, the mission budget does not include funds for the purchase of these items. If you know of anyone with such equipment that can be sent to the mission, please do your part to help us secure it. Others may send funds for the securing of medical supplies and instruments. The coming of the nurse opened up a new field of min-

istry among the Navaho people and a new means of reaching them for the Lord by first helping in the physical needs of life.

The list reads like a doctor's handbook, but is suggestive of the basic equipment needed NOW. Can you help in some way? Plastic mattress covers, pillow covers, sharp tissue scissors, file cabinet for 8 x 5-inch medical record cards, flashlight for inspections, two stainless steel bedpans, three stainless steel kidney basins, two pairs of ring forceps, two kelly forceps, two mosquito forceps, two thumb forceps, stainless steel ear-gun, otoscope-ophthalmoscope, nasal speculum, sphygmomanometer, washbasins of stainless steel, plastic nursing bottles (4- and 6-oz.), funds to purchase multiple vitamins, penicillin, sulfa drugs, and other antibiotics, and common medicinal supplies.

MY NAVAHO MISSION DIARY

By Mr. Hubert Sylvester

Feb. 27—Royally welcomed to the mission station. Liked the scenery, people, and mission at first sight. Made our beds in our new home—a house trailer.

Feb. 28—Day of getting acquainted with the rough roads, hogans, Navaho people, a few of the customs, and the sounds of the language.

Mar. 1—Funeral for a 12-month-old boy. Broken light-plant engine, so we had to use kerosene lamps.

Mar. 2—Worked on light-plant engine. Helped distribute clothing. Kay was the midwife to a young unmarried mother.

Mar. 3—Worked on light-plant engine. Went to Cuba for license plates.

Mar. 4—First trip alone to pick up Indians for Bible study and a little confused about the right wagon trails to follow.

Mar. 5—Went to Farmington (70 miles) to get a magneto fixed.

Mar. 6—Worked around the mission. Climbed a nearby mesa observing traces of ancient civilization.

Mar. 7—Good attendance at Sunday school and church.

Mar. 8—Straightened the storage room. Took a guide along so that the right trail could be followed in taking the above-mentioned mother home.

Mar. 9—Took the schoolchildren to Chaco Canyon.

Mar. 10—Went to Albuquerque in the truck to get supplies.

Mar. 11—Regular Bible study. Funeral for 10-month-old boy in the afternoon. Became heir to his cradle board.

Mar. 12—Took three Indians to Ship Rock, a government hospital.

Mar. 13—Worked around the mission. Took Kay to see a sick woman.



Mr. Hubert Sylvester, as carpenter at the time, working on the new mission home, shown below. The other scene is a truck of Navahos and Mr. Sylvester, as chauffeur, hauling them to the mission. These are only two of Brother Sylvester's many tasks.

Mar. 14—Twenty-five in Sunday school—65 in church.

Mar. 15—Funeral for Mabin, one of the schoolboys, who died at the Ship Rock hospital.

Many interesting things have happened since that first two weeks, with new challenges, heartaches, and problems which we are trusting will work out in such a way so as to cause many to come out of heathenism to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

NAVAHO CHILDREN ENJOY WHITE MAN'S FOOD

By Mrs. Mary Baer, Dietician

The happiest time in the day for our Navaho schoolchildren is mealtime. We walk into the schoolroom with large kettles of food and we hear the hungry children say, "I like that." These children are not hard to please, as compared to many of our white children. They are served unusually large helpings, but no food is left on the tray or wasted. Should there be food left, our nurse, Mrs. Sylvester, gets the thermometer to check the child for some ailment.

On December 20, Joan and I went to Albuquerque for a day of shopping. Upon my suggestion we visited the Commodity Division office, for up until this time we had not been getting very much government food. We were directed to the proper official and told him of the meals we were serving our Navaho children. To our surprise and delight, he gave us an order which filled our truck with meat, cheese, fruit, and butter. He also promised to send more food each month, and if we got too much to let him know. Needless to say, we have not had to tell him to send less.

We were two happy people driving home in spite of an approaching snowstorm. We had visions of our Navaho children eating and enjoying all the good food they



Mrs. Mary Baer, dietician, in the doorway of the Manna Room (outside food storage). The children are enjoying a meal prepared by Mrs. Baer, and some of the schoolgirls are washing dishes.

could eat. In two months time we found that the children had gained from 7 to 10 pounds each. It is a real joy to cook for these children and for the Lord.

NAVAHO GIRLS VISIT THE BIG CITY

By Mrs. Joan Adams

"Don't speak Navaho, speak English," is a common phrase at the Navaho mission. At first there was an ominous silence as each boy and girls was afraid to venture out into a new world of language. Little by little more new words were heard after a trip to Albuquerque was promised to the ones who, after a month were thought to be the most frequent users of English.

So, bright and early one morning, just as the sun was peeping over Mt. Jemez, the figures of four of our girls could be seen coming from their dormitory. The boys are to take the trip in the near future, and it was decided I was to take the girls.

The evening before, the clothing room and our own personal wardrobes were searched for coats to replace the very worn ones. New dresses sent to them by Christian friends were carefully layed out, the school shoe barrel was searched for the latest styles, and gay socks and bright hair ribbons were found, just as any teen-age white girl would do. Early in the dim morning light, these things were happily put on, faces were scrubbed, thick black shiny hair was braided, and off we started on our three-hour journey to the big city. It was the first time that Mary and Ida had ever been to any city, and the second time for Raye and Celina to a city of any size.

We stopped in Cuba for breakfast, then on to Albuquerque we went. Excitedly they pointed to new things—a streamliner headed for the East, several airplanes, buses, homes, and the many people.

At last we were in the center of Albuquerque, parked, and walking on the streets. If you had been with me you would have seen four pairs of shiny black eyes eagerly taking in everything. Giggles and pointing were frequent. As the people became more dense, I felt a hand in each of mine and also being held slightly back by two more hands on my coat.

Soon it was time for lunch. I, of course, ordered, since shyness set in when the waitress appeared. The food came, also the reprimands for their manners. The food vanished quickly and off we went into more stores. The



Mrs. Adams and Ida, Mary, Raye, and Celina.

candy counter was a frequent stopping place and soon the four were sharing a large sack of candy.

In the afternoon two of the girls visited members of their family in the tuberculosis sanitarium, while the rest of us did more sightseeing.

Soon it was evening and the blue car was winding its way home with five very weary passengers. As does everything in the world, the first so-called thrills soon vanish and weariness comes and the need for rest is great. The pace of the children's day, as this life, is so fast, and gives little time for thought of the soul's condition. May the girls and each of us realize that true peace does not come from "things" in this life, but only in the peace that Jesus gives to each, as we rest securely in Him. Pray for us all as we train and give the Gospel to these young boys and girls here in Navaholand.

THE FINDLAY DEDICATION IN DETAIL

By Forest F. Lance, Pastor

We have dedicated a new church building in Findlay, Ohio. Two years ago when we first arrived in this northwestern Ohio city and were greeted with the words, "We must find another place in which to worship," little did we realize or even think that within 24 months we would be worshiping in our own beautiful building. Once again, as He has already done in a score of communities all over the United States, the Lord has used a small group of people and the Brethren Home Missions Council to erect a house for His worship and has done over and beyond our expectations.

The building was filled to capacity on the Sunday afternoon of March 21, 1954, when the chapel was accommodating a crowd of 225 people. Several were pres-



Rev. Forest Lance

(Editor's Note—Due to a death in the family of Rev. Forest F. Lance, he was unable to get the following article to us in time for the April Home Mission Number of the Herald in which the dedication pictures appeared.)

ent from our neighboring Grace Brethren Church of Fremont which, although our nearest sister church, is located some 40 miles away. Many friends were present from neighboring churches of other denominations. A fine group was present from the Eagle Creek Church of the Brethren, which is located some 18 miles from us. Also present to rejoice with us were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Flater, friends from another church in our city, who had so graciously helped us in the furnishing of our building by purchasing for us a Wurlitzer organ, a Lester studio piano, our pulpit, pulpit chairs, pulpit table, flower stands, bulletin boards, attendance board, velvet table cover, nickel-silver flower vases, and electrified candles. Many of these items might be considered luxuries, yet

others are prime necessities for home-mission churches. We praise our heavenly Father for each of these gifts which have helped to make our church attractive and useful to our community. A former student of Grace Theological Seminary, Rev. Glenn Cornwell, and his wife, of Toledo, presented to us our beautiful offering plates in honor of his mother, who attends the services of our church here. The general contractor for the building, Mr. Paul Shafer, and his father, Emery, purchased for us the carpet laid in our chancel. The Lord has been good to us, as you can see.

The sun shone brightly, making our dedication day a typical spring day, but it was spring as well in our hearts. Rev. Russell Ogden, of South Bend, Ind., was present in the morning service on dedication day and brought us the message. It was Brother Ogden who had served so acceptably for several months on weekends while still in seminary, prior to the pastor's arrival. He also assisted in the afternoon service, as did Rev. Lester Pifer, assistant field secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, and Dr. T. Richard Dunham, pastor of the local Calvary Baptist Church, who represented the Greater Findlay Fundamental Ministers' Fellowship. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, of Grace Theological Seminary, brought the excellent dedicatory message, showing from God's Word the continuous desire of Jehovah from Genesis to Revelation to abide with His people, each time ending in seeming defeat until that time, yet in the future, when His people shall go home with Him to abide at His side forever.

We share with you the joy of our dedication, especially that you might also share in prayer before God's eternal throne for His continual leading and blessing upon His church here in Findlay, that many more souls might be won unto himself and that the saints might dwell in righteousness, ever growing spiritually in His perfect will.

Our special thanks to the Home Missions Council, the Northern Ohio District Mission Board, and to all our friends from coast to coast who have prayed and given making our building and its dedication possible.

GRACE GRADUATES ACCEPT HOME-MISSION CALLS

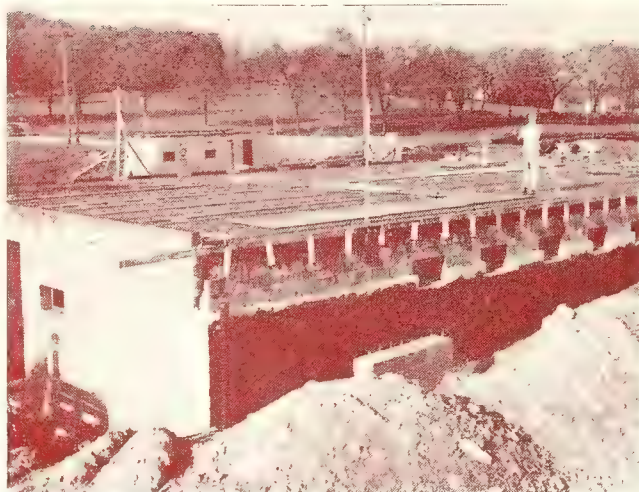
Earle Peer, the present student pastor of the Sidney (Ind.) Brethren Church, has been called to the Rosemont Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va. Soon after graduation Brother Peer and his family will be moving from Winona Lake and beginning his ministry in this home-mission church. Since the leaving of Pastor M. L. Myers, Bro. U. L. Gingrich has been serving as interim pastor.



Dean Risser, another member of the 1954 graduating class, will be entering home-mission work by accepting a call to the Johnson City, Tenn., home-mission church. Bro. Risser and his family, formerly of Ashland, Ohio, will likewise be moving to their new work after graduation. This will be the first pastorate for Bro. Risser.



PROGRESS AT YORK, PA.



The picture shown here represents the progress made on the new York, Pa., church since the ground-breaking on March 14. The Brethren Construction Company plus the Knepper Company of volunteers has accomplished what you see here in one month. In this period Mr. Tom Bailey, building superintendent, estimates that the Knepper family of six men and boys have donated over 400 hours of labor. This is in addition to others who have likewise given of their time. Bro. James Knepper works on the building from 30 to 40 minutes of his lunch hour about every day. Home-mission churches are built with hard work and sacrifices of many people, which contribute to the over-all progress in home missions.

HOME MISSION FIELD REPORTS

Artesia, Calif. (Adam H. Rager, pastor)—

The Lord blessed us with a great day last Sunday (Easter). The attendance topped all records with 277 in Sunday school and 164 in the morning service. Three made public decisions for Christ, and a baptismal service is planned for them. The membership has now reached 87, and new contacts are being made which we pray will be reached for Christ and the church.

Chico, Calif. (Phillip J. Simmons, pastor)—

We are grateful for the evidences of God's blessings upon our work. The two weeks of evangelistic services with Rev. Ralph Colburn were indeed a spiritual feast. There were 29 public decisions, of which 11 were to accept Christ. During the quarter we baptized 12 and received 11 into membership. A new spirit of interest is evident in our Sunday school since starting a teacher-training course. Our boys club work has been very encouraging and the Lord has been blessing in the laymen's jail services. We have been rejoicing over the blessings in attendances, conversions, spiritual interest, in offerings, and new families coming into the service.

Seattle, Wash. (Thomas Hammers, pastor)—

We want to share some blessings which the Lord recently gave us. Naturally yesterday (Easter Sunday) was our best day. The attendance reached a new high of 56 for Sunday school, but best of all two fine junior-high girls made first-time confessions of Christ as their Saviour. These two girls plus two others were baptized for our first baptismal service.

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICHIGAN, BURNS MORTGAGE



Top: The Berrien Springs congregation and the pastor, Robert W. Markley, with his family. Lower left: Burning the mortgage held by Mr. A. J. Merrill and witnessed by Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin, on the left, and Pastor Markley and Mrs. Daisy Crawford, on the right. Lower right: The new addition to the front of the church.

The Lord is blessing the members of the Grace Brethren Church at Berrien Springs, Mich. Attendances are increasing, new interest is seen in the community, souls are being saved, a new entrance has been added to the church building, and the mortgage has been paid off. Bro. Robert Markley, the pastor, reports that a Sunday-school record of 82 was set on Easter Sunday.

The church, assisted by the Central District Mission Board and the Brethren Home Missions Council, is located in one of the smaller communities of Michigan. It

is now entirely on its own financially and just recently burned the mortgage in a special service, leaving it debt free.

Many of our readers will remember that the building was formerly used in Peru, Ind., until their new church was under construction. Since the building has been erected at Berrien Springs the members have been continually improving it, with the latest addition being the new entrance. Much commendation is due the members and the pastor, Brother Markley.

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22:6 is theirs: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The satisfaction of seeing the children grow up in the consciousness of God's presence and blessing, then go out to meet life's problems spiritually equipped is inestimable.

In the light of J. Edgar Hoover's latest FBI report and its alarming facts on juvenile delinquency it is quite evident that the family altar is no longer an institution in the average American home. The Bible is no longer

respected and read. Parents are not born-again and seek no help from God in rearing the family. The average Christian is too busy to take time for the family altar. The result is that more and more of our children are being caught in the snare of sin. A spirit of lawlessness has taken a grasp upon our nation's inhabitants and crime runs rampant. America is far from God.

Is this true of the average family in the Brethren Church? Dear reader, is it true of your home? Are you concerned about this increase of crime and sin? Is your family immune to it? Let us pray together for a real revival among God's people which will result in purity of life and family altars. Then we will see the salvation of souls.

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TAOS, N. MEX.—Rev. Sam Horney, Rev. Tony Luna, and Rev. David Tollardo brought messages at the union Good Friday service held at the First Presbyterian Church. Brother Tollardo also delivered the sermon at the community sunrise service.

SUNBURY, PA.—A brother of Mrs. Rose Foster passed away Apr. 21. Funeral services were conducted Apr. 25.

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH.—The attendance for the evening service was broken on Apr. 18 when 83 were present. Rev. Robert Markley is pastor. The young people presented the play, "On the Road to Emmaus," at the county home Easter Sunday.

CLAYTON, OHIO—The Sunday-school attendance record was broken on Apr. 18 with 183 present. Rev. Clair Brickel is pastor. The mother-daughter banquet was held May 4.

CRYSTAL LAKE, IND.—The Southern Ohio District Conference of Brethren Churches will conduct their youth camp here in June. Junior camp dates are June 14-19; senior camp dates are June 21-26. Members of the district youth committee are Rev. Clair Brickel, Rev. Clyde Balyo, and Rev. James Young.

CANTON, OHIO—The Northern Ohio District Fellowship is conducting a senior-high retreat at Camp Buckeye on June 12-14. The district camp will be conducted there June 14-19. Rev. Kenneth Ashman, Rev. John Dilling, Mr. Dave Knight, and Mrs. Charles Sheets are members of the district youth committee.

ASHLAND, OHIO—Rev. Robert Holmes, pastor of the West Homer Brethren Church, was the guest speaker here at the Easter sunrise service. Rev. Miles Taber is pastor.

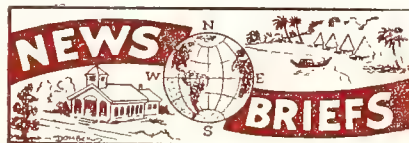
FREMONT, OHIO—The new officers elected at the Northern Ohio District WMC conference are Mrs.

Frank Lindower, Akron, president; Mrs. Neil Crawford, Canton, vice president; Mrs. Gloria Armstrong, Wooster, secretary; Mrs. Gordon Bracker, Fremont, assistant secretary; Mrs. Earle Cole, Cuyahoga Falls, treasurer; and Mrs. J. L. Gingrich, Sterling, prayer chairman.

FREMONT, OHIO—The fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Grace Brethren Church will be conducted on May 16. A fellowship meal will be held in the basement at noon. Rev. Gordon Bracker is pastor.

FILLMORE, CALIF.—Miss Nancy Joyce was born to Rev. and Mrs. Maxwell Brenneman on Apr. 24. Mrs. Brenneman is the former Elaine Polman. (To date no report has been received as to the physical condition of grandfather Leo.) Rev. Brenneman is pastor of the First Brethren Church.

LOS ALTOS, CALIF.—The Stearns Street Brethren Church officially opened on Apr. 18. A total of 240 were in the morning services. Rev. Charles Underwood is pastor.



LOMA LINDA, CALIF.—Miss Marybeth Munn, one of our missionaries on furlough from French Equatorial Africa, recently completed a month of special training here in tropical hygiene and parasitology at the School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine. The course is for orientation into the health hazards prevalent in the world's tropical areas. Miss Munn is a graduate of St. Peter's School of Nursing, Olympia, Wash.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—The Brethren Missionary Herald salutes the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, for the neatest and most informative bulletin, and the First Brethren Church of Fillmore, Calif., for the most attractive bulletin of the month.

WOOSTER, OHIO—Mr. Ken Kutz, member of the First Brethren Church and student at Wooster High School, was selected to go to New York for several days to attend the UN Youth Seminar. Congratulations.

WATERLOO, IOWA—A special Memorial Day tract is available free of charge for distribution in cemeteries and at parades on Memorial Day. (The actual cost is \$3.50 per 1,000 for those desiring to purchase them.) Order direct from Mr. Robert Sackett, 326 W. Park Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH.—The Michigan District WMC met here on Apr. 29. The Berrien Springs WMC presented a skit entitled "Missionary Barrel."

WINONA LAKE, IND.—The dates for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches are August 23-29, 1954.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—There were 354 in attendance at the morning service on Apr. 18. Rev. James Dixon is pastor. A mother-daughter banquet was held May 4.

FREMONT, OHIO—There were 52 lay delegates and 13 ministerial in attendance at the Northern Ohio District Conference which convened here Apr. 20-22.

DAYTON, OHIO—The new Sunday-school building of the North Riverdale Brethren Church will be dedicated May 23. Rev. Harold Etling will be the speaker.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—The fifth annual Brethren High School retreat was held at the Mountain Crag Conference Grounds Apr. 2-4. Rev. A. L. Flory, minister of education for the First Brethren Church, is principal.

TAHQUITZ PINES, CALIF.—The Brethren churches of southern California will conduct their summer camps here in the Idylwild area as follows: senior, June 19-26; junior high, June 23-July 3; junior, July 3-10. Rev. Nelson Hall is chairman of the district youth committee. A lay-leadership school for adults will be conducted here June 19-26. The charge is \$17 (plus transportation). Junior camp is \$1 less.

NOTICE

ORDER BLANKS FOR THE SUNDAY - SCHOOL ORDERS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO ALL CHURCHES. PLEASE RETURN THEM AT ONCE TO THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD. PROMPT ACTION WILL RESULT IN PROMPT SERVICE FOR YOUR CHURCH.

WHAT'S DOING AMONG BRETHREN BOYS?

BUENA VISTA SENIORS SPONSOR BASKETBALL TEAM

The senior BBC of our church in Buena Vista, Va., has for the last couple of years fielded a very good basketball team, winning most of their games over some very keen competition. This year they fixed up their own uniforms, blue and white, and the team is shown in the lower left-hand corner, with Fred Pryor, club leader, at the left, and Rev. Ed Lewis and one of the other club helpers at the right.

Pastor Lewis reports that these boys, and the whole young people's group, have an excellent spiritual testimony, and also says that several of his young people are looking forward to further training for Christian service.

MODESTO BOYS MAKE WOODCRAFT ITEMS

Redwood hanging fern boxes, shadow boxes for whatnots, and oak-leaf wall hangers for ivy plants have been among the recent handcraft items of our splendid club at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church in Modesto. Here Club Chief Kenneth Holgate (upper left picture) is talking to some of the boys, who are holding some of their handcraft projects.

BELLFLOWER CLUB USES UNIQUE PROMOTIONAL IDEAS

Every club night there is a grab box at Bellflower, and boys who have learned new memory verses get one grab. These consist of small paper sacks, in which they will find a few pieces of candy, and sometimes trinkets of interest to boys. Not much cost to the club, but a real incentive for the boys to keep on their toes in their memory work!

Another good idea they have used: the boy with the greatest number of merits at the end of a given period is awarded a beautiful loving cup, mounted by Club Leader Ted Kivrizis on an attractive wooden base. In the picture (upper right) two winners are holding their trophies, and behind them stand the club leaders.

In the other picture (lower right) most of the boys in the club are shown, some of them still enjoying their grab bags.



DIRECTOR ENROLLS PERMANENT YOUTH PARTNER!

National Youth Director Ralph J. Colburn has personally and publicly enrolled a "permanent youth partner" in the person of Julia Rowland. The enrollment was made in a lovely church wedding held in the First Brethren Church of Los Angeles, Calif., April 10, 1954. Rev. Glenn O'Neal read the marriage vows before a large crowd of friends.

After a brief honeymoon Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Colburn (sounds strange, doesn't it?) began the long journey across the country to Winona Lake, stopping en route at a number of our Brethren churches in the interests of the national youth work.

The newlyweds will be at home to their friends after May 7, at their home, 14th and Walnut Sts., Winona Lake, Ind.

We extend congratulations to this "youth team" and pray God's blessing upon them as they continue to serve our Lord.—Harold Etling.

WINONA YOUTH TRY SOMETHING NEW

Under the leadership of Don Ogden, music and youth director, the young people of the Winona Lake Brethren Church have organized several interesting Sunday-evening features. In connection with the regular BYF meetings they have been enjoying a "Singtime," during which they work on special chorus arrangements and other musical features. Recently the group presented a choir number and a swell mixed quartet in the evening service of the church.

After church, the seminary and college young people join BYF'ers for a "Youthspiration" in the seminary lounge. Music, skits, testimonies, quizzes, and so forth, are enjoyed, with light refreshment topping off the evening from time to time. Sounds good! Try it out sometime!

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I'VE DONE ENOUGH!

Recently in a young people's meeting the leader called for volunteers to participate in a special young people's service. When no one responded, he began to call on individual members of the group. With one accord they began to make excuse for their inability. Finally one young lady responded, "I've done enough. Get someone else to do it."

As I heard about this young lady I could not help but wonder what the Lord Jesus thought when He heard one of his professing children say, "I've done enough." Isaiah reminds us that "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5).

But as I thought more about her reply I could not help but ask if this might not be a part of the answer to our Sunday-school problems. "I've done enough" may not be our actual answer when we speak aloud, but it is still true that "actions speak louder than words." Mr. Superintendent, if you have allowed other things to crowd out your planning and praying for your Sunday school, then you are saying, "I've done enough." Teacher, if you have failed to prepare sufficiently to teach the lesson, you are saying, "I've done enough." Sunday-school pupil, if you just come into the church on Sunday morning and never invite another to come with you, while the multitudes

need to be living lives that will compel men to know that we have been with Jesus. Until every last soul has been won that it is possible to win for Christ, regardless of the cost, we dare not say "I've done enough."

CAUSE FOR REJOICING

We have much for which to praise the Lord because of our Sunday schools and the fine response that is coming to our national Sunday-school program. Your national director has been privileged in recent days to see an upswing in Sunday-school interest.

ASHLAND, OHIO. In two fine workers conferences held in Ashland, Ohio, we found an enthusiastic corps of teachers and workers. The school is departmentalized from the cradle roll through the adult department. Here we found teachers and departmental superintendents actually grading the "workbooks" of their pupils and making written suggestions as to how the pupil could improve his work. This is teaching plus. Combined with a fine visitation program that contacts every home in which there is "absenteeism," the school is averaging more than 400 per Sunday. This is an increase of almost 100 per Sunday during the first quarter of 1954. That is a good-sized school in itself. Congratulations to Rev. Miles Taber and this fine corps of Sunday-school workers.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Here is another of our fine Sunday schools. We enjoyed the privilege of meeting with their teachers and officers in a workers conference that revealed to us many of the reasons for their success. This school has a regular report system of superintendents that demands real effort on the part of every teacher. Many have laughed at the idea of reports and statistics, but once again the results of Hagerstown prove that they are important. We are sure that it will not be long until this school will pass the 500 mark in average attendance.

MEYERSDALE-SUMMIT MILLS, PA. Enthusiasm for Sunday school might easily be the reason for two thriving schools in these churches. We enjoyed four days of Sunday-school emphasis with the teachers and officers of these schools. Plans

were laid for the beginning of departmentalization and further use of every corner of these two churches for needed Sunday-school classes. Decisions for Christ were made at



both morning and evening services, which is just further evidence that when the Sunday school is on the job and doing a good job, men and women through the Sunday school come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

LISTIE, PA. One of the major emphases of the National Sunday School Board has been that of "reaching the unreached." In Listie we found them not only interested in their own Sunday school, but in organizing other schools. A new Sunday school has been started at Reading, a little community not far from Listie, and the most recent reports tell us that they are now over the 75 mark, striving for 100. This in addition to an increasing attendance and interest in the church and school at Listie, where again they are striving for new records.

EVERETT, PA. From Listie we visited one of our newest of Sunday schools in Everett, Pa. The school is not yet two years old, and yet on the Sunday of our visit we found the old record broken and 129 were in Sunday school. By the way, most of these were in the morning preaching service, and at night we found 126 folks back for the evening service. While in Everett we were privileged to be in the sessions of the first Sunday School Convention of the Greater Altoona area. Every one of our Brethren Sunday schools was represented in the sessions, and several of our pastors were leaders in the movement to get the convention started.

TRULY WE CAN SAY: SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH ARE ON THE MARCH.

DON'T FORGET—

The Second National Sunday School Convention of Brethren Sunday Schools will be held Sunday afternoon and all day Monday prior to the opening of our National Conference. Save these days in August, and be present with us for real Sunday-school enthusiasm and information.

of Americans go on living without Christ, you are saying by your attitude, "I've done enough."

We need to be constantly on the job for the Lord. We need to be making our whole community conscious of our Sunday school. We need to be teaching lessons that will draw men and women to Christ. We

Fremont, Ohio

The 17th annual Northern Ohio District Conference of Brethren Churches was opened April 20. The host church was the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Gordon W. Bracker was host pastor.

The featured speaker in the public evening services was Evangelist Archie L. Lynn, of Roanoke, Va.

The conference theme was, "Obeying the Truth" (1 Pet. 1:22). Speakers were Rev. Miles Taber, Ashland, Ohio; Rev. Wesley Haller, Middlebranch, Ohio; Rev. Lester E. Pifer, assistant field secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council. The missionary speaker was Rev. Wayne Beaver, French Equatorial Africa.

In the first conference business session two new churches were received into the fellowship after the delegates were seated. These were the Grace Brethren Church of Elyria, Ohio, and the Second Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio. The pastors are Rev. Galen Lingenfelter and Rev. Gene Witzky.

Election results were as follows: Moderator, Rev. Kenneth Ashman, Wooster, Ohio; vice moderator, Rev. Russell M. Ward, Cleveland, Ohio; secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. L. Gingrich, Sterling, Ohio.

Troy, Ohio

We are praising the Lord for the accomplishments of the Holy Spirit among us during the eight days of evangelistic meetings conducted by Team One of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, March 21-28.

To say that 12 made confession of Christ as personal Saviour and 18 others took a renewed stand for Him is to tell but half the story. The campaign brought about a deeper spiritual tone throughout the congregation, resulted in the organization of 20 "Crusaders" to do visitation and personal work, and fostered a 100-percent increase in the prayer-meeting attendance on the Wednesday evening following the meetings.

The musical programs of Max Wil-

Jenners, Pa.



Pictured above is the congregation of the Jenners Brethren Church. Most of the men shown in the picture accepted Christ during the recent meeting with Crusade Team One.—Rev. Victor Rogers, pastor.

liams and Jesse Gingrich were talented and inspiring, and the messages of Rev. R. Paul Miller were Scripturally true and convicting. Their visitation and personal work among the young people and unsaved of the community was deeply appreciated.

I would recommend this evangelistic team to any pastor who is seeking to win souls. They are a blessing to both pastor and people.—Rev. Richard McIntosh, pastor.

Buena Vista, Va.

On April 18 the Sunday-school record was broken when 384 were present. There were 351 present at the evening service. This was the closing day of our revival meetings, with Rev. Edward Lewis, pastor of the church, doing the preaching. There were 88 decisions. At the close of the evening service 18 were baptized.—Mrs. George Smals, secretary.

Philadelphia, Pa.

"The greatest thing that I have witnessed in many years" was the remark made concerning our recent meeting with Crusade Team Two. We are praising the Lord for what He did in the Third Brethren Church of Philadelphia during the weeks of March 28-April 11, in a city where it is said over and over again, "It can't be done."

There was a total of 74 decisions for Jesus Christ. Of these there were 4 first-time decisions and 70 decisions for restoration and dedication. One man testified that he

"had received victory over his temper." Several men gave testimony of giving up tobacco. Others confessed sins of prayerlessness and worldliness. Throughout the campaign the attendance was the best since my coming to Philadelphia four and one-half years ago.

The Spirit of God did a mighty work in our midst which was marvelous in our eyes. In our recent spring communion we had 109 communicants, the largest attendance in years. In the months that lie ahead we are expecting a great harvest of souls. Brethren, pray for us.

Brother Lepp is a pastor's evangelist and I praise God for such a fine evangelistic team from our own brotherhood who are interested in revival throughout our churches. May God grant us revival in these days.—Rev. Robert S. Cessna, pastor.

Osceola, Ind.

In appreciation of God's blessings upon our crusade meetings in Osceola, Ind., under the direction of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade Team Two, we are writing a short testimony.

One of the bright spots in the meeting was the work accomplished in our young people. The team held two meetings in the "Jintown" school, one for the high-school students and one for the seventh and eighth grades. Bro. Frank Coffin directed the young folks and called them the "Crusade Band." There was an average attendance of 41 young folks in every meeting. An average of 11 attended preprayer service each evening, praying for the

salvation of their parents and loved ones. Twelve of these young folks found Christ as their personal Saviour.

God in a very special way answered the prayer of one young lad in that his mother and father both made decisions for Christ. Both parents have been baptized in obedience to God's Word.

There were 14 decisions for Christ and 23 reaffirmations of faith, for which we praise God.

Brother Lepp and the rest of the team cooperated in a very wonderful way throughout the entire meeting in doing visitation, praying, preaching, and all that was required for a Spirit-filled meeting.

The spirit of the meetings is continuing and our prayer services are increasing and a burden for souls has helped our weekly calling program.

We are looking forward to a return of the team and are praising God for their work here in Osceola.—*Rev. Scott Weaver, pastor.*

Grafton, W. Va.

It was with great joy and anticipation that I accepted an invitation from the First Brethren Church of Grafton, W. Va., to conduct an evangelistic meeting March 28-April 11. When I arrived on Saturday afternoon I learned that cottage prayer meetings had been held regularly, and that very night a group of men met at the church for prayer.

We enjoyed the fellowship with old friends and meeting new people. About three-fourths of the group were new faces. The attendance was good at all services, and the Lord blessed with decisions at every service except one.

The church is growing under the ministry of Rev. Lee Crist, who is one of the most faithful pastors in

calling that I have met. This accounted for the fine attendance.

The church is growing so rapidly that they are in need of a new building. When 215 people are crowded into a little building adapted for 125, it is evident that more room is needed.—*K. E. Richardson, evangelist.*

A former pastor, Bro. K. E. Richardson, held two weeks of evangelistic services at the First Brethren Church in Grafton, at which time the Lord greatly blessed. Five times in the past six weeks there were Sunday-school attendance records broken, with the peak attendance of 192 being reached on the last Sunday of the meetings. At the closing Sunday-evening service, even though it was a rainy evening, there were 215 people present.

There were 80 decisions, 34 of them first-time confessions of faith. Two of these decisions were received in homes and one in the hospital. Truly the Lord hath blessed us, wherein we are glad.—*Rev. Lee Crist, pastor.*

Waterloo, Iowa

The spring rally of the Iowa District WMC was held at Waterloo Grace Brethren Church April 1.

The Leon, Des Moines, North English, Cedar Rapids, Dallas Center, Garwin, and Waterloo churches were represented.

Theme of the day was "Railroad Excursion. The ladies of the Waterloo WMC served a delicious dinner. Tables were decorated in their colors of blue and silver. Toy trains running on tracks around the tables carried the WMC 1953-54 slogan, "Come Ye Apart—Mark 6:31," mounted on the cars.

Special speaker for the day was Miss Clara Schwartz, missionary on

furlough from French Equatorial Africa. A guest for the day was Miss Angie Garber.—*Velma Wilson, secretary.*

Wooster, Ohio

We enjoyed two weeks of genuine fellowship with the people of the Lord in the greatest business this side of heaven. It was a distinct pleasure to team up with such a fine pastor as Rev. Kenneth Ashman in Wooster, Ohio.

The Wooster congregation has a beautiful church building. They have a capable and energetic pastor. They have a united congregation. The music during the revival was excellent, with the pastor conducting. The church prayed much. The power of God was present in convicting and regenerating grace. Genuine hospitality was shown to the evangelist. We praise the Lord for every victory.—*A. L. Lynn, evangelist.*

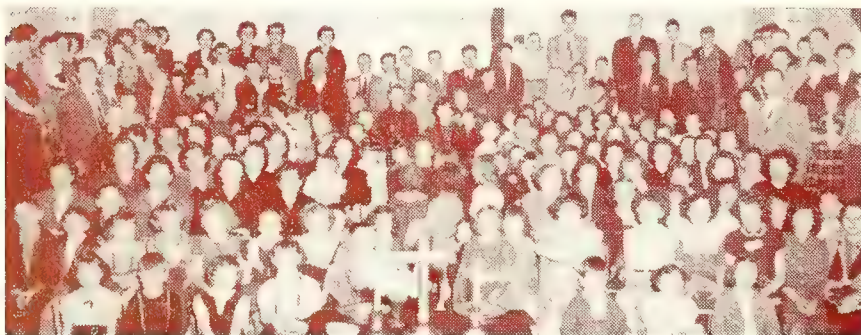
The Lord gave our church a stirring revival under the ministry of Rev. A. L. Lynn. Intensive prayer preparation enabled the evangelist to preach with power and conviction. There were 71 public decisions, 21 of which were first-time confessions. The average attendance for the series of two weeks was 215; 1,545 personal invitations were reported, with 450 visitors registering.

We found Brother Lynn a true soldier of the cross. He was willing always to make calls, was helpful to the church in every way, and was very understanding of the needs of the church. We appreciated his fine ministry with us.—*Rev. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.*

Chambersburg, Pa.

The Pond Bank Brethren Church is praising the Lord for His many blessings during the past months. We have witnessed the salvation of souls and many following the Lord in Christian baptism. Fifty-five attended our last communion service.

With the Lord's help we have been enabled to plaster and paint the walls and tile the floor of our basement where we are holding our services. The exterior walls have been tiled. We have purchased new hymnbooks. A special dedication service for these blessings was held April 25, with our pastor, Rev. Wil-



The Congregation at Grafton, W. Va.

liam Wiles, bringing a dedicatory message.—*John Ritchey.*

Alto, Mich.

The Calvary Brethren Church has seen the mighty hand of God descend in blessing upon our work as a result of the ministry of Crusade Team One. There were 9 first-time confessions and 37 rededications. Mrs. Paul Gingrich served as temporary pianist and her sacrifice was appreciated.

The impact of the Crusade Team upon the congregation resulted in the dedication of lives to the glory of the Lord. Brother Miller was busy every spare moment assisting in calls on the unsaved. As a personal worker he is unexcelled. We praise God for the way He used the team to strengthen and challenge our church.—*Rev. Earl Funderburg, pastor.*

Alto, Mich., is one of our newest churches. Rev. Earl Funderburg, the present pastor, led in the formation of the work. Since that time they have built a fine new church building and they have been winning souls in a real way. The church has a fine reputation in the community. Several of the leading men of the community were saved. Scores of prospects had been wrought upon by the Holy Spirit, but the meeting was too short to finish the reaping. A fine group of Crusaders was formed with about 15 teams.—*Rev. R. Paul Miller, evangelist.*

Conemaugh, Pa.



Pictured above is the foundation of the new building of the Pike Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa. The cornerstone was laid May 2. The present building is seen in the background. Rev. Clair Gartland is pastor.

La Verne, Calif.



The La Verne Parsonage

The Men's Bible Class and the Women's Bible Class joined forces recently to hold a housewarming on the pastor and his family. An evening of fun, fellowship, and refreshment was enjoyed by 30 members of the two classes who attended.

The First Brethren Church at La Verne purchased a beautiful, well-located home for a parsonage, and this was the first opportunity for such a gathering since the pastor's

family moved in. During the course of the evening the pastor and his wife were presented with a beautiful table lamp, which is much appreciated.

The new parsonage, while not a new home, is a well-constructed brick house of an English style of architecture, and it is located in one of the best residential sections of the city. The church is to be commended for making such a fine purchase.—*Rev. Victor H. Meyers, pastor.*

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Compton, Calif...	May 9-16.....	Norman Nelson...	Bill Smith.
Ozark, Mich....	May 10-23.....	W. P. Lovegrove..	Crusade Team 1.
Kittanning, Pa...	May 11-30.....	Wm. Schaffer....	Crusade Team 2.
Winchester, Va...	May 13-16.....	Paul Dick.....	O. E. Phillips.
Everett, Pa.....	May 23-26.....	H. Lingenfelter...	O. E. Phillips.
Fillmore, Calif..	May 30-June 6..	Max. Brenneman.	Bill Smith.
Everett, Pa.....	June 1-20.....	H. Lingenfelter...	Crusade Team 2.

In Memoriam

Names appear in this column only when sent in by pastor.

MISS ALICE E. NEWBERRY, 75, died in her sleep on the night of Apr. 13, in Denver, Colo. She was the eldest sister of Dr. Florence A. Gribble, one of our pioneer missionaries to French Equatorial Africa, who preceded her in death. She was the aunt of Mrs. Harold Dunning, one of our fine missionaries in French Equatorial Africa.

MRS. ANNA WATTS, mother of Mrs. L. C. Hohenstein, of Whittier, Calif., departed from this life on Apr. 4. Mrs. Watts resided with her

daughter and husband, Rev. L. C. Hohenstein, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif.

MRS. HENRY LEPP, 70, departed from this life on April 3 in Saskatoon, Sask., Canada. She was the mother of Evangelist Walter Lepp. She accepted Christ as her Saviour when she was eight years old, and had faithfully followed the Lord since that day. Her husband preceded her in death by less than five months.

LITTLE THINGS

Mother held the baby close as she hummed a lullaby. The house was strangely still while the little children napped. Wee Mark stirred contentedly at her breast and Mother's heart was moved anew with the knowledge of her manifold blessings. Chinese red drapes reflected warmly on the high polish of a mahogany table. The sweet aroma of baking bread filled the house. Some of life's little things, Mother mused, which make her feel like a queen.

"For who hath despised the day of small things?" (Zech. 4:10). "Be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). "For I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Phil. 4:11). "But godliness with contentment is great gain" (I Tim. 6:6). In the pleasure of little things a flood of God's Word rushed over Mother's heart with purifying force.

How the world seeks contentment. And for most it is an elusive treasure. Could it be that in the mad reach for big things the world has overlooked the little things? Since God never wastes words, and has seen fit to admonish, "Be content with such things as ye have," and "Godliness with contentment is great gain," it must be that some of His redeemed do not live in His contentment.

Suddenly Mother remembered the words of a dear Daddy when she and her husband entered the open door of full-time service for Christ. He had said: "Remember, children, life is made up of little whites and little things. Don't wait until some far-off year to accomplish that BIG thing because that far-off year will never come. But all the little things done out of a heart of love for Christ and each other and the church will pile up, inch upon inch. Then, presto! one glad day those little things will have become a monument to your testimony for Christ."

Now the reverie was over. A pink-cheeked little girl stood in the door of the living room, shoes and socks clutched in chubby hands. A

pipey little voice called from upstairs: "Mommie, can I get up?" The telephone rang. "Is Bob home?" "Yes." "May I speak to him?" "Just a moment."

"Bob," Mother called, "you're wanted on the phone." Then in a whisper she added: "Don't talk all day. Remember there are other people in the world who might want to use the phone."

"O. K. You know I never talk long," and he disappeared behind the phone with a sheepish grin.

"Huh," a frustrated Mother grunted.

BANG! With that noise Mother knew David was home from school.



"How many times have I told you to shut the door quietly and carefully? Now go back, open the door, and shut it carefully. I wish you'd learn."

"Hi, Mama. I'm starved. What is there to eat?"

"Me too, Mama. Dorotheann's not the only one who's hungry," Sharon chimed in. "Bill, get out of my way. Let me alone! MAMA! Bill just poked me. He took the cinnamon roll I wanted."

"Oh, children, hush! I get so weary of your fussing at each other. I can hardly stand the commotion at times. It is near-bedlam."

"Now, Maw," Bill said in mock concern, "you know we are angels. It must be that you are getting old." With that crack he was gone—for about 10 minutes. Hunger pangs gave him courage to put in his appearance again.

"Bob, get off that phone. I must make a call before dinner. Dorotheann, will you scrub some potatoes

before you go out to play? David, empty the kitchen wastebasket before you practice. Ardyth, get out of the cookie jar. I've given you all you are to eat before dinner. Paul Kent, stop pushing Althea. That's not the way a Christian boy acts at all. Oh dear Lord," Mother's moan becomes a prayer, "these are nerve-wracking 'little things.' Little things, dear Lord, they wear me out. It is so difficult at times to act godly when I'm pressed for time and swamped with work. I wish I had some help, especially at this time of day when I'm all frayed out. Dorotheann, will you hold little Mark until I get his vegetable ready? Thanks. I hate to hear him cry so hard. Poor little lamb—I make him wait while I get all you older youngsters corralled. Just a couple short hours ago, when everything was peaceful around here it seemed so easy to 'be content with such things as I have,' or to 'in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content'!

"Little things, little things. Lord give me grace to bear the strain and drain of little things. You've loaned me nine children with the express charge that I rear them for Thy pleasure and glory. With these children come the multitude of little things which add up to the building of their lives. Father God, make me strong to bear the little things."



SAINT PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS

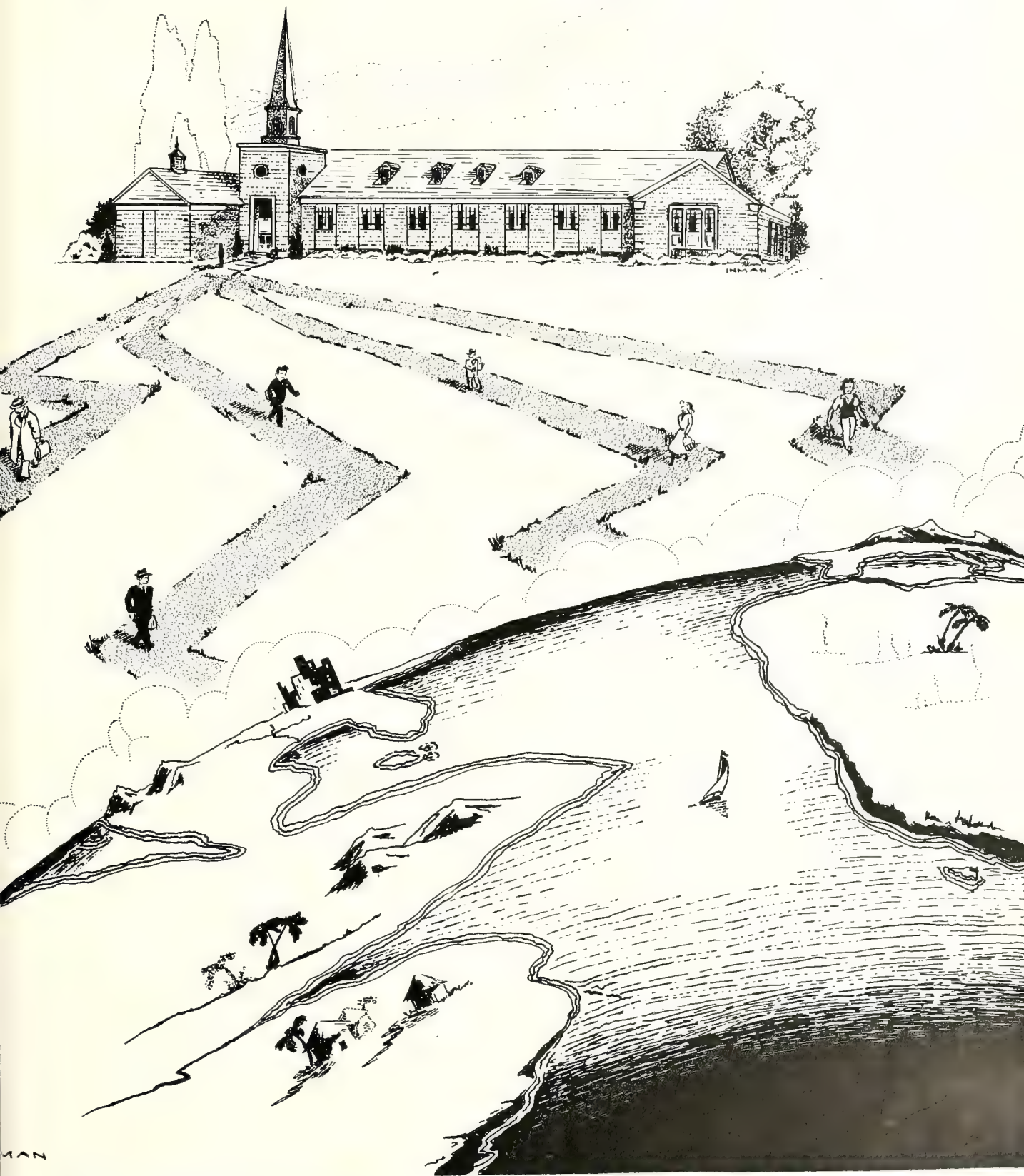
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THE COMMENCEMENT SERVICES — MAY 23 THROUGH 28, 1954

Winona Lake, Indiana

The Graduation Program

On the following pages of the Herald this week is printed a detailed program of the graduation services for Grace Theological Seminary and College. These begin with the seminary senior class service at 10:45 a. m. on Sunday, May 23. The seminary and college baccalaureate service is to be held on the same day at 7:30 p. m. The graduation service for both seminary and college will be held on Friday evening, May 28, at 7:30 o'clock. All who are within driving range of Winona Lake and who can possibly attend any or all of these services are urged to do so. Your presence will be a real encouragement and blessing to the graduating seniors especially.—P. R. B.

First Four-Year College Graduating Class

This year's graduation service marks another step forward in the history of Grace Seminary and College. In addition to 37 students who will receive degrees from the seminary, 10 are to be graduated from the college

SPEAKING OF MONEY

1. As this Education Number goes out to the churches, the annual offering for foreign missions is still in process of being completed. The need is great. And the faculty and students of Grace Seminary are united in prayer that the need may be fully met. Even aside from the need of a lost world, we have a personal stake in this matter. Many graduates of this school are already laboring in our foreign fields. They must have our support. Others soon to graduate cannot be sent without the necessary funds.

2. We also ask that prayer be offered on behalf of the seminary monthly needs. It will help greatly if, at this particular time, any offerings on hand in the churches can be forwarded without delay.

"I write unto thee, knowing that thou wilt do even beyond what I say" (Philem. 21 ASV).—A. J. M.

division and will receive the A. B. degree. A total of 48 students will receive either degrees or diplomas. The Brethren Church can rejoice over the blessing of the Lord that has rested upon the new college division. The present is an indication of greater progress in the future.—P. R. B.

Grace Trumpeters Going to Pacific Coast

On the day following the graduation the Grace Trumpeters and the seminary vice president expect to leave for the west coast. The group will appear first at the sessions of the California District Conference in Long Beach, during the week of May 29. Afterwards they expect to visit the churches in California before returning to Winona Lake. They will also be featured on the programs of the senior young people's camp at Tahquitz Pines. The group this year is composed of Edwin Cashman, of Winona Lake, Ind.; Edward Smith, of Xenia,

Ohio; Alva Steffler, of Dayton, Ohio; and David Halvorsen, accompanist, of Winona Lake. Dr. Bauman will accompany them and expects to show in each church some of the pictures taken on his recent trip to Europe and the Bible lands. Pray for the ministry of this group. They desire especially to contact prospective students for Grace Seminary and College.—P. R. B.

It's Good To Be Home Again!

Only those who have spent some time in foreign lands can fully appreciate the meaning of the oft-heard statement: "It's great to be home again!" About two months ago four Brethren men formed part of a group which spent six weeks traveling in Europe and Bible lands. Many of our Brethren prayed for us, and we would be ungrateful if we failed to express our appreciation for your prayers. The Lord directed and blessed the group in many ways. The trip was not marred by serious illness or accident. Unusual opportunities were made available for conferences with high government officials, and complete freedom was given for pictures in countries where photography has become a difficult and sometimes dangerous matter. In issues of the magazine to follow, Dr. Grubb and I expect to discuss some of the highlights of the trip which we believe will be of interest to our brethren. The conditions in Europe and opportunities to spread the Gospel there deserve a good deal of thought on the part of Brethren people. The unrest in the Near East and the amazing developments in Israel should challenge the attention of every child of God. We are living in perilous times. But they are also thrilling to the Christian who knows God's program for these last days. Let us be informed, and let us also be ready (Mark 13:34-37).—P. R. B.

GRACE SEMINARY GIFTS FOR APRIL 1954

Albany, Oreg.	\$64.00	Modesto, Calif. (La	
Alexandria, Va.	26.00	Loma)	\$28.00
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ..	18.00	Mundy's Corner, Pa.	6.00
Beaumont, Calif.	22.00	New Troy, Mich.	23.00
Bellflower, Calif.	38.00	Paramount, Calif.	55.00
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Camden, Ohio	25.00	Portland, Oreg.	37.00
Canton, Ohio	117.00	Rittman, Ohio	23.50
Clay City, Ind.	14.00	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) ..	18.50
Conemaugh, Pa.	26.00	Roanoke, Va. (W. Hts.) ..	9.00
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Dayton, Ohio (1)	2.40	South Bend, Ind.	134.00
Dayton, Ohio (P. Pk.) ..	31.00	South Pasadena, Calif. ..	12.43
Denver, Colo.	10.00	Summit Mills, Pa.	45.00
Elyria, Ohio	21.00	Temple City, Calif.	25.00
Everett, Pa.	30.00	Uniontown, Pa.	42.86
Findlay, Ohio	35.10	Waterloo, Iowa	167.00
Flora, Ind.	42.50	Waynesboro, Pa.	105.00
Glendale, Calif.	216.00	Whittier, Calif.	349.14
Goshen, Ind.	49.00	Winchester, Va.	52.00
Harrah, Wash.	60.57	Winona Lake, Ind.	255.70
Harrisburg, Pa.	20.10	Wooster, Ohio	122.75
Homerville, Ohio	9.00	Yellow Creek, Pa.	22.00
Huntington, Ind.	10.00	Isolated Brethren	70.00
Jenners, Pa.	28.05	Non-Brethren	72.10
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La Crescenta, Calif. ..	5.00		
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EARLE E. PEER
Class Service Preacher

Grace Seminary 1954 Graduation Services



DR. W. A. OGDEN
Baccalaureate Preacher

THE CLASS SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 10:45 A. M.

At the Winona Lake Brethren Church
(Chapel of Grace Theological Seminary)

John Strom, Class President, Presiding
Donald Ogden, Director of Music

Piano Prelude.....Mrs. Harriet Hoyt
*Processional
*Call to Worship—Doxology
*Invocation.....John Reed
Hymn—"Holy, Holy, Holy"—No. 17
Responsive Reading—Psalm 103.....Irvin Miller
Male Quartet.....Dean Risser,
Roy Clark, Gene Witzky, Russell Irwin
Scripture Lesson.....Bill Burk
Prayer.....Leonard Meznar
Hymn—"Crown Him With Many Crowns"—No. 10
Announcements.....Rev. Herman W. Koontz
Presentation of Offerings
Solo.....Miss Ruth Hall
The Class Sermon.....Earle E. Peer
(Vice President of the Student Body)
*Hymn—"Channels Only"—No. 286
*Benediction
Postlude
*Congregation Standing

THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 7:30 P. M.

Auditorium of Grace Theological Seminary

Director of Music—Donald Ogden

Prelude.....Ira D. Halvorsen, Jr.
Processional (the congregation standing)
Invocation.....Rev. Herman W. Koontz
Hymn—"To God Be the Glory"
Scripture Reading.....Rev. Russell D. Barnard
Announcements.....President Alva J. McClain
Hymn—"Open My Eyes"
Prayer.....Rev. A. D. Cashman
Male Quartet
Baccalaureate Sermon.....Rev. W. A. Ogden
(Pastor, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., and
President of Board of Trustees, Grace Seminary)
Hymn—"No Other Plea"
Prayer and Benediction.....Rev. Blaine Snyder
Postlude

THE GRADUATION SERVICE

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 7:30 P. M.

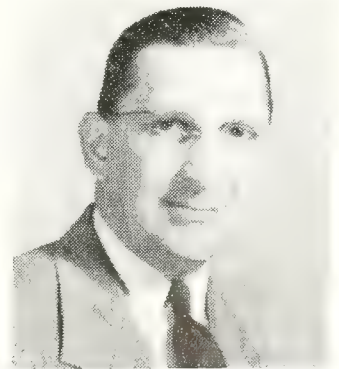
Auditorium of Grace Theological Seminary

Director of Music—Donald Ogden

Prelude and Processional.....Ira D. Halvorsen, Jr.
Academic Procession (the congregation standing)
Invocation.....Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, Th.M.
Hymn—"All Hail the Power"
Scripture Reading.....Rev. Paul E. Dick
Trumpet Trio
Annual Seminary Announce-
ments.....Rev. William A. Ogden, D.D.
(President of the Seminary Board)
Hymn—"The Sands of Time"
Prayer.....Rev. Gerald V. Smelser
Seminary Choir
Graduation Address.....Rev. Herrmann G. Braunlin
Presentation of the Class Gifts.....John Strom
Edward Smith
Response.....Rev. James L. Boyer, Th.D.
Recognition of Honors.....Prof. John Rea, B.D., M.A.
Presentation of
Candidates.....Dean Herman A. Hoyt, Th.M., Th.D.
Conferring of Diplomas and Degrees..President Alva J.
McClain, Th.M., D.D., LL.D., assisted by Vice Presi-
dent Paul R. Bauman, B.D., D.D., and Registrar Ho-
mer A. Kent, Th.M., Th.D.
Hymn—"O Jesus, I Have Promised"
Prayer and Benediction.....Rev. Russell I. Humbert
Postlude

REV. HERRMANN G.
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Graduation Speaker



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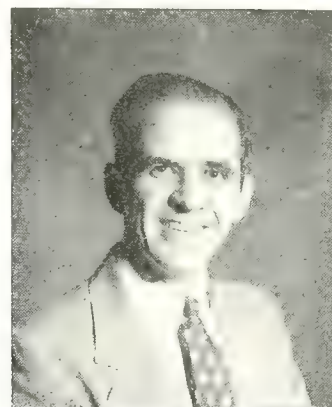
Another addition to the faculty of Grace College in the person of Jesse D. Humbert will assure Brethren people of high academic and sound spiritual training for their young people. Jesse Humbert has been called to serve as assistant professor of science and mathematics. Graduating from William Jennings Bryan University with a Bachelor of Science degree (magna cum laude) and later serving some time in the United States Navy, he received the A. B. degree from Wittenberg College, and the M. A. degree from Ohio State University. He is now graduating from Grace Theological Seminary with the B. D. degree.

He is the son of Rev. Russell I. Humbert, for many years a pastor and Bible lecturer in the Brethren Church. Some years of experience in the teaching field both in secondary schools and at Wittenberg College make him an extremely valuable man on the faculty. His preparation in the field of education will further implement the department of education which is being launched in the fall of 1954.—Dr. Herman A. Hoyt.

Let's Explore Our Universe

By Jesse D. Humbert

Assistant Professor in Science and Mathematics



"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." After God had created the first man and woman, he told them to subdue the earth, and to have dominion over all living things. This is man's Magna Charta for the study of science and mathematics.

God had a purpose in mind when he created the universe. According to Romans 1:20 and Psalm 19:1, creation is a revelation of God who originated it; and therefore can teach us many things about the power of God, His beauty, majesty, order, and wisdom. But because sin has entered into the universe, creation is under the curse, and also man's ability to understand God's general revelation has been darkened.

God has provided further a special revelation, the Bible, to show man the way of salvation which will change him and enable him to see nature as it should be seen. Since the general revelation of science, and the special revelation in the Bible reveal the same God, there are no disagreements between them for the Christian.

Grace College has this Christian philosophy of science and mathematics. God not only created all things, but He also continues to uphold them, and controls their destinies through what is often called "natural law." In fact, the entire history of science and mathematics is hardly more than the record of the discovery of existing laws, and the invention of better symbols as needed from time to time for their expression.

The non-Christian interpretation of scientific method attempts to approach a problem with no preconceived ideas at all, and prides itself on its openmindedness. The Christian insists that basic to all scientific study is the inescapable fact that God exists. True science prides itself on using all of the facts.

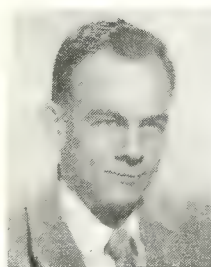
Everyone will agree that there are certain practical facts, principles, and skills in the fields of science and mathematics which any educated person should know. This highly complicated Atomic Age has in fact brought

some of the more advanced principles into the thinking of everyone. These principles, as well as the ability to discover and use them, are of God.

Throughout history there have been many who have thought in the fields of philosophy, mathematics, and theology. Such names as Pythagoras, Descartes, Kepler, and Newton come to mind. Origen, who was one of the greatest church leaders of his day, and president of the school of Alexandria at the age of 18, "put his pupils through a severe scientific training, especially in geometry, and led them by this means to study of the mysteries of the faith."

At Grace College, the student can survey the fields of physical and biological science and develop a Christian philosophy of science. He can study mathematics and increase his proficiency in computation, prepare for professional courses, and also increase his appreciation of the Creator of our universe. This universe, marvelous in its system and orderliness, matchless in its beauty as through "natural laws" are expressed the thoughts and works of God.

1954 GRADUATE SERVING IN CALIFORNIA



Raymond Thompson

Recent issues of the Herald have described the present location of a number of the 1954 graduates from Grace Seminary. Since completing his work last May, Raymond Thompson has been serving as pastor of the Modesto Christian Center, a comparatively new work located approximately six miles from the city. Raymond is a cousin of another Grace Seminary alumnus, Rev. J. Paul Miller, who is now pastor of the La Loma Brethren Church, Modesto.

DISCOVERIES AT DOTHAN

By John Rea, Assistant Professor in Bible and Archeology

(Last month Professor Rea related the details of the preparation for digging, the description of the work they were about to do, and introduced the members of the staff of the archaeological expedition.)

Not even Dr. Free knew what we would find when ground was broken on March 28. The steep slope was covered by weeds and spring flowers. In what period would we find ourselves when the first walls and pieces of pottery began to appear? That was the exciting question.

Our Technique

On the south side of the mound we opened three small areas in a row, 5 x 7 meters each (about 16 x 23 feet). We left a 1-meter cat-walk between each area; this strip also served as a vertical "face" to check the various levels of the mound as we dug down through the ruins. The actual digging was done by local Arabs, who worked in three gangs of 11 men each, supervised by three of us on the American staff. We gave them picks and *majrafehs*, triangular-bladed hoes, with which to dig (not bulldozers and pneumatic drills!), and baskets made from old rubber tires in which to carry the dirt to the dump, about 50 feet away. They quickly learned to dig carefully and to save every little piece of pottery for us.

These potsherds were taken in tagged baskets to the house, where Arif faithfully—and jealously—washed over 145,000 sherds by the end of the season. We recorded about 6,000 of the most significant ones, which gave clear indication of the approximate dates of the successive levels of the site.

The First Day

That first day we found a little thin stone wall that later on appeared to be unimportant. Right away we began to find large broken pieces of *zirs*. *Zir* is the Arabic word for the large water-storage jar about three feet high that has been used for thousands of years. They prop these jars against a wall inside their houses. The women bring water from the local well and fill the jar, which is slightly porous. Since it is in the shade and because the air is dry, as the moisture evaporates on the outside of the jar, the water inside is cooled.

But not until nearly quitting time on the second day did we unearth anything that would enable us to determine how to date this top level. In my area, the farthest down the slope, one of the workmen called my attention to pieces of a small juglet that he was uncovering. Quickly I dropped to my knees and began to brush away

the loose earth. Mrs. Free came down from her area to help. By using penknives and trowels we carefully cleared away the dirt. Gradually it became apparent that we had found not one, but *six* objects, five juglets and one bowl. Since it began to rain, we left them as we found them in order to photograph them in position next morning.

In the next few days we glued together the four of these which were broken. We compared them all to photographs and drawings of similar bowls and jugs which other archaeologists had found at Megiddo, 12 miles northwest of Dothan, and at other sites in Palestine. Soon we learned that this cache of six vessels belonged to the Middle Bronze Age, 4,000 years ago. This archaeological period lasts from 2000 B. C. to 1550 B. C. Two of the juglets were typical of the type made or used by the Hyksos peoples from Asia, who ruled in Egypt roughly about the time of Joseph. Thus we knew we were excavating in the Patriarchal Period of Old Testament history and that people *did* live at Dothan in Joseph's time.

A Pottery Kiln

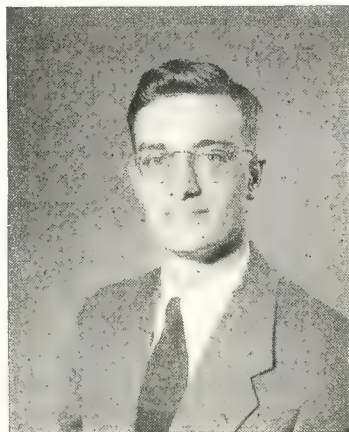
Near the top of the slope Mr. Kelsey was able to trace the outlines of a round pottery furnace belonging to the period known as Iron I or Early Iron Age (1200-900 B. C.). Built of stones, it was about five feet in diameter and was evidently used by a potter long ago to bake his clay vessels. Later we learned that this area was inside the city wall, whereas I was digging outside the fortifications. It was Mrs. Free's lot to clear the big wall itself.

Weaving

Mr. Kelsey also found a number of clay weights, more or less cone-shaped, with a small hole through the narrow end. Evidently these were loom weights, used in weaving to keep taut the strands of the upright warp, singly or in bundles, suspended from the weaver's beam. Excavators at Debir (Kirjath-sepher) discovered there must have been a regular weaving and dyeing industry at that site in southern Palestine during the period of the Divided Kingdoms (900-600 B. C.).

Millstones

Since he was working inside the city wall, Mr. Kelsey also uncovered several saddle querns or millstones. In ancient times in northern Palestine instead of being round and turned on an axis, the lower millstone was long and narrow, shaped like half a banana or wiener sliced lengthwise. A smaller rectangular stone, the upper millstone, was pushed back and forth across the flat side of the larger stone to grind the wheat or barley. These were usually shaped by hand from a gray, porous type of basalt. The number of complete and fragmentary millstones that we found during the course of the excavation indicates that these were essential equipment for every household; this is the obvious implication of Deuteronomy 24:6. An upper millstone made a handy



Prof. John Rea



The Seminary has been the recipient of special gifts during the past few months which have helped to make possible several campus improvements and additions to the school's equipment. The picture on the right shows the caretaker, Bro. George Cone, unpacking one of the 140 new chairs purchased in part by a gift from a couple in California. In the center picture one of the students, Nathan Meyer, assists in loading a trailer at the chair factory. On the left Brother Cone plants nearly \$500 worth of grass seed on the spacious front campus. The seed was a gift from a couple in Dayton, Ohio.

projectile in time of siege, as Abimelech learned all too late (Judg. 9:53).

The City Wall

In the following weeks we opened three similar areas on the slope to the east of the first three, and yet again, still another three. We were especially eager to trace the course of the city wall and to determine its dimensions. At first we could not be certain which of several walls was the main city fortification. When the vertical face of a large wall had been cleared and was found to measure 16 feet high, we realized this must be it, but it seemed so thin. Our puzzle was cleared up when we discovered that the inside face, sloping near the top, was under one of the catwalks. Then we determined that the wall was nearly 11 feet thick at the base and 9 feet at the top. Between the two faces of the wall was fill of rocks and dirt. This great wall guarded the city throughout the Early Bronze Age (3000-2000 B. C.). The roughly cut stones used in the construction are of much smaller size than the great boulders often used in the Middle Bronze Age.

Where Was the Gate?

It was disappointing not to find a city gate in this wall. But we did find a large flight of steps 12 or 14 feet wide leading up the slope from the direction of the well. Our digging revealed 18 steps by the time we reached the edge of the land that Dr. Free had purchased. The steps date back to the Early Bronze period, though they doubtless continued in use into Middle Bronze times by the women as they brought water up the hill from the well. Somewhere near the top of the flight of steps must be the gateway, perhaps farther to the east. In future seasons of excavation Dr. Free plans to search for this gate.

A Skeleton!

Our most interesting single discovery began to appear

on April 22. Mr. Kelsey was excavating in his third area just inside the city wall. Here he dug down through 11 levels of occupation, 30 feet of stratification, to virgin clay. In the fourth level from the top, the upper part of a skull appeared. The bone was very fragile and tended to disintegrate in the air when exposed. After scraping away a little dirt, Mrs. Free, with a woman's delicate touch, and Mr. Kelsey would paint shellac on the bones. In this manner the entire skeleton of a one- or two-year-old child, 26 inches long, was uncovered and preserved. It took them two more days! Buried with the child by its mouth was a small jar, a juglet by its right hand, and a larger jug at its feet. These pieces of pottery all belonged to the Middle Bronze Age. The whole burial was directly beneath the large cut stones of a wall, in the foundation trench of that wall. It is possible that this child was a "foundation sacrifice," offered to one of the heathen gods of the Canaanites. If this is the case, it illustrates the wickedness of those peoples and furnishes a reason why God commanded Joshua to exterminate them.

The seven still lower levels teach us that this section of Palestine was populated by industrious, intelligent people throughout the Early Bronze Age, all during the millennium before Abraham came to sojourn in Canaan. By excavating on top of the mound for over two weeks at the end of the season we learned more about the occupation of Dothan during the first part of the Iron Age, until about 800 B. C. The pottery evidence gathered during the initial season of digging at Dothan and the other discoveries clearly show that this ancient city was inhabited in the days of Joseph, of Pharaoh Thutmose III, and of the Prophet Elisha.

CHARACTERIZING HER MINISTER—"Six days of the week he's invisible, and on the seventh he's incomprehensible," was the account which a dissatisfied old lady gave of her pastor and his ministrations.—*Christian Victory*.

TALKING TAPE

By George Cone, Jr., Instructor in Linguistics

The tape recorder is a very valuable aid to a language teacher. When properly employed, this machine can ease the tedious burden of language study for the student, and increase his proficiency greatly. A native speaker may be heard by the use of the recorder without the disadvantages involved in bringing that person to the classroom.

The way this machine is employed in our classes at Grace Seminary and College may be of interest to you. There are several uses that are common, but the resourceful student can find many ways in which he can increase his ability in language and yet enjoy the process, by using the recorder. We are fortunate to have several students in the school who are able to speak foreign languages fluently, and these have been a great aid in preparing materials for use with the recorder.

One essential to language study is the ability to hear and recognize the various sounds which are produced by the speaker of a language. Some of these are strange to the English ear and must be studied carefully for correct reproduction. A text consisting of a native story or legend may be recorded on tape and played repeatedly before the students. The continual repetition of the same text helps the student to recognize the sounds, the groups of sounds, and the phrases of the text. This is an extended use of the Linguaphone system which has been used for many years on wax recording.

Another essential in language study is the proper intonation of the sentences. There is no language which is spoken in a complete monotone. All languages have some rise and fall in their sentence pitch which is significant to the meaning of the utterance. One thing that brands a person as a foreigner immediately is the improper rise and fall of his sentences. When a text is played repeatedly, the intonation of the sentences of the text can be studied carefully and these tones may be noted as to their significance, and then adopted by the student in his speaking of the language.

Sometimes it is much easier to hear and understand a language than it is to speak it. By the use of the tape recorder, the students can record their own voices as they reproduce the sounds of the language. If a native speaker is available, a recording of the native saying a phrase followed immediately by the student saying the phrase is very helpful in revealing to the student the



Norbert Darr and Lawrence Lawlor use tape recorder under the direction of Instructor George Cone, Jr., in Phonemics class.

places where his pronunciation differs from that of the native. These errors can be noted and concentrated upon until accuracy is obtained. A series of recordings of the student speaking will give a good progress report on the work being done by the student.

In the classroom in Grace Seminary, talking tape is becoming a very helpful asset to student and teacher alike.

NEW HEBREW BIBLE PRINTED

According to the Jerusalem Post, the new edition of the Bible, edited by the late Umberto Cassuto, former chief rabbi of Florence, Italy, and at his death a member of the Hebrew University faculty, is the first Hebrew text of the Bible printed entirely in the Holy Land. The work was published by the Hebrew University-Magnes Press.

Sir Leon Simon, chairman of the Press, who announced the new publication, said the work contains some 20,000 minute corrections or variations of vowel pointing and accenting of the Hebrew, and is intended as a new standard household text.

Professor Cassuto, who died in 1951, spent much of his life collating the Ginsburg text (D. C. Ginsburg was a Christian Jew), published by the Oxford University Press, with the Vatican, Leningrad, Cairo, and London manuscripts. He was also the first scholar to work on the famous manuscript preserved in the cellar of a synagogue at Aleppo, Syria.

The new edition, produced by transferring Professor Cassuto's corrections to photostatic copies of the Ginsburg edition, and reproducing the corrected pages on photostatic plates, was completed by Prof. E. S. Hartom, also of Italian origin, and his long-time collaborator. A staff member of the Bezalel School of Art here entered the corrections.

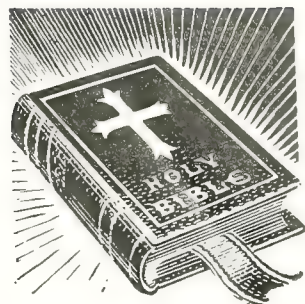
The first printing of the new text, which contains 1,337 pages, was done in 10,000 copies and is to go on sale in Israel shortly for four pounds a copy.—*Salvation*.

WHO WILL PURCHASE THIS TAPE RECORDER?

In the accompanying article George Cone, Jr., tells something of the value of the tape recorder in the study of languages. For effective teaching of language principles, the languages themselves (such as French and Spanish), and for the proper teaching of Homiletics, it became absolutely necessary for the school to purchase such an instrument. However, there were no funds available for this purpose. But we have gone ahead on faith, believing that the Lord will provide through some individual or group especially interested in this ministry. The cost of the equipment is \$110. If any group or organization desires to take this as a project, please contact the school. It will be a gift greatly used of the Lord.

Interesting Facts About THE BIBLE

By R. L. Wheeler, Rugby, England



THE BIBLE is one of the simplest books in the world, for where is the child who does not understand and enjoy the delightful stories in the Bible; the teaching in the Gospels; the parables, as the parable of the prodigal son, and of the good samaritan. Yet:

THE BIBLE is the most profound book in the world, for it contains also the deep things of God. Books innumerable have been written concerning its sacred contents, and more scholarship, and research, and labor have been, and are still being, expended on it than any other book ever produced.

THE BIBLE is the cheapest book in the world for its size, yet more money has been expended for a single copy than for any other book in the world (\$500,000 for the Sinaitic Version).

THE BIBLE is the most available book in the world, having been printed in more languages and dialects than any other book, and millions of copies have been available for the asking. Yet it has been the most costly of all books to preserve its freedom, entailing untold sufferings and persecutions and life itself to many of God's faithful servants.

THE BIBLE is the most-quoted book in the world, by all classes, creeds, and persuasions, religious and irreligious, philosophers, atheists, scientists, and politicians, for men cannot get away from its wisdom and knowledge and influence, even though they may ignore its personal call to repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE BIBLE is the most hated book in the world, for time and time again through the ages, and also in modern days, men have sought to destroy it, and to forbid its possession, sometimes even putting to death those having a copy in their possession.

THE BIBLE is the most loved book in the world. Yes, truly, and among all classes and nations. Many have risked death rather than give up their treasured possession. Some have sold their all to obtain a copy, walked weary miles to hear it read, and multitudes with the psalmist confess that the Bible is their delight and meditation, and that they hide God's Word in their heart that they might not sin against the Lord.

And why the above? Is there not a cause? Yes, truly, for the Bible is a living Book. It is a lamp in a dark place, unveiling the past and revealing the future. Speaking with divine authority, it discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart. Was it not C. H. Spurgeon who once said, "Other books can delight the mind, this one only can quiet the conscience." For the Bible teaches us the true fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom, and it is able to make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (II Tim. 3:15-17).

May we therefore read it earnestly, read it prayerfully, while we have opportunity. Like the psalmist may our prayer be: "Lead me in thy truth, and teach me." So shall the blessing of the Lord be ours, and we shall know assuredly by His Spirit that we who were once darkness are now light in the Lord.—*The Good Samaritan, October 1953*).

CANADIAN STUDENT APPRECIATES SEMINARY

This age in which we live is one that is characterized by an increasing perplexity of life. In order to meet the challenge which this situation presents, it behooves the prospective Christian worker to undergo a rigorous discipline of training as a preparation for the exigencies with which he will be confronted. In order to combat an intellectualism based upon false assumptions and unproven hypotheses, the minister of the Gospel needs a clear understanding of the issues which are being faced by the people of his generation. In order to bring the message of reconciliation to a world which has all but forced God out of its thinking and its life, the ambassador of Christ needs to have the background of a careful study of the Word of God in which the activity of the Holy Spirit and the ministry of prayer have their essential place.



William R. Foster

During the two years which I have been at Grace Seminary I have found that this school does preserve that balance between spiritual devotion and intellectual acumen that will develop into usable instruments the students who have been called to His service. In the classroom the Lord Jesus Christ is presented as the Saviour of the world; His grace as the sole efficacy for salvation from sin; His Word as the inspired record of the will of God. Neither will we soon forget the example which the faculty set in their recourse to prayer in times of trial and difficulty, nor the spirit of fellowship which we have with one another. Grace Seminary is worthy of your continued prayer and support.—*William R. Foster*.

Note—Brother Foster is completing his second year in Grace Seminary this spring, with the Th.M. degree. He has applied for permission to continue work toward his doctor's degree and expects to remain for that work next September.

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NEW YORK—Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Sheldon arrived here on May 11 from French Equatorial Africa. They arrived in Winona Lake the week of May 16.

CANTON, OHIO—Rev. Wesley Haller, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Middlebranch, Ohio, teaches each Friday night at the Canton Bible Institute.

LEAMERSVILLE, PA.—Pictures of our work in Hawaii were shown on Apr. 25, and a tape recording prepared by Rev. Foster Tresise explained the pictures.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—The Hagerstown youth rally was held in the Grace Brethren Church on May 1. Rev. Russell Weber is pastor.

ATTENTION, WMC—The name of Miss Marian Thurston, Africa, was omitted from the birthday list in the WMC issue. The date is July 24.

FORT WAYNE, IND.—The annual mother-daughter banquet was held at the First Brethren Church on May 11. Mrs. Wayne Beaver was the speaker.

ALTO, MICH.—The new address of Rev. Earl Funderburg is R. R. 2, Alto, Mich. Please change Annual.

UNIONTOWN, PA.—Rev. Wayne Baker, of Jenners, Pa., was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on May 2. Rev. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

COVINGTON, VA.—The First Brethren Church had 261 present in Sunday school on May 2. Rev. Paul Mohler is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Dr. Paul R. Bauman and Dr. L. L. Grubb returned May 5 from their trip to the Holy Land.

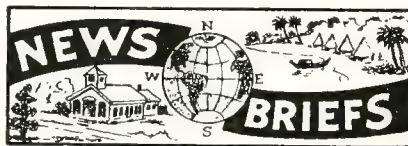
BEAUMONT, CALIF.—The mother-daughter banquet was held May 6 at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. Mrs. Leo Polman was the speaker. Miss Janis Hamilton, mem-

ber of this church and student at John Brown University, was listed on the dean's list of honor students. Rev. Gene Farrell is pastor.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—Mr. Robert Harkness, composer of more than 2,000 hymns and gospel songs, presented a piano recital at the Arrowhead Brethren Church on May 9. Rev. Lyle Marvin is pastor.

GLENDAL, CALIF.—A surprise "kitchen shower" was given May 15 in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Keith Altig by the members of the First Brethren Church. A banquet in honor of the church softball team will be held May 22.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Chaplain Donald F. Carter, on active duty with the United States Army, was promoted Mar. 15 to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Chaplain Carter was formerly pastor of the First Brethren Church of La Verne, Calif., and the First Brethren Church of Glendale, Calif.



HARRISBURG, PA.—Rev. Mark Malles, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa., will be the guest speaker at the youth conference to be conducted May 19-23 at the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church. The mother-daughter banquet was held on May 14. Rev. Conard Sandy is pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—There were 14 visitors present from the community surrounding the View Ridge Brethren Church as a direct result of the house-to-house visitation program. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—There were 173 present at the services of the First Brethren Church on Apr. 18. A new subdivision is being developed in the immediate vicinity of the church here, thus affording greater opportunity for Christ. Of the last 10 baptized, 6 live within two blocks of the church. Rev. J. C. McKillen is pastor.

TAOS, N. MEX.—The graduation speaker at the Pot Creek, N. Mex., public school was Rev. Sam Horney, of the Brethren Spanish-American Missions of Taos.

ROANOKE, VA.—The new Washington Heights Brethren Church, Rev. Carl Miller pastor, was recipient of several gifts recently. The Ghent Brethren Church, Rev. Robert Miller pastor, contributed \$112.09 and eight gallons of paint to paint the basement; the district BYF contributed \$100 for the building fund; and the district WMC gave \$180 for the purchase of hymnbooks, communion set, and chairs. There are now 40 members in this home-mission church.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Mr. Max Williams, for the past year song leader for Crusade Team One, will assume the duties of assistant to Rev. Russell Weber, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church. Mr. Williams will move to Hagerstown with his family about Sept. 1.

FINDLAY, OHIO—The new address of Rev. Forest Lance is 1808 N. Cory. His new phone number is 2973-M. Please change your annual.

KITTANNING, PA.—The First Brethren Church has installed a new Hammond organ. It is the project of the Berean Bible Class. Rev. Wm. Schaffer is pastor.

ALTOONA, PA.—The East Fellowship of Brethren Churches held its spring WMC rally at the Grace Brethren Church (Juniata) on May 6. The district projects are a typewriter for the home-mission church at Parkersburg, W. Va., and a mimeograph machine for the mission church at Washington, Pa.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—The new phone number of Rev. Archer Baum, pastor of the First Brethren Church, is Cypress 5-6019. The new church phone number is CYpress 6-2567. The new address of the church secretary is: Mrs. Helen Lee, 4565 Orchard Ave., San Diego 7, Calif. Please change Annual.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Rev. Howard Vulgamore will become full-time assistant pastor and day-school principal for the First Brethren Church. Rev. Glenn O'Neal is pastor.

CUBA, N. MEX.—A number of Navaho believers obeyed the Lord in Christian baptism in the river near Farmington, N. Mex., on May 6. This is the first baptismal service for the Navahos. Rev. Evan Adams is the missionary.

FLORA, IND.—Mrs. Arnold R. Kriegbaum was the speaker at the mother-daughter banquet of the Grace Brethren Church May 3.

FACTS ABOUT PSALM 23

CHRIST THE GREAT SHEPHERD

PSALM OF COMFORT

CHRIST KEEPING

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PSALM OF SANCTIFICATION



By **DR. ORVILLE JOBSON**

FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA

In a very real sense the consolatory 23d Psalm is a sanctification hymn, because it expresses the walk of a trusting child of God. "Yea, though I walk."

Our salvation is threefold. First, there is the deliverance from the guilt and penalty of sin—our justification—our standing before God. This aspect of our salvation is expressed by the psalmist in the words, "The Lord is my shepherd." This blessed relationship is already established. The ground of this relationship is already established. The ground of this relationship is echoed in Psalm 32—"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity."

Second, there is the walk of the child of God. His growth in grace—his sanctification—his deliverance from the power of sin. The heart of this psalm expresses this truth beginning with "I shall not want," and continuing through verse 4. Here the justified saint rests upon his Lord, assured that He will also sanctify him. Finally, there is a completion of the work begun, when the justified, sanctified soul is glorified. This truth is expressed by the psalmist beginning with verse 5, "Thou

preparest a table before me," and culminating with "I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

This much-loved psalm was very probably written by David in the mellowed years of his sojourn. This is not the experience of youth. Many and varied experiences of his kingly life had taught him the folly of trusting upon the arm of flesh. He had learned to rest upon the Lord. Notice the beginning of lines 2 to 5. "He maketh," "He leadeth," "He restoreth," "He guideth." God was the center and circumference of David's life. Having led a shepherd's life in his youth, nothing could express his confidence and trust more than his conception of God as his shepherd. As the shepherd is everything to the sheep, so God was everything to David. It was God who made him to lie down in green pastures when hunted by Saul. It was God who led him beside the waters of rest when pursued by Absalom. It was God who restored him from his wanderings and grievous sin in the matter of Uriah and Bathsheba. It was God who guided him into paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

David wrote this psalm for our admonition. It is a message "from the heart of a brother speaking across the centuries his own per-

sonal emotions" (Maclaren). What strength and joy have been drawn from this well of life by the saints of all ages! Why? Because it meets the need of the heart in its yearning after God! In the New Testament we are exhorted to "walk worthily," but how can we unless He guideth us in paths of righteousness, unless He restoreth us when we backslide and sin, unless He leadeth us to rest in Him, and unless He maketh us to cease from self and find our all in Him?

David found God the all-sufficient One—the El Shaddai—and this even in the darkest experiences of his life. In them he could say, "I will fear no evil," because God was with him. His rod and staff comforted him. Such correction and discipline is necessary in our lives, too. How much there remains of self and the old man in the best of us! The Lord wants us to let go and let Him work. He may need to take us through the valley of the shadow of death—but He will sanctify and perfect us. He desires that we be sanctified and meet for the Master's use, a polished shaft in the service of the Lord. All that is best in us has come through His dealings with us in the ministry of sanctification. One day that work will be done, and we shall "dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

The Gospel---God's Power

The term "Gospel" is one with which we become so familiar that it, like the breathing of the lungs, is so taken for granted that we seldom stop to comprehend its tremendousness. Yet in all its magnitude, it is ascribed with exceptional simplicity. So often the simplest things are the most difficult to describe or explain, but the literal meaning of the term "Gospel" is "good news."

I. The Source of the Gospel.

Any information describing God must emit from Him, for finite creatures cannot understand Him or His ways. The Gospel is the good news of redemption for a fallen mankind. The redemption itself is completely provided by our Lord, and in order for us to learn of it, He has not left us uninformed. God himself is the source of the news as well as the provision of the facts which the good news proclaims. Every power *must* have its source, and the source of the power of the Gospel is God.

II. The Nature of the Gospel.

It is the *power of God*. Dr. Griffith Thomas brings us a marvelous illustration: "Christianity is a great moral and spiritual dynamic—unique in the Christian faith. It is not merely an ideal or an ethic, though it possess both, but, in addition and primarily, it is a dynamic which en-

ables us to realize the ideal and reproduces the ethic."

III. The Purpose of the Gospel.

Salvation may be designated the key word and the key theme of God's Word. Christ Jesus is the central figure and the chief personality. God's Word is His revelation to us regarding one subject—salvation from the time of the fall of man to the great judgment.

Salvation is sufficiently powerful to save us from the past penalty of sin; it has the power to keep us victorious over the present power of sin; and it has the power to deliver in the future, via the rapture, from the presence of sin.

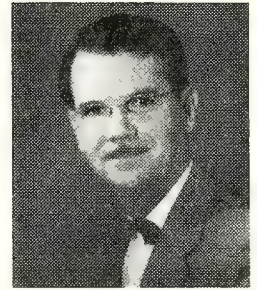
Delivery from the penalty of sin is described as justification. "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; *being justified freely by his grace* through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins *that are past*, through the forbearance of God" (Rom. 3:22-25).

IV. The Scope of the Gospel.

A. To every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (or gentile). "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13).

B. Universality is the keynote of Christianity; as there is a worldwide need and a worldwide opportunity, so there is a worldwide provision. Salvation is sufficient for every one, for every sin, for every time, for every place, and for every circumstance.

The world is full of religions, and the quest for eternal life is a phenomenon characterizing every human being. Yet, in all the world of religions, none have proven themselves adaptable to the whole world, as has the good news of God's grace as found in the Gospel. How much does the Gospel cover? "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise,



By Rev. Maxwell Brenneman
Pastor, First Brethren Church
Fillmore, Calif.

as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9).

V. The Reception of the Gospel.

The Gospel is "the power of God unto salvation *to every one that believeth*." This gives opportunity for all, regardless of class, race, or creed, to receive the Gospel, for God is no respecter of persons. Hence, the Gospel may be received by all through faith in the finished work of Calvary. The faith to accept is given by God. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, let any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

Faith, in order to have vitality must have an object on which it depends. Saving faith not only includes intellectual perception but enables spiritual reception. So, unless a person accepts the revealed righteousness, he must suffer the revealed wrath.

VI. The Benefits of the Gospel.

After discussing the basis of receiving the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is reasonable that we should know the benefits. We do not, by our very natures, have any righteousness, so God by the power of the Gospel provides the necessary qualifications. As we lost our position through unbelief or lack of faith, so when we trust, God receives us unto himself, imputing to us His righteousness.



National Fellowship OF Brethren Laymen

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

HARRISBURG, PA., CHURCH HAS NEW LAYMEN'S GROUP

From "the ONE and ONLY Chocolate Town," Hershey, Pa., Allen Zook sends us the information that the men of the Harrisburg church met in April and organized a laymen's group. Officers elected were: chairman, Gene Miller; vice chairman, Howard Woodhead; treasurer, William Wells; assistant treasurer, John Kauffman. Oh, yes, the secretary is Brother Zook.

Men of the Long Beach, Calif., Second Church, heard Mr. Enar Anderson, manager of Alice Frocks, Inc., speak at their fellowship dinner May 6.

On April 20 the men of the La Verne, Calif., church held a potluck and fellowship at which Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor of the Long Beach First Brethren Church was speaker.

Bro. Frank Poland, of the Brethren Home Missions Council, was the speaker at the men's fellowship at Fort Wayne, Ind., on April 20.

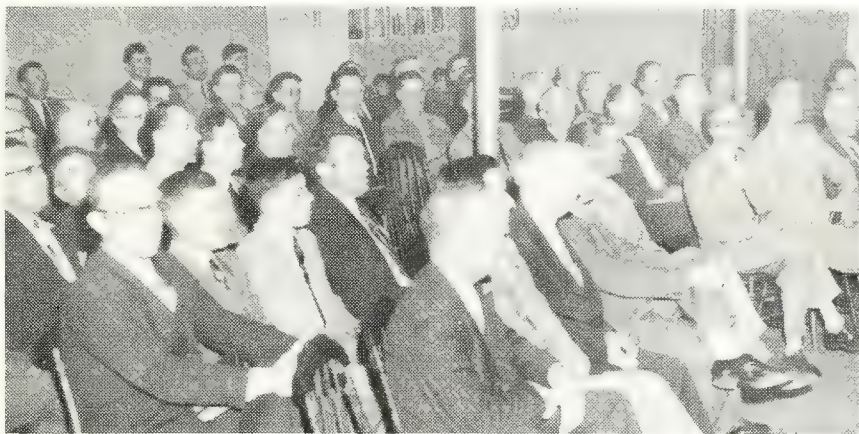
Sons' and Father's Night at the Brethren Boys Club was celebrated April 19 at the Los Angeles First Brethren Church.

At Dayton, Ohio, the men of the First Brethren Church are practicing for a Men's Chorus.

LONG BEACH MEN HEAR PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Dave Morken, veteran missionary to the Orient, was the speaker April 6 at the Brotherhood meeting at the Long Beach First Church. At the May 4 meeting the speaker was Dr. Charles Feinberg, of Talbot Theological Seminary. The Seminary Male Quartet brought the special music. Two members of the quartet are Brethren boys.

ATLANTIC FELLOWSHIP LAYMEN MEET IN RALLY AT YORK, PA.



Laymen at Atlantic District Rally



New officers (l. to r.)—Frank Cordell, rec. sec.; Floyd Hartman, v. pres.; James Knepper, pres.; Allen Zook, treas.; Kenneth Kohler, cor. sec.

A great meeting was held on April 3 at York, Pa., as 68 men gathered from the various churches of the Atlantic Fellowship for a laymen's rally. Ten of the district churches were represented.

Bro. Ed. Cordell was in charge, with Rev. Gerald Polman leading the singing. Special music was rendered by a sextet from the Washington, D. C., church. Brother Tom Bailey, of the Brethren Construction Company, gave a report on that organization and told of the work they are doing.

Following this, a business meeting was held and the following officers were elected: President, James N. Knepper, York, Pa.; vice president, Floyd Hartman, Washington, D. C.; recording secretary, Frank Cordell, Chambersburg, Pa.; corresponding secretary, Kenneth R. Kohler, Philadelphia, Pa.; treasurer, Allen Zook, Hershey, Pa.

A short period of fellowship followed the election and then many of the men drove over to view the new church being erected by the York Brethren.

Plans are being formulated for our next meeting, to be held at Harrisburg, Pa., June 12.—Kenneth R. Kohler.

LEAMERSVILLE, PA., LAYMEN SPONSOR BIBLE CONFERENCE

The monthly Bible conference at Leamersville, Pa., is sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood. Rev. Ralph Stoll, of Altoona, was the speaker May 17-18.

The district laymen's rally of the Southeast district was held at Covington, Va., May 7.

ELKHART MEN INVITE LADIES TO SUPPER

The Elkhart, Ind., fellowship held their April meeting Monday evening, April 19 in the community hall of the Farm Bureau at Goshen. This occasion was the annual event when the men's fellowship invites the ladies of the church to a supper.

Archie Keffer, a student at Grace Seminary, was the speaker of the evening. Wesley Miller, president of the fellowship, was in charge of the banquet, which was attended by 51 people.—Glenn A. Cripe, sec.

OUR TREASURER REPORTS

For April—	
Board of Evangelism (\$3,000).....	\$65.81
Student Aid (\$1,000).....	11.00
Brethren Boys Clubs (\$250).....	1.00
General Expense Fund (\$500).....	1.00

Maybe this will interest the Laymen: These are the States I have received offerings from for the Board of Evangelism:

Ohio	\$582.75
Pennsylvania	332.93
Virginia	224.79
Iowa	12.00
Washington, D. C.	5.00
Indiana	2.00

Total for Board of Evangelism... 1,159.47

In His service,

Walter Hoyt.

ADVENTURE

THE HUNT IN AFRICA

By Ruth Samarin

High in the sky the sun beat down on a little black boy as he followed his father through the tall grass. The little boy named Mark wiggled his hot toes in the new palm-leaf slippers. His shiny spear was heavy for a nine-year-old boy. But none of this mattered at all, for he was following his father through the dry grass to the big hunt of the year.

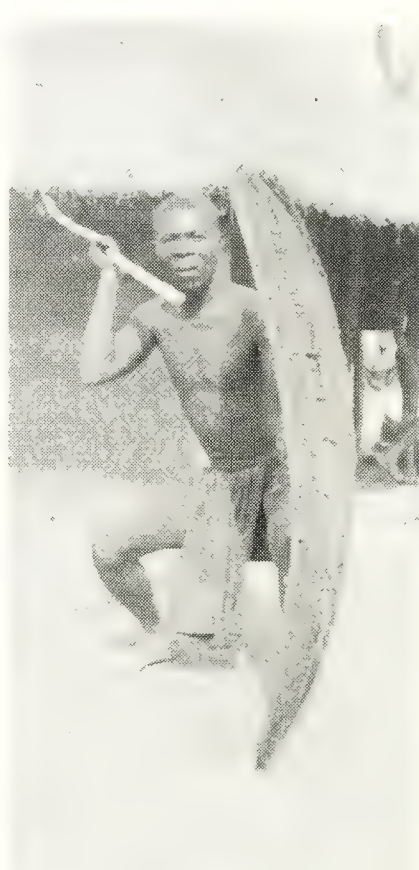
At Mark's village men and boys from up and down the truck road had gathered and then separated into two big groups. The two groups went different directions into the bush to form a huge circle many miles in width. At noon when the sun was at the top of the sky they would burn toward the center of the circle. The fire would chase the animals into the center of the circle, then Mark and his friends would hurry across the burnt grass protected by their palm-leaf shoes and spear their catch.

Mark glanced at the sun. They had walked several hours now and surely it was time to burn the grass. But his father didn't stop until the white heat of the noonday sun seemed to scorch the top of his black head. A dry wind swayed the grass and a flock of birds fluttered into the sky. The men began to gather grass for torches. When the torches were lit each laid its burning end to the grass nearby. Dry yellow grass flamed up with a roar. In a few minutes the whole earth seemed a red furnace. The wind blew sparks and cinders in Mark's eyes. Then out before them began to stretch a plain of burnt ground.

Across the still-smoking ground ran Mark and his father. "Keep your spear raised," called back his father. On either side of him Mark could see men running, with spears raised in the air. "Get behind a tree," shouted Mark's father. Before he could wonder why, Mark's father pushed him sprawling behind a tree. Then he heard the hoofbeats of the dreaded buffaloes and he turned just in time to see three of the mighty beasts stampede by. Some men threw their spears, but they were too late. Mark was glad,

for he had heard many tales of the meanness of a wounded buffalo.

Upon his feet again he ran across the burnt ground. Now and then he would hear a shout as the men



Native Ready for the Hunt

would see a leaping antelope or gray hedgehog hurry by. His father's spear went flying after a wildcat. Mark quickly grabbed up the dead animal and helped put it in his father's sack. He was happy now. There would be meat for supper.

Off ahead of them there was a deafening roar as a tunnel of black smoke spat up into the sky. The two grass fires had met in a collision of heat and wind. On Mark and his father ran, watching for the movement of animals in the clearing smoke.

Women and girls appeared with

baskets to help carry home the meat. A few of the men had killed large antelope. Many of them had smaller animals such as large rats and wild pigs.

Out of a hole scurried a frightened mouse. Mark called, "Watch, Father; I will become a hunter." Mark ran after the mouse. The tiny gray animal dodged around anthills and over rocks and then was gone. Mark returned to his father with a frown. "Never mind; you are just a boy. Someday you will be a great hunter," comforted Mark's father.

This was no time for sadness and Mark forgot his disappointment as he and his father washed the cinders and dirt from their tired bodies in the cool river. It was only then that Mark saw the sun was low in the sky. The morning walk had seemed so long, but the afternoon had passed quickly.

"Hurry, Mark," called his father. Mark's father is the village Bible teacher and each evening as the sun dies in the sky the village Christians meet to hear God's Word and to learn their Bible verses. As Mark passed his house he slipped off his palm-leaf slippers, leaned his spear by the door, pinched the cheek of his fat baby sister, and ran off to join his father at the chapel.

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The Origin of the Agape

By Prof. Homer A. Kent, Jr.

(LOVE FEAST)

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Of all the customs which have been practiced within the history of the Christian church, perhaps none is more indicative of the fellowship which characterizes believers than is the agape. The very name suggests a distinctively Christian virtue. But though most scholars are agreed that the first-century church observed the agape in connection with worship, most Christians today know little about it.

I. The Existence of the Name.

The Greek word *agape* occurs 116 times in the New Testament, and has been translated in the KJV by the words "love," "charity," "charitably," and "dear." One of these occurrences unmistakably denotes the Christian love feast—Jude 12. "These are spots in your feasts of charity" ("feasts of charity" is the translation of one Greek word *agapai*). A parallel passage is II Peter 2:13, where the English Revised Version of 1881 translates "revelling in their love feasts while they feast with you."

Among the writings of the early church leaders, the Agape was frequently referred to. Ignatius (died A. D. 110): "It is not lawful apart from the bishop either to baptize or to hold a love feast." Tertullian (A. D. 197-203): "Our feast explains itself by its name. The Greeks call it *agape*, i. e., affection." Numerous other references could be cited.

There has thus been left to us the name "agape," found in the New Testament and used by many early Christian writers to denote a meal partaken of by Christians.

II. New Testament Evidence of the Agape.

Since the Agape has been shown to have existed in the very earliest days of the Christian era, we may expect the early church to have been largely influenced by the sa-

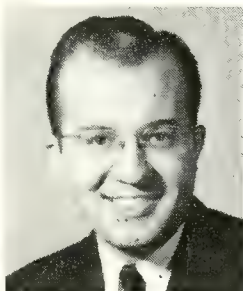
cred writings of the apostles. Hence the New Testament should give us information as to the origin of the Agape.

1. An Agape Mentioned by Jude.

Jude 12 is the least disputed and clearest passage in the New Testament which actually uses the name "agape" to refer to the love feast. At the time Jude wrote his epistle (ca. A. D. 75) the love feast was a well-established custom which already had been abused.

2. An Agape Referred to by Peter.

In II Peter 2:13 the English Revised Version of 1881 gives the reading "love feasts" in place of "de-



Prof. Homer Kent, Jr.

ceivings." The ASV of 1901 translates "love feasts" in the margin. Scholars disagree as to which is correct since ancient manuscripts differ. The confusion is caused by the similarity of sound and appearance of two Greek words, *agapais* (love feasts) and *apatais* (deceivings). Whichever translation is accepted, it should be clear that the subject Peter is discussing is the same as Jude, the love feast—"when they feast with you" (cf. Jude 12).

3. A Meal Recognized by Paul.

I Corinthians 11:17-34 discusses the love feast although the name "agape" is not used. Under the name "Lord's supper" (vs. 20), Paul dis-

cusses an evening meal (meaning of *deipnon*—supper) which had been abused by disorders. In order to draw the people back to a proper attitude and conduct, he points out the significance of the Eucharist (bread and cup) which seems to have followed the meal in their observance (vs. 25).

4. A Meal Observed by the Churches in Acts.

Acts 2:42 mentions the conduct of the church after Pentecost, and the phrase "the breaking of the bread" (Greek) suggests a special eating, either a Eucharist or Agape or both. Verse 46 mentions their eating of "meat with gladness," an indication of a meal in connection with their worship.

Acts 20:7-11 indicates that the reason for coming together on the first day of the week was to break the bread. Verse 11 reveals the eating of a meal as well as partaking of the Eucharist, for the term "eaten" in Greek denotes more than a mere sampling of food.

Thus the New Testament reveals the observance of the Agape at the very beginning of the church. We must look further to determine its origin.

5. Meals in the Ministry of Christ.

Meals were the occasion of fellowship in Christ's ministry, in accord with the custom of the ancient world. Christ's first miracle was at a marriage supper (John 2:1-11). Jesus attended supper at the homes of prospective followers (Luke 5:29), and with Pharisees and publicans and sinners (Matt. 9:10, Luke 7:36, 11:37, 14:1). One of the tenderest acts of devotion ever displayed toward our Lord occurred at a supper (John 12:1-3).

Meals also served as an instrument of teaching by Christ. The feeding of the 5,000 became the background for instructing His hearers (John 6:26-27 ff.). Symbolism of a meal was used to teach truths con-



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cerning His kingdom in various parables (Luke 14:16-24, Matt. 22:1-14).

A meal was the occasion of Christ's final instruction and fellowship with His disciples before Calvary. At this evening meal Jesus also washed the disciples' feet and instituted the Eucharist.

Such were the memories with which the disciples were left when their Lord was taken from them to be crucified. But as if to impress indelibly upon their minds the significance of these times of fellowship together, at least three of the appearances of Christ after His resurrection were in connection with meals (Luke 24:30-31, Mark 16:14, John 21:13).

III. Theories of the Origin of the Agape.

These are briefly defined as follows:

1. Precedent of the Last Supper.

The Agape is held to be an endeavor to follow the pattern of the Last Supper when the Eucharist was combined with a meal. The very name "agape" for love feast seems to show a connection with the Last Supper, in that on this occasion Christ gave the disciples a new commandment that "ye love one another" (John 13:24).

2. Continuation of the Common Meal With Christ.

This view holds that the Agape originated out of a desire to perpetuate the fellowship which the disciples had enjoyed in all their meals with Christ.

3. Jewish Social Meals.

These were well-known during and before the time of Christ and often had symbolical significance. However, it is impossible to trace any connection of them to the Christian Agape.

4. Semireligious Meals.

Heathen clubs and guilds often partook of semireligious meals. However, these gentile feasts were

usually idolatrous, and fail to account for the appearance of the Agape in the Jerusalem church immediately after Pentecost.

5. Agape Synonymous With Eucharist.

This view is decisively refuted by the references in I Corinthians, II Peter, and Jude, which speak of the abuses which arose from a meal (not just a sip of wine and taste of bread).

6. Early Communism of the Apostolic Church.

Acts 4:32, telling of the community of goods in the early church, is the basis for this view. However, the Jerusalem church was soon scattered, but the Agape persisted for centuries. The appearance of the agape in gentile cities which never had any sort of Christian communal living would refute this view (e. g. Corinth).

7. Charity Suppers.

It is true that the Agape had a charitable function in meeting the need of widows and the poor (cf. Acts 6:1), but this is hardly the originating cause. It was a practical accompaniment. If its only significance was to care for the poor, why would it always be followed by the Eucharist?

IV. The Conclusion From the Evidence.

It is the conclusion of the writer that the origin of the Agape may be traced to the Last Supper in the upper room, a most holy occasion where Christ also washed His disciples' feet and gave them the emblems of His body and blood. Other meals with Christ furnished memories of fellowship they had enjoyed with their Lord, but the culmination came when they gathered on the night of His suffering to partake of a final meal and receive His new commandment. No other circumstance so completely accounts for the practice of the common meal as a religious ceremony by Christian believers, both in and out of Palestine, from the beginning of the Christian church.

Peru, Ind.

The ministry of Crusade Team One was mightily used of the Lord to bless our church. Hearts were melted, homes were mended, and the lost found Christ as their Saviour. The music was thoroughly enjoyed and spiritually refreshing. The preaching was dynamic and filled with the passion for the souls of men—saints and sinners.

All departments of the church's work have been revived, including the heart of this pastor. There is a new spirit among the people of greater cooperation. The Crusaders (personal workers groups) were formed without coaxing and the members are eager for their work.

There were 13 first-time confessions, and most of these were high-school students. On Easter Sunday Bible school attendance was 222—no record—but on the next Sunday the mark was over 200 for the first time during this pastorate when nothing special had been programmed. Other services are showing equal improvement.—R. Ronald Robinson, pastor.

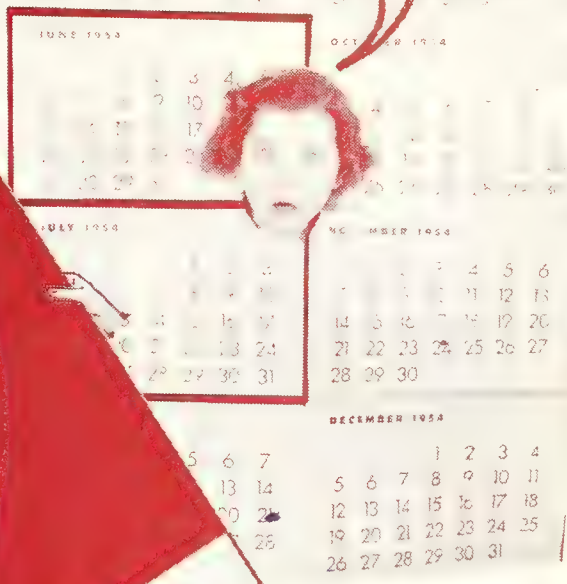
The pastor and congregation of the Peru church had very little time for preparation for this meeting. But it was amazing what the pastor had led them to do anyway. His newspaper advertising was most capably done.

In spite of many hindrances, the attendance and interest grew from the start. Practically all of the decisions for Christ came during the last three services. Many real victories were won that thrilled the hearts of all.

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LONG BEACH, CALIF.—The California District Conference will convene here at the First Brethren Church May 29 through June 5. Dr. Charles Mayes will be the host pastor. A district Brethren picnic will be held May 31.

SEATTLE, WASH.—The View Ridge Brethren Church is engaged in a Scripture memorizing campaign. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

COMPTON, CALIF.—Rev. Norman Nelson has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church. On May 1 Rev. Nelson entered the field of evangelism.

TIFFIN, OHIO—The Grace Bible Class is conducted each Thursday evening at 202 S. Sandusky St. Rev. Gordon Bracker, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Fremont, Ohio, is the teacher.

LISTIE, PA.—Newly acquired remote-control radio equipment has been installed in the Listie Brethren Church. The equipment is valued at over \$500. Rev. John Burns is pastor.

KITTANNING, PA.—A special class for instruction in the teaching of God's Word on salvation, baptism, and church membership is being taught by Rev. Wm. Schaffer, pastor of the First Brethren Church.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—The California District WMC convened at the Second Brethren Church May 10. Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, national WMC president, was the speaker.

COVINGTON, VA.—New cement sidewalk has been laid and a new front grade established at the First Brethren Church. A new lawn has been planted. Around the first of the year the exterior of the church was stuccoed. Rev. Paul Mohler is pas-

tor. Nearly 100 laymen from the district assembled here on May 7 for a rally, with Crusade Team Two in charge.

FREMONT, OHIO—The Grace Brethren Church raised a love offering May 16 for Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver to assist them in the purchase of a gasoline-powered washing machine. Rev. Gordon Bracker is pastor.

WINCHESTER, VA.—Dr. O. E. Phillips, president of the Hebrew Christian Fellowship in Philadelphia, conducted a conference in the First Brethren Church May 13-16. Rev. Paul Dick is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—Prof. Herbert Bess was guest speaker at the North Riverdale Brethren Church May 9.

LISTIE, PA.—On May 9, 157 assembled at the communion tables of the Listie Brethren Church. The same day, 19 were received into the church. Rev. John Burns is pastor.



INDIO, CALIF.—Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Link, long-time members of the Brethren Church, celebrated their "golden-wedding" anniversary on Apr. 28. Brother Link is a member of the board of trustees of the Brethren Missionary Herald. Brother Link is to undergo surgery on his eyes, and prayer is requested in his behalf for an early recovery.

BREATHITT, KY.—Rev. Sewell Landrum and former Vice President Alben Barkley were on the same platform for the commencement service of Breathitt High School on Apr. 29. Rev. Landrum had the privilege of spending a week with the graduating seniors on the trip to Washington, D. C.

KITTANNING, PA.—The First Brethren Church was the recipient of a fine gift from Mr. Drushal, superintendent of the Michigan Limestone Division of U. S. Steel. The gift included two large desks, a large work table, five chairs, a large sectional bookcase, and a filing cabinet. Rev. Wm. Schaffer is pastor.

PASTORS—SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPTS.

Please check to see that your Sunday-school order has been sent in for the next quarter. The material has already been mailed to many churches. Thank you.

TAOS, N. MEX.—The baccalaureate sermon at the Taos High School was delivered May 23 by Rev. Sam Horney, of the Brethren Spanish-American Missions.

GLENDALE, CALIF.—A surprise grocery shower was given May 15 to Rev. and Mrs. Keith Altig by the First Brethren Church.

DANVILLE, OHIO—Bro. William Johnson, senior in Grace Theological Seminary, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Danville Brethren Church. He will assume his duties about June 13.

COVINGTON, OHIO—A new attendance record was established Apr. 18 when 108 were present. There were 51 in attendance at the mother-daughter banquet held May 7. A singspiration was held here on May 9 with the Troy and Clayton, Ohio, churches participating. Rev. James Young is pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF.—The annual banquet of the Whittier area Christian Endeavor was held at the Community Brethren Church on Mar. 26. There were 403 present at Sunday school on Apr. 18. The Laudisti Singers gave a sacred concert here on May 2. Rev. Ward Miller is pastor. Rev. Miller's new phone number is OX 92200. Please change Annual.

YAKIMA, WASH.—Rev. Henry Dalke has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church. He will assume his new duties about July 1.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Information is desired by the Indiana District Sisterhood of Mary and Martha concerning the securing of a chapel bell to be donated to the Cordillera Brethren Church in New Mexico. Contact Miss Bobbette Osborn, Box 46, Winona Lake, Ind.



EYE OPENER NO. 1

The Missionary Herald

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By Rev. R. E. A. Miller

Head Man "Under the
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Schwarzenau, Germany—Birthplace of the Brethren Church in 1708.

All blood flows *to* the heart and all blood flows *from* the heart. The heart is not the life, for the life of the flesh is in the blood. But without the heart no life could be maintained. This is the vital function of the Missionary Herald in the Brethren Church today—to maintain the flow of its lifeblood.

No sooner had the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches become a reality than the Missionary Herald appeared in the homes of our brotherhood. There could be no "national fellowship" among the Brethren apart from this lifegiving flow maintained by the heart.

From the beginning of our national fellowship 15 years ago until this moment the Missionary Herald has never ceased its vital ministry. It is definitely and specifically a *missionary ministry*. This is true in several ways.

It is a *missionary Herald* in that it pumps out into the brotherhood the good news of salvation through the blood of Christ by the grace of God.

Every issue is sent forth to tell the Gospel of Jesus Christ to lost souls. This eternal purpose is the "warp and woof" of the entire Herald family, trustees, and employees. May it ever be true.

The Herald is *missionary*, too, in its ministry of spreading the good news of our missionary enterprises. How else could the more than 20,000 members of the Brethren churches in our fellowship keep well-informed of our far-flung battle against sin by our nearly 100 missionaries?

The *missionary ministry* of the Herald is further evidenced in the building and growth of the educational center of the national fellowship, Grace Theological Seminary and College.

Think of all the other integral parts of our national fellowship, the Women's Missionary Council, the national laymen's work, the Brethren Youth Council, the National Sunday School Board, the evangelistic crusades. Several of these groups are unable to carry their

share of the financial end of the maintenance of the Herald—but you see, it's the *missionary Herald*. All are served impartially.

For years now it has been the desire of the Herald personnel to increase the services rendered to the members of the churches. All these services are strictly *missionary* in scope and purpose. More and better Christian literature written by and for Brethren people is a great need among us. Several thousand dollars is absolutely necessary to launch such a vigorous ministry of the printed page. It takes money to print even a limited edition of any book. Years go by before it can be regained for further editions of new books. The heart of any testimony in this world is ultimately discovered to be its printed ministry.

If you have never helped in this "heart campaign" do so this year. Make your gift a substantial one and become a member of the Missionary Herald family—the heart of the Brethren Church.

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EYE OPENERS NO. 2 AND 3

The Missionary Herald Is the Heart of Our Worldwide Missionary Program

It is man's inborn habit to take things for granted, giving little thought and less thanks for his good things until they are gone. This is true of health, prosperity, freedom, and other material blessings. As God's born-again children we often are guilty of the same habit. We dream of great things for the future and fail to appreciate and to thank God for the great things which He has already done in our midst.

During my 22 years in the Brethren Church I have seen the Lord perform great miracles in our midst, all the greater when we consider the poor instruments that He has had to work with. We have now a successful seminary and college of our own. We have a home-mission program which is growing every year under the blessings of God. Above all, we have now a worldwide missionary program with almost 100 mission-

By REV. BERNARD N. SCHNEIDER
Member, Board of Trustees, Foreign Missionary Society

aries in six foreign countries, and with an annual foreign-mission budget of \$300,000. This foreign-mission program has increased nearly tenfold during the 22 years that I have known the Brethren Church. Certainly we have visions of greater things for the future, but we have every reason to thank and praise God for what He has done in our midst. Surely our labor has not been in vain in the Lord. He has given the increase.

When we survey what the Lord has done through the Brethren Church, we must not forget that the Brethren Missionary Herald has played and is playing a very impor-

tant part in all this. The Herald is indeed the heart of our missionary program. Without its service, or that of a similar magazine we would not have grown as we have in our missionary endeavor. There are two very important services which the Herald renders in our worldwide missionary program.

I. INFORMATION.

It is very necessary for us to know all we can about the missionary program. This knowledge is essential. Through its pages week after week, we are being informed and kept up to date on all the happenings and needs of our great missionary program.

2. STIMULATION.

To stimulate means to rouse to action, whether it be the mind, spirit, or body, or all three of these.

Using myself as an example, I find that as I read of the experiences of our missionaries I am aroused to the point where I want to help. As I read of great victories won, of the gross spiritual darkness and misery of the thousands yet unreached, I am again aroused to action. I want to help. I am interested. I am thinking of the different situations while talking with my Lord in prayer, and I start praying for them. The Herald keeps the situations before me. It depicts the picture of the missionary and his field. In its pages the missionary tells his story. In short, the Herald brings the whole missionary program into our homes week after week and, praise God, we are stimulated into action. I trust that we will be stimulated yet more and more to respond to the great opportunity which faces the Brethren Church today both at home and abroad for the Gospel of our wonderful Lord. Yes, I thank God for the Brethren Missionary Herald.



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Is the Heart of Our Growing Home-Missions Program

By REV. LESTER PIFER

Assistant Field Director, Brethren Home Missions Council

The Missionary Herald is of inestimable value in our growing home-mission program. From the very inception of the council's work the Missionary Herald has had its part in the building of home-mission churches. The Lord has blessed this relationship, teaming two effective forces in perfect cooperation to expand the ministry of the Brethren Church and to evangelize lost America.

It reaches Brethren and interested people in isolated places.

All of us have known at one time or another the experience of being away from home. Because of marriage relationships, business transfers, manufacturing plant relocations, even unemployment, and various and sundry reasons, Brethren people sometimes find themselves located in places where no Brethren testimony exists. In some cases the only source of spiritual help and contact is the Herald. We have heard wonderful testimonies of how everything is laid aside when the Herald arrives. It is like a letter from home. It brings into the Brethren living room weekly news of the churches from coast to coast.

Since such folk find the Herald to be of such spiritual value in their lives, they are not apt to leave the Brethren Church and join a non-Brethren group. Often this affords encouragement to get a few folk together for a prayer meeting, which will ultimately result in a Bible class. They have read that others are doing this and so they try also. Here in essence is the beginning of a new Brethren church, started in the Biblical way as was done in the day of the Apostle Paul. This is not a hypothetical case, for we have present examples in Elyria, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.;avenport, Iowa; and Carrollton, Mo. We have seen the blessing of God poured out upon such efforts and have seen the rejoicing of these dear saints.

Nor is this effort limited to Brethren people. In some places non-Brethren folk who are Bible-believing Christians have simply come to a place where they cannot tolerate the modernism found in some churches where basic fundamental truths of God's Word are ignored or denied. The Brethren Missionary Herald with its positive message for Christ has been a real comfort to their hearts and a source of blessing and encouragement to stand for the faith once delivered to the saints. Here again movements are under way for new Brethren testimonies.

When investigating a new field one of the best sources of names for a new Brethren church, or even the initial Bible class, is the subscription list of the Herald. These names have more than once been the beginning of a charter membership. One dare not minimize the value of this silent messenger of God entering weekly into the homes of many in isolated areas. Each issue should be bathed in constant prayer, that it might be prepared and directed of the Holy Spirit as it goes forth, for it might be just the encouragement needed to lead toward the establishment of a new testimony for Christ.

It assists greatly the work of the home-mission pastor.

The home-mission pastor testifies over and over again that the Missionary Herald is the assistant pas-

tor at his church. He finds that the Herald used wisely and discreetly will do much to acquaint his new folk with the Brethren Church. The constant flow of new messages, timely articles, news of other churches, introductions to other personalities, and general information concerning the various auxiliaries found in the Herald, will be a constant source of encouragement for his home-mission congregation.

Many pastors get extra copies of the Herald and use them wisely by distributing them among good prospects. This plan aids in advertising the Brethren Church, its message, and its practices in the new community. In a few cases pastors have proved the Herald to be of tremendous blessing and inspiration to prospects who are ill and may be hospitalized.

It reaches the entire membership of the Brethren Church.

Your writer cannot think of any way in which you can more easily and completely reach the entire brotherhood with the facts about the growing home-mission program.

The Herald provides an inexpensive monthly contact with every member of our corporation. Its ministry of carrying the good news of the Gospel's work speaks for itself. But we must testify the Missionary Herald is the heart of our growing home-mission program.



THE HERALD OFTEN PRECEDES WORK OF HOME MISSIONS



EYE OPENERS NO. 4 AND 5

I stood at the window of an eastern bus terminal a few days ago, intent upon purchasing a ticket to a nearby city that was my next destination. For the moment I did not see the ticket agent as he stepped to the window. My eyes had focused upon the large red plastic heart that stood on the counter. From the heart several streamers of red ribbon were fastened to the poster which made the appeal, "Give to the Heart Fund!" Across the poster in large red letters were these words: "THE HEART OF THE MATTER."

Interesting facts and statistics were used to prove that thousands of Americans are dying each year from heart disease, many of them needlessly.

I have not been able to get away from the appeal of that plastic heart. The heart of the matter is that thousands are dying needlessly! Yes, millions of Americans are dead even now in their trespasses and sins because of "heart disease." They are dead in their sins because they have never heard the message of Jesus Christ and His love for them.

To help our Sunday schools do the most effective job in teaching, the Brethren Missionary Herald is producing Sunday-school quarterlies which are really the very heart of Brethren Sunday schools. Each quarter of the year, they are dipping into their treasury in order to **INTRODUCE** Brethren literature, and are spending approximately \$800 more per quarter than they receive for those same quarterlies. Why? Because they believe and we believe that we ought to get the Gospel out.

One-hundred-percent use of these quarterlies will make it possible to sell them at a cheaper rate and meet expense of printing.

But I suspect you are like others who have said, "But why spend \$3,000 per year to get out Brethren literature? Surely there are other good quarterlies on the market, and we could save all of that money. Let me answer your question.

1. First of all, we need quarterlies to assist us in understanding and guiding our study of the Bible. I know there are many in these days who are saying, "Let us study directly from the Bible." Of course this is the most important truth. Too often men have substituted the study of a quarterly or a commentary for the study of God's Word. But having agreed to that fact, let us say with the Ethiopian eunuch, "How can I [understand] except some man should guide me?" (Acts 8:31). As churches we are anxious to have

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By Rev. Harold Etling
*Director, the National
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pastors who can teach us. In our Sunday schools we are anxious to have teachers who can help us to understand the Word of God, and in reality these teachers and pastors are "oral quarterlies." They are telling us what God's Word really teaches. But if we are to be guided systematically and carefully through the Bible we need to study it at home for ourselves. To help you do this, your Sunday-school board and publications board are constantly in study and consultation to provide for you the best possible Bible helps and to publish them on graded level for each member of your family. The printed page is but another method

of "missionary endeavor."

2. But in addition to the fact that "quarterlies are essential" is the fact that Brethren Sunday-school quarterlies are essential. There are many in these days saying, "But there are many good quarterlies on the market and we can use them." I too will grant that there are many good quarterlies on the market. But these "good quarterlies" often teach things contrary to the way in which we believe God intended them to be taught, or they omit some things which we believe very essential to the understanding of the whole Word of God. You say, "But we will correct those places and go ahead and use the other quarterlies." Will you always be the teacher of that class? Will they always be present when you try to make the corrections or add to the places that have been purposely omitted? Is it possible that you may move or even die? Will the class you leave with "other quarterlies" stay true to the Word of God? Will another teacher omit the things that are taught incorrectly in another quarterly? As Brethren we need to perpetuate and keep pure the Brethren teachings. This demands that Brethren people produce Brethren literature that is true to the Bible.

3. Then we need Brethren quarterlies to keep a continuity. We live in a changing world. Men and women are constantly on the move. If Brethren people are to study the whole Bible, we need to help them whether they attend a Brethren church in Indiana or California. Your publication and Sunday-school boards are counseling constantly to keep the curriculum of our Sunday schools on a "through-the-Bible" program. What a joy it is to me to know that wherever I am in Sunday school, the Brethren across the nation are studying the same portion of the Word. Regardless of where I may move, I have a continuity through Brethren lessons that will get me through the Bible.

GIVE TO HELP IN PRINTING SUNDAY - SCHOOL MATERIAL

THE MISSIONARY HERALD

Is The Heart Of An Evangelistic Program

By EVANGELIST R. PAUL MILLER

"I just read the report of that wonderful meeting you had at Pond Band. That is the sort of meeting my church needs. How far ahead are you booked up?" Such remarks from preachers are common. But how do the preachers learn of how God is working miracles in other fields but by the columns of the Brethren Missionary Herald?

Frankly, it is difficult to conceive of how the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, or any other evangelistic movement, could possibly succeed in a denomination-wide scope without the facilities of the Missionary Herald. *It is simply indispensable.*

It is the most efficient means of getting reports, plans, and needs before the entire denomination. No existing mailing list can possibly cover the ground that the Herald covers. The Herald is read by many members of a family, whereas a letter to an individual would be read by but one person.

It is the most economical means of getting information to all the people. Mailing lists are expensive and laborious propositions. The cost of a page in the Herald is but a fraction of the cost of getting out a mailing list.

It is the most practical means of reaching our brotherhood. The sickening facts of the way general mailing-list letters are flipped into the wastebasket without being read fill

you with dismay if you're the one who sent them out. *But the Missionary Herald is read!* No one realizes this more than one who travels over the brotherhood a lot. Every corner of the brotherhood is as well-informed as those at the center of information. *The Herald is the answer.* It is our conviction that the Missionary Herald accomplishes more nearly 100-percent coverage of the brotherhood than any other denominational paper.

Right now the reports appearing in the Herald of how God is sending revivals to many Brethren churches through the Evangelistic Crusade Teams is lifting the sights of preachers and congregations. Many are now feeling that if God can use the crusade teams to His glory in other places, why cannot He use them in our field? Those who have felt that a team of three workers would simply be out of reach for them financially, read reports of other smaller fields enjoying the benefits of a team, and begin to wonder why *they* cannot have it also!

One pastor recently wrote saying, "God knows my field needs a powerful demonstration of the Gospel to wake it up and bring in a harvest, but I have simply dismissed the idea of having the help of a team, as being impossible for us. Now, since others have had it, why can't we have it?" *It was reports in the Herald that gave this pastor new courage and vision.*

Another pastor told us personally, "My church needs a revival among the members more than anything else. I saw in the Herald where the team brought to another church just what my church needs. I am going to suggest to my official board that we call for a crusade team." *And so the Herald spreads the vision of real and great revival!*

The Herald also carries evangelism into the home. A sister had us to dinner in her home. About the first thing she said was: "When I



Evangelist R. Paul Miller
Crusade Team One

read in the Herald the report of what God did for that other woman's husband and gave her a Christian home, I vowed that I would pray daily that God would save my husband too. I would pay any price to have my husband accept Christ and go to church with me."

Unquestionably, the Missionary Herald is today fulfilling an irreplaceable ministry in leading our Brethren Churches into the greatest era of reaching men for Christ that our brotherhood has ever experienced. The Herald is unifying this evangelistic movement as no other medium could possibly do. *In this present evangelistic awakening in the Brethren churches there simply could be no substitute for the Herald.*

And what the Herald means to the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, it also does for every individual evangelist and Bible teacher's work in the brotherhood.

There is simply no substitute for the Brethren Missionary Herald in evangelism in the Brethren churches today.



CRUSADE TEAM TWO

YOUR GIFTS WILL AID IN REACHING SOULS FOR CHRIST



The Missionary Herald

The Heart of the Grace Seminary Program

By Dr. Paul R. Bauman, Vice President



Several years ago a missionary friend was showing me the sights of a large oriental city. As we rode along in our taxi I made inquiry concerning the nature of some fine modern buildings set off in a compound by themselves, and was literally amazed to learn that they housed a large publishing plant belonging to one of the American cults which has done so much in recent years to spread religious error and confusion throughout the world. This false system, only a little over a hundred years old, has spread by leaps and bounds. By what means? The chief instrument has been the printed page.

As I walked the streets of a half dozen oriental and European cities on this same trip, people representing another "ism" of our day offered me free literature again and again. This group, worse doctrinally than the first, was experiencing a surprising growth. The reason? The answer is to be found almost entirely in the extensive production and circulation of their own special literature.

There is no question but what our church in general and most of us in particular have underestimated the power and importance of the printed page. Our comparatively intense missionary emphasis has resulted in a strong home- and foreign-mission program and in the maintenance of an institution to train young men and women for service on the fields of the world. But how many of us have reflected sufficiently to realize that our publication work is the heart which is responsible for the

circulation of the very lifeblood of our missionary and educational programs?

Let us take Grace Theological Seminary and College as an example of what the Brethren Missionary Herald is doing to maintain our denominational program. We depend almost entirely upon the Herald to tell Brethren people all over the country most of what they know about our school in Winona Lake. The magazine is used to keep the



Dr. Bauman

church informed concerning the growth and progress of the school, and it is through its pages that the school's financial needs are made known. Through the Herald we maintain contact with our alumni. We depend upon its pages to acquaint the youth of our church with the educational possibilities at Grace College and Seminary, and at the present time we are endeavoring to send the educational number to every Brethren high-school senior not already receiving the magazine regularly in his home. In addition

to this the school is sending the Herald once each month to all Christian young people, regardless of their denominational affiliation, who may be interested in attending Grace College or Seminary. Thus, it is evident that the Brethren Missionary Herald in a very definite sense carries the lifeblood of Grace Seminary and College.

But, the Missionary Herald does more than promote the interests of the school directly. It furnishes us with a source through which we secure all our books and school supplies. More important, however, is the way it has undertaken the financial responsibility and work of publishing at least a dozen books and tracts written by members of the school's faculty. These books are doing their silent work in carrying the distinctive message of the Brethren Church and the teaching ministry of Grace Seminary into established churches and new communities all over America.

Perhaps it is time for us to rethink the whole matter of publications and their importance to a church with a passion to carry out the orders of our Lord's great commission in the most effective manner. If this were done, the ministry of the Brethren Missionary Herald would unquestionably be given greater attention and emphasis in every one of our churches. Our offerings also would reflect a better appreciation for this vital organ which has the potentialities of doing a much more effective work for Christ but which is hindered to some extent by our lack of vision and understanding.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, ALUMNI REACHED BY HERALD

THE MISSIONARY HERALD BLESSES THIS TEACHER

"Mrs. Miller, when are you going to tell us another story about Daniel Boone and the lion's den?" asked a little kindergarten child in our Christian Day School recently. A statement like this can be understood coming from a kindergartener, but careful editing safeguards such error from our Missionary Herald magazine.

As you well know, the Missionary Herald magazine is not a technical journal for the teaching profession. However, it is a magazine that is helpful to this schoolteacher in that the high quality of material and makeup brings inspiration and spiritual food.

There are several reasons why the magazine is especially attractive to a Christian teacher. First, I do not have to fear that the articles in the Missionary Herald will be unfaithful to the Word of God. This means I can read with relish and confidence these many articles without the wearisome task of separating truth from error. In addition, articles are brief enough so that several may be



MRS. WARD MILLER
Teacher, Community Brethren School, Whittier, Calif.

read in one sitting. This is valuable, especially when duties are multiplied.

Then there is variety. Some messages are on the Christian walk, others are gospel messages for the unbeliever. The News Briefs are informative as well as interesting reading, keeping me abreast of the activities of fellow believers in the

Lord's work. "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country" (Prov. 25:25).

Having been reared in another group of believers, the Brethren Missionary Herald enables me to become acquainted with many Brethren preachers and missionaries.

I am genuinely thankful for our church paper.

WHAT THE MISSIONARY HERALD MEANS TO A BUSINESSMAN



MR. JAMES SNYDER
Assistant Cashier, Peoples Industrial Bank, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

It was chain reaction—no, not the atom bomb—but something many times more powerful, the power of the Lord. It was in a chain of events that my wife rededicated her life to the Lord and later Christ saved me at Bethel Brethren Church in Osceola, Ind.

Later we moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where we have made our home the past three years.

These past three years we have received the Missionary Herald each week and it has been a real blessing to keep in touch with the Brethren work. To know and hear of a group who stand solidly on the Word of God and to hear of the salvation of souls. We see groups compromising on various issues, but the Herald has taken an uncompromising stand each time.

We feel as though we are in the desert and wastelands as far as Christian or spiritual things are concerned. Even now we are without a church home, for we find we would have to compromise otherwise. So it is a real joy to receive the Missionary Herald each week with its faithful witness for Christ. There is a great deal of "churchianity" in this city but little real Christianity.

Our fervent prayer is that God will raise up a Brethren Church in Fort Lauderdale that this section might be reached for Christ.

(Editor: The Home Missions Council plans to establish a Brethren Church in Fort Lauderdale in the immediate future. The Missionary Herald is doing its work until then.)

YOUR DOLLARS WILL BE HELPING US TO HELP OTHERS



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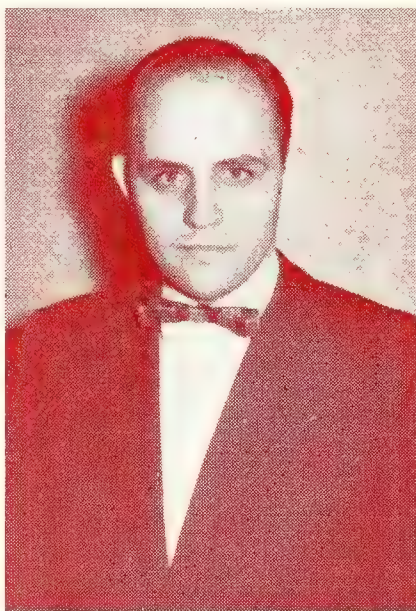
WHAT THE MISSIONARY HERALD MEANS TO A SURGEON

By DR. WILLARD LOHNES

One of the many things that concern surgeons before the operation, at the time of surgery, and in the immediate postoperative period is the maintenance of an adequate circulation of blood to all portions of the body. The vital organs of the body—the brain, the heart, the lungs, and the kidneys—may be deprived of blood for a varying short period of time, but not for long or untoward results will take place. Other organs, such as muscle, bone, and skin, can go for longer periods of time without adequate blood flow, but sooner or later the organ without blood will cease to function properly, eventually leading to death in itself, possibly to the total organism.

Surgeons take great pains to be assured that the patient can maintain his circulation while undergoing surgery. A history of previous cardiac difficulties is obtained, an examination of the heart and blood pressure is carried out and laboratory examinations of the blood and kidneys are done and after evaluation, these tests will give some indication of any abnormality that might be present. Blood for transfusion must be available during the operation and intravenous equipment must be ready at the bedside after surgery to treat shock, if any, and to prevent an unfavorable outcome. Much time, money, and effort is expended to be certain that the body as a whole is protected during the test of surgery and to assure complete rehabilitation.

In like manner, at least to me, we Christians who are members of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches and who believe that our doctrinal position must survive for



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our spiritual vigor should maintain close contact with the source of our fellowship. To help accomplish this, I see the Brethren Missionary Herald as one of the main channels of the circulatory system of our brotherhood. The nourishment we receive via the Herald is of vital importance

to our experience as a national church and individually we grow from the assimilation of God's Word as set forth in Herald articles. We learn of the needs of other parts of the brotherhood and as all portions of our physical body are interrelated and interdependent, so we are also throughout the denomination. From Africa, Argentina, France, and the many segments of the United States news of victories in the service of our Saviour and requests for aid in the battle against Satan are received, digested, edited, and "pumped" out to the brotherhood for the use of the individual members.

Consequently the task of maintaining a healthy church is aided to a great measure by an energetic denominational publication. After having renewed contact with our church center each week, I am convinced that the Brethren Missionary Herald is making a great contribution to our spiritual welfare and can make even a greater one with the increased aid of each individual member. The Brethren Missionary Herald bears an important part of the responsibility of preserving our church and its teachings, and similarly it is important that we in turn do everything within our means to support this aspect of our church body. It is far more important in these days that we in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches invest as much or more time, money, and effort to maintain our "adequate spiritual circulation" as we spend on our physical bodies.

A YEARLY \$5 GIFT MAKES YOU A CORPORATION MEMBER

What the Missionary Herald Means to an

ISOLATED BRETHREN

By MR. S. W. LINK, Indio, Calif.

We might have different ideas about isolation, also our attitudes could well be varied—a relief from extra duties or the feeling of loneliness and self-pity in being thrust out to a new field where we must make contacts and new friends in our Christian relationship and life.

It might be profitable for each isolated Christian to read Acts 8:4 and seek God's will in his life at the new location, then he might well have the same record as Acts 8:8.

After many years of active life with the American Bridge Company, we came to Indio, Calif., and were soon interested and assisting the Missionary Gospel Fellowship in the work at the farm labor camp. Truly this is God's work, definitely missionary, and a real pleasure to teach God's Word seeing souls saved and growing in the spiritual life.

Here we discovered the truth of Jesus' answer to Peter in Mark 10:28-30: "Ye shall receive an hundred fold now in . . . children." Assisting with the DVBS and taking my granddaughter with me, in class she would say, "Grandpa, how do you do this?" Soon I was "Grandpa" to all the children—Mexican, colored, and white—and how they seemed to enjoy it and what a joy to know you had the confidence and fellowship of the children. This should teach us in our desire to be in His service to accept Galatians 3:26-29 and wholeheartedly enjoy serving Him.

In setting down some facts of an

isolated Christian with no tie to the homebase, you may see how one could become interested in the immediate work and soon lose interest in part or all of the activities of his former church work.

From years of experience we believe this is where the Missionary Herald means so much in keeping one in touch with the entire brotherhood, not only for our homeland churches but the seminary, home and foreign missions, as well as the activities of our WMC, men's, and young people's work. One might turn to Luke 16:7-8 and from Jesus' parable get the lesson of world business on how to use our Missionary Herald in keeping contact with those who move.

What a blessing and wonderful fellowship you enjoy when folks are traveling and make an unexpected call. How could they know except their Herald informed them you were located in a certain place?

How could one keep a live interest in missions and plan for their support, or how could one plan to attend some church near enough to be reached? The Herald keeps one acquainted with the activities of the entire brotherhood, creates the de-

sire and gives the urge to have a financial if not a personal part in the work.

To one who has been accustomed to receiving the Herald it is the first to be read with no article omitted.

With the important place the Herald holds we believe there should be some plan worked out whereby every member who moves to a community where he has no church home could be kept as a subscriber.

There is a real need for fundamental Bible teaching and where the Herald goes it is a real witness and help in creating an interest for Bible truths.

The Missionary Herald means much in our home. It seems like a family letter from our loved ones in Africa, Argentina, Brazil, France, and Hawaii, as well as the family in the U. S. A., and how eager we are to hear from them each week! Only those who are away from the activities of a home church can realize the pleasure of the arrival of the Brethren Missionary Herald.

We believe the Missionary Herald has a real influence where there is a new mission work developing and could be of real value if placed in each new home contacted.

Mr. S. W. Link, a valuable member of the board of trustees of the Brethren Missionary Herald. Until retirement, Brother Link was for many years associated with the American Bridge Company.





WHAT THE

MISSIONARY HERALD

MEANS TO A COLLEGE STUDENT



MR. ROLLAND HEIN, SENIOR, WHEATON COLLEGE

Manager of College Radio Station WETN, Mr. Hein Will Enter Grace Seminary Next Fall. He Is a Member of the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Who has ever lived away from home for any length of time without longing for another taste of home-cooking? No matter how choice other food is or how expert its preparation, none of it delights or satisfies our appetites more than that which we get from home. Here at college the meals are fine, but I anxiously look forward to the day I receive a package containing some

of Mother's delicious baking. It is far superior to any other delicacy I know. The Brethren Missionary Herald is very much like this to me. It is "food from home"—spiritual food. And it has that extra flavoring which makes all the difference.

It seems but a short time ago that I started my college course, but now I stand at the door of graduation. After that, a few months of vacation,

and then three more years of excellent training in Grace Theological Seminary. Teachers past and future will have contributed to the sound spiritual guidance necessary to maturing Christian thought. I anticipate the teaching I will receive at Grace Seminary, for there the same fundamental message is proclaimed that we receive weekly through the pages of the Brethren Missionary Herald. The Herald with its simple, straightforward style and its definite, Scriptural message contains that added something which further satisfies the spiritual hunger of my heart. The doctrines which I have come to hold as an integral part of Christianity are taught and defended. The experiences of those of "like precious faith" are presented for my interest and encouragement. I rejoice as I am made aware of the spread of the gospel message through the manifold program of the Brethren Church. Thus it is that I await with eagerness each new issue of the Missionary Herald.

College life at Wheaton is tremendously full of activity. Studying alone is a full-time job, and working with WETN takes no little amount of my time. Other extracurricular activities are frequently demanding attention. But I take time each week to browse through the Herald and share its blessings. There is always within its pages that which directs my attention to the Lord Jesus Christ and helps to satisfy my personal hunger for Him. I am indeed thankful for our publication, the Brethren Missionary Herald.

BRETHREN STUDENTS KEPT INFORMED BY THE HERALD

My family and I enjoy reading the Herald for many reasons. Two of our three boys are old enough to read and they find many items of interest in each copy. My wife enjoys all the articles, especially WMC news. I personally, am interested in missionary news. Since our own Brethren church in Fort Wayne is helping with the funds for Dr. Mason and family, Mary Ann Habegger, and Isobel Fraser, we all look forward to reading about their experiences and how wonderfully the Lord is blessing them.

I have had the joy of meeting many of the Brethren pastors, mainly because of our closeness to Winona Lake, Ind., where we meet these men of God, and from a wonderful experience last summer of being on the staff of a Brethren camp, where my wife and I worked with Brethren young people for two weeks. It always is a thrill to open the Herald and see pictures and articles written by these men. The Herald also helps us to follow where many men like Bill Smith, Ralph Colburn, and many of the men associated with our national boards are ministering.

Since accepting the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour, I have never felt the call from God to go into the full-time field for His service, but I do sincerely feel that looking over my family's happenings of events during the past five years, that the Lord planned our lives so that today I am in this type of work. The American Red Cross was founded and to this day operates on the theory of giving assistance to those in need. Upon hearing or reading of a life being saved because blood was available, a person's life being saved from a drowning, or the help given to anyone in time of a disaster, I cannot help but feel that the Lord steered my destiny to this work.

Being executive director for a Red Cross chapter the size of Fort Wayne is a big job. With a paid staff of over 60 people and over 400 volunteers it is a beehive of activity. The only Red Cross Regional Blood Center in the State is quartered in our Chapter House. Every day the Lord steps in and helps me make decisions and shows me the way to deal with problems that I truly know I could not answer myself.

My prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless the Herald.

WHAT THE MISSIONARY HERALD MEANS TO A BUSINESS EXECUTIVE

By MR. MARK JURY



Mr. Mark Jury, Executive Director, Fort Wayne (Ind.) Chapter, American Red Cross. Brother Jury is a Member of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind. In Picture He Dictates Letter to Secretary.

An Elderly Person Inspired



Mr. N. J. Fike, Waterloo, Iowa

I find no words to express my appreciation for the Missionary Herald, and to all who have a part in printing it. I read it from cover to cover, and anxiously await the next issue. It speaks to me of the many victories won for the Lord Jesus, and *inspires*

me to contribute more each year through prayer and giving. If all Brethren read the contents of the Missionary Herald I am sure the reports will challenge us to greater sacrifice in giving, and spend more time in prayer at the throne of grace.

PRAY THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE HERALD

WHAT THE MISSIONARY HERALD MEANS TO A PROFESSIONAL MAN

By MR. W. B. COON

The Brethren Missionary Herald coming into our home each Monday is a much-looked-forward-to link with our Brethren work across the United States and in the foreign field.

Under the Brethren Church the Lord has given to us many blessings. I'd like to tell you just a little about them. It was in the First Brethren Church of Long Beach that my wife and I met and were married. We look back with much pleasure on the good times of fellowship and spiritual blessings. And now in turn our son Bill, 17, and our daughter Willina, 15, are having many of the same privileges and blessings. I never cease to thank God for placing us in the Brethren Church where both we and our children could grow up with others of like purpose and faith in Christ. Having this opportunity has solved countless problems.

Between the covers of the Missionary Herald each member of our family finds thought-provoking, informative, and spiritually refreshing material. Occasionally the subject for a CE or BYF meeting topic or a devotional study is born from an article read. It makes us very much aware of the gains as well as the

struggle and sacrifice that go into the growing works across our country. The excellent way in which the Missionary Herald gleans the latest news from world affairs, the foreign-mission fields, and the home-mission fields, makes us feel the very pulse of the Brethren Church. How good our Lord God is to allow His work to continue to expand under the vision and tireless work of these devoted servants of His at home and abroad.

My profession as a mortician affords many opportunities for testimony when people's hearts are most tender. Though there is much of sorrow, much that would depress, much that taxes both mentally and physically one's strength, still there are definite opportunities for service. While it is not always possible to say as much or what I would like, there is a prayer in my heart that God will accomplish His purpose in these lives touching mine.

Let me bear testimony that the Missionary Herald is indeed a source of spiritual help to me and my family. Although my profession demands much of my time, I find time to read the pages of the Missionary Herald, for it keeps me up to date with the Lord's work in my church.



Mr. W. B. Coon, Mortician, of Long Beach, Calif., Is a Member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach.

TESTIMONIALS

Charles E. Lenker, Jr.
Chicago, Ill.

"I am enclosing \$2 for a year's subscription to the Brethren Missionary Herald. I am interested in the paper because I anticipate entering your group for my future service."

Mrs. Kyle Chafin
Riner, Va.

"I enjoy reading it so very much. I don't want to miss a copy. It is the best paper I've ever read and I take several religious church papers."

Mrs. Edward B. Murphy
Falls Church, Va.

"We would feel lost without the Herald in our home. We are convinced that it is the 'tie that binds' our national brotherhood of Brethren churches together in a strong spirit of unity and Christian endeavor in the Lord's work."

Mrs. Ruth Waymire
Englewood, Ohio

"I am enclosing my check to pay for my renewal subscription to the Brethren Herald. I certainly would not want to miss a single number. When I compare it to other denominational papers I can truly say that I believe that for news of the home and foreign fields, for items concerning the seminary, and for spiritual and inspiring articles and sermons—ours tops them all."

Mrs. Sam Anderson
Swayzee, Ind.

"I cannot remember in our home when we didn't take our church paper—always looked forward to it. I'm in my seventies now—confined to a chair mostly and can read but little, but do manage in time to get the Herald read."

Wanda Lautzenheiser
Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan

"May I request that you renew my subscription to the Missionary Herald for another year. The Herald offers much in giving me news and information of people and places that I had grown to love while in the States and also things that friends forget to add in letters."

'BUY BRETHREN' AND ASSIST THE MISSIONARY HERALD

NEWS from the CHURCHES

Please keep reports from churches to about 300 words. Thank you.

La Verne, Calif.

The float of the First Brethren Sunday School which was entered on May 1 in the Sunday School Parade sponsored by the Pomona-Ontario Valley Youth for Christ, was awarded second prize for beauty. The theme of the parade was "The Light of the World," and we chose the words of Paul in II Corinthians 4:4, "The light of the glorious gospel of Christ," as our individual theme. We then attempted to portray the Gospel as set forth by Paul in I Corinthians 15 by showing a cross and the empty tomb with the words, "DIED, BURIED, RISEN." Miss



Float at La Verne, Calif.

Enid Fischer was in charge of preparing the float.

Besides the sweepstakes prize, first and second prizes were awarded for beauty, neatness, theme, originality, and uniqueness.—Rev. Victor H. Meyers, pastor.

Aleppo, Pa.

Thursday, April 15, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder and Mrs. Rose Foster

GROWING WORK AT READING, PA., SPONSORED BY LISTIE CHURCH



(Above) Reading Brethren Sunday School. (Below) Adult Class of the Reading Sunday School. This is the work being sponsored by the Listie Brethren Church, Rev. John Burns, pastor.

were with us. The Snyders gave a message and pictures from Africa. On Friday evening, April 16, Mrs. Foster brought a fine message to about 55 mothers and daughters at a supper sponsored by the WMC ladies and the Sisterhood girls. On Easter Sunday morning Mrs. Foster showed pictures and spoke at both Aleppo and Sugar Grove Union churches. Then she went to our Washington, Pa., church for the evening service. We are looking forward to a good service on May 25 when we will be showing the Billy Graham film, "Mr. Texas."—Rev. Fred Wm. Walter, pastor.

Listie, Pa.

The Listie Brethren Church recently experienced a rich and successful revival and also an evangelistic campaign as the result of the faithful ministry of Crusade Team Two.

A great harvest of souls was manifested in our midst. There were 28 first-time decisions for salvation and 50 rededications. Real spiritual victories were won within the lives of members of the church.

The average attendance for the

campaign was 156. Our people are still rejoicing over the blessings that were showered to us during these meetings, and as a result the prayer-meeting attendance reached 82 the first Wednesday following the campaign.—Rev. John Burns, pastor.

MEET THE EDITOR

Take advantage of the meetings listed below, and see the story of your Missionary Herald as portrayed in pictures, and also meet Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, Editor of the Missionary Herald. Other dates will be listed later.

June 6—Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale)
June 13—Findlay, Ohio
June 14—Kittanning, Pa. (N. Buffalo)
June 15—Kittanning, Pa.
June 16—Altoona, Pa. (First)
June 17—Altoona, Pa. (Juniata)
June 18—Allentown, Pa.
June 20—Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)
June 21—Waynesboro, Pa.
June 22—Hagerstown, Md.
June 23—Washington, D. C.
June 24—Leamersville, Pa.
June 25—Vicksburg, Pa.
June 27—Uniontown, Pa.
June 28—Johnson City, Tenn.

A \$100 GIFT TO THE HERALD MAKES ONE A LIFE MEMBER

... Mrs. Elaine Snyder
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The Herald Arrives Under the Parsonage Roof

By ALTHEA S. MILLER

"Mother, where is the last Herald with the youth page?"

"I don't know, Bob. If it's in any issue other than the WMC you'll find it at Daddy's study. I only keep the WMC issue in my desk."

"Aw, all he wants that Herald for is to see his face in it"—this from pest-sized David. "Honest, Mama, I don't see how they'll ever keep sellin' that paper if they put Bob's mug in it very often."

"That age is surely hard to take, Mama," Bob commented as he prepared to do exactly what David wanted him to do—give chase!



"First Lady" Under the Parsonage Roof

"Don't let the likes of him bring you to a boil. Answer the phone, please?"

"It's Daddy. He wants you."

"Yes?"

"Dear, is Brother Bracker's new address in the Herald you keep?"

"I don't think so. By the way, do you have the latest Herald with the youth page? Bob wants it. I wanted to read that last letter from Dr. Barnard, too."

"I'll hunt them both up and bring them over when I come. Looks as though we ought to have two copies coming to our house."

"I've thought of that for a long time. There is one thing I plan to suggest to the publication board—that every church subscribe to the Herald in the name of their church

and let the pastor be custodian. If the church has no mailing address then send it to the pastor's house. It would cause him very little extra effort to carry that Herald each week to its specified place in the church building. Then maybe the parsonage dwellers would be satisfied because the Herald would be at home."

"Sounds good to me, Sweetie. Why don't you mention it to Arnold next time you write?"

"Mainly because I'd have all the preachers in the brotherhood on my neck. I can almost hear the cry: 'Why can't that preacher's wife mind her own knittin' or Herald? That would be something else for me to remember to get to the church every week.' Oh well, it's a nice dream and I still think they ought to do it. I know another thing. It'd be mighty handy to have a Herald in the church building sometime during a meeting in which some information from the Herald was needed."

"Look, Dear, I only called to get an address. The sermon you just gave me I can't preach next Sunday."

"I know, Robert, but listen to one thing more. I don't often get to take this much time on the phone without the house caving in. Don't you think it would be fine to get a second subscription to the Herald for the church which could be kept on a table or tract rack in the church foyer? With the current issue and the three just behind it there would be an up-to-date witness of our denomination. Every church has visitors especially at evening services. With these four Heralds in a prominent place you'd be surprised to see how many strangers would pick them up and at least give a quick glance. And, who knows, if they don't want to come back to hear the preacher they may come back to take a longer look at the Herald. Anyway it's done, I believe at least



Lt. Col. Donald Carter, USA, (at right), former pastor of First Brethren Church, and present pastor, Rev. J. Keith Altig.



Evangelist Archie Lynn (left) and a former pastor of First Brethren Church, Rev. Charles Underwood, who is now pastor of the Stearns Street Brethren Church, Los Altos, Calif.

the current issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald should be in every church foyer."

"Uh huh. You might have something there. But tell the board."

"You're a member of that board."

"Sure, but you're my wife."

"I am? I mean I know it! And I will tell the board and I'll tell the whole brotherhood. 'Bye."

"Mercy, your Dad kept me on the phone a long time! You'll have your Herald pretty soon, Son. And when I get rich, or near rich, or maybe just another \$2.00 I'm going to subscribe to my very own Herald. Then I'll be able to cut out poems or articles I especially like without raising a howl. Guess I'd better get supper started. I'd much rather read the Herald."

Standing in the middle of the living room Bob reached for the ceiling as he exclaimed: "Look what I started by asking for one page out of the Brethren Missionary Herald!"

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A HOUSE IN BRAZIL—MISSIONARY EDDIE MILLER STANDS AT LEFT

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

The Season of Special Appeal—

—for foreign missions is during February, March, April, and May. We have sought throughout this period to present the needs and opportunities as the Lord has directed. We thank pastors and people, missionaries in deputation, board members, and those in the foreign-mission office for a marvelous spirit of cooperation. We have always believed that when Brethren people know, they will do. The Lord actually gives us the funds with which we operate our extensive program, so above all, we thank Him. We believe He will supply for all of our program that is in the center of His will, and all that He desires to have accomplished during the year ahead. Please make a real effort to send all funds and reports of our office by June 30, or as soon thereafter as possible. An up-to-the-minute report of all gifts will be made at annual meeting time, but our financial year has been made to correspond with the calendar year, so all funds received during the calendar year of 1954 will form the basis of FMS membership for 1955.

When Is Giving Sacrificial?

Is it a sacrifice if I give a little out of my abundance? Is it sacrificial if I give a money gift out of a surplus bank deposit? Is it even sacrificial if I delay the purchase of some item that will be pleasant to me or my family

THE COVER PICTURE

The house pictured on the cover is like thousands of others in our mission field in Brazil. Bro. Edward Miller patiently waits for occupants of the house to be ready to go to a baptismal service on January 31, 1954. The general secretary had the privilege of being the photographer.

and give the amount I would have spent to foreign missions? I am wondering whether there is any sacrifice in the sight of God, until my giving actually causes me to do without the absolute necessities of life—food, clothing, heat, and a house in which to live? I am afraid to ask even of myself whether I have ever really sacrificed for the Lord's work? Probably our so-called sacrifices will look very small in the sight of the Lord when we appear before the bema-seat of Christ. I am

sure that some real sacrifice will be necessary if we are to meet the challenges of foreign missions for this year, and for the years ahead. Let's pray that the Lord's work will be supplied.

Tithes and Offerings

Tithes and the added offerings above the tithe will answer all of our foreign-mission problems of finance—yes, all the problems of that nature for the entire Brethren Church. Did you ever try it, this tithing business, I mean. Yes, it is a business, a business accounting with God. And what joy! I want you to have that joy, but you can only have it if you will love the Lord enough to pay your tithe.

Newsletters From Our Missionaries

Our board of trustees encourages our missionaries to write news and prayer letters. We encourage each family to prepare such a letter every three months. Usually these letters are prepared and sent out from our Winona Lake office, although a few missionaries care for this themselves. These letters are *not* an appeal for funds, but a sincere desire on the part of those of our missionary family to write to you, and yet in a more personal way than they can do through the pages of the *Missionary Herald*. *You may receive any or all of these letters.* We want to be sure the person receiving the letters really desires them. Missionaries originally gave us mailing lists, and they add names from time to time. We have asked them not to just take the Brethren Annual and send to all the names listed therein. If you would like to be on the mailing list for any one or more of the missionaries, or even for all of them, please write to Miss Marcia Lowe, Brethren Foreign Mission Office, P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind., and make your desires known, being sure to write clearly your name and address.

No Large Roster of Candidates

A few years ago it was known that we did have a very large list of candidates for foreign-mission service, and in making appeal for funds it may have been said, "So many candidates, we don't know how we can send all of them." This may have discouraged many from offering themselves. But during recent years we have sent a

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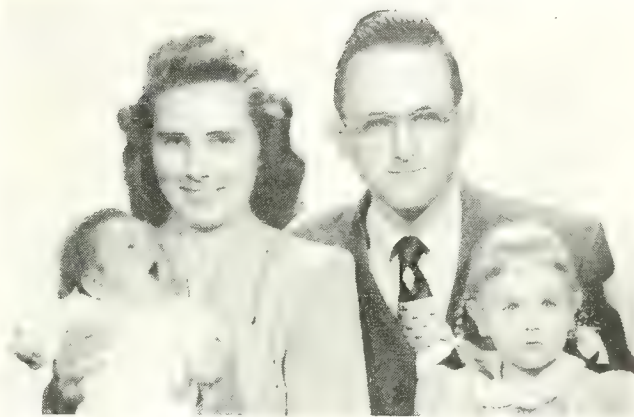
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BRAZIL BOUND!

For quite a number of years Brother and Sister Bill A. Burk have had their eyes set on the mission field in the Amazon Valley in Brazil. Even before they knew of our Brethren work in that area they had purposed such service. When they knew of our work they were immediately available as candidates with our society. Both are members of the Community Brethren Church of Los Angeles, Calif., but have for the past four years been residents of the Winona Lake, Ind., community while Brother Burk completed his last year of college and the three years of seminary work. He will have graduated from Grace Seminary when you read this announcement.

At the annual meeting of our society last fall these fine folk were appointed for missionary service in Brazil, a field in which they are very greatly needed. It is earnestly desired that they shall have sufficient of outfit funds that they may leave for the field before August 1.

We therefore present Brother and Sister Burk, with their two little children, Linda, aged 2, and Arthur, aged 4 months. We suggest that you help in the matter of outfit funds as the Lord may direct you. There is a large fellowship of our people known as the "Missionary Outfit Club." These folk have covenanted together to purpose to give at least \$1 toward the outfit funds in the case of each missionary candidate family. But there are not sufficient of these club members yet to fully care for this need. We therefore invite each reader to help. Please give through your local Outfit Club, or through your local church, marking your gifts as for "The Burks." As soon as the funds are gathered, send them to the



Rev. and Mrs. Bill Burk, Arthur, and Linda.

Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind.

Our board of trustees believes \$2,400 is the minimum amount a missionary family with two children should have and the board wishes there might be as much as \$3,900. This is to be used in the purchase of outfit, in its transportation to the field, and for customs in taking it into Brazil. We deeply appreciate your help with missionary families now on the field and we bespeak the same fine response in meeting this need. We thank you in advance for your gifts.

large number of candidates to our various mission fields; health and circumstances have made it inadvisable for several to further consider foreign-missionary service; quite a number are in training for the years ahead. Just at present, however, we do NOT have a long list of candidates for foreign-mission service. Possibly we do have as many candidates ready to go as we have funds to send them, but who is to say that as there are more candidates, trained, approved, and ready to go, there will not be the needed added funds to send them? We haven't gone out of business in sending out missionaries to the fields of service. Our program—"One for one—one missionary in the foreign field for every pastor in the homeland"—calls for at least 40 or 50 more missionaries, and as the list of pastors grows at home, the need for missionaries will grow. Then replacements are very necessary and we should always be ready for any eventuality.

Standards Are High

Yes, those standards which our foreign board has set for missionary candidates are very high. We will probably not always attain every goal in each candidate. But our standards are high and we would not want to lower them because the foreign-mission field today requires the very best in Christian manhood and womanhood, in education and training, in personality and adaptability,

in conviction and dedication, and in health and vigor. We are especially in need of those who would feel called to serve as missionary-pastors on our various fields.

Those Foreign-Mission Banners

Please keep them for use at another time. We believe they will be usable to all who may desire them beginning again next February 1. We will have a limited supply of additional ones at that time. We suggest that you take them out of prominent places while other interests of our fellowship present their items of information, that you may use them again later. Don't forget, however, to keep on praying, giving, and going as the Lord directs you.

Next—For Publications

So often we have said and written—"We stand or fall together." We confidently believe this is true with respect to all of our Brethren churches and institutions. You have thought and prayed foreign missions in the months past. Please don't forget us now, but please add another item to your thinking and praying and to your gifts—the Brethren Missionary Herald. We need the Missionary Herald and it needs you—all of you—in this special season of the year dedicated to publications and the Missionary Herald.

An Account of the History of M'Baiki

By Mrs. Harold Dunning, Bozoum, Africa

PLACE: Area around M'Baiki. TIME: Approximately 1920 to 1930.

M'Baiki, the location of an old German fort, was a government post even before Bangui, from which it is a little less than 95 miles. Besides the government officials, there are at this time the French managers of the *Compagnie Forestiere* and a few other Europeans. There is already a Catholic mission of several years' standing, operated by three priests.

These places occupied by the Europeans have been cleared out of dense forest. At the untouched places trees stretch to enormous heights, not branching out till 150 feet or more above the ground. The tops, intertwining, form a veritable canopy shutting out many of the sun's rays. Ropelike vines creep up the trunks of some of the trees, branch over to others, and hang down, adding to the density of the forest. The tree trunks are varied. Some, like the giant kapok, have wide bases that stretch out like encircling webbed fingers, the apex of this often being 30 feet above the ground. Others, like the ubiquitous umbrella tree, have their roots growing in the air to a height of 15 feet or more, serving as guy ropes to stay these trees with spreading tops and intriguing pattern.

Among all this is a lush copse of every kind of mushroom, fern, lichen, moss, and fungus. Here, too, palm trees grow like weeds in a neglected garden. Where the sun can get through this dense jungle, you may find brilliant flowers. Some are hidden low, others are of a parasitic type and hang from treetops. As the rains let up a bit near the end of the season, trees also burst into bloom: violet, yellow, orange, and red. It is at this time that sunsets become the most beautiful, too. The skies are delightfully blue and free of clouds, while the stars seem to shine more brightly by night. Even the low creeping things have their brilliant hues: the bright, bright green chameleon, the spring-green mamba snake which grows to be six feet, diamond-marked snakes, mottled pythons, and the delicate snake which is clothed in cobalt blue, green, and russet! Birds? It is a regular sanctuary! Surely God shows forth the wonders of His handiwork here.

In a small clearing—rather, a group of clearings—about a mile and a half from the post is a village of *Ali* people. They see but do not recognize the handiwork of God. They know nothing whatever of His love for them. Among them is a certain family. The mother works daily making palm oil and gathering edible roots and leaves to feed her family. The father is a man of position in the village. Two small daughters play around the hut.

Night falls, as it has so often before. But in the middle of this night they are awakened by shouting voices.

Soldiers come into the hut, rudely drag the father outside and kill him with a blast from a gun. Yakoussi, the younger of the two girls, about 5, will never be able to erase from her mind the sight of that gaping hole in her father's chest. She will never hear dogs bark excitedly without shuddering as she recalls the horror of this night. And it was needless, the father being innocent. The crime had been his brother's who, when he was about to be found out, laid the blame on another.

About a week later the mother dies. Broken heart? Witchcraft? God knows. And the little girls? God has His hand on them in a very real way. He sees to it that they are given a home and allowed to grow up.

Of course it is not a Christian home. True, the name of Christ is known in these parts; are not Catholic medallions being worn right along with other pagan charms? But no one has heard that Christ is the only Mediator between God and man, the only Way to heaven.

Madeleine, the older, and Yakoussi Marie, the younger, grow to womanhood. Marie especially is beautiful of face and figure and is a warm outgoing personality. Too beautiful, too warm and outgoing. She sins and becomes diseased. But God says, "There is no difference, *all* have sinned." And He has His own special plan for winning these two girls to himself. His hand is on Marie even when she prepares to marry a Mohammedan and therefore gives herself to the study of Hausa. In His purpose it is so she will some day be able to speak to Hausa women in their own tongue, witnessing to them out of His love which saved her.

PLACE: Same. TIME: Approximately 1930 to 1940.

Two young men, saved by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, come from Bangui to M'Baiki to work. One is Fango Francois and the other is Mobagaina Maurice. As they work they witness to the power of God to save from sin. Soon some become interested, believe, and are saved. But Maurice and Francois, knowing little beyond the fact that they were blind but now they see, need instruction themselves in order to grow in grace.

M'Baiki being a part of the Yaloke field, the missionaries at Yaloke send a worker to them—Salawishi and his wife, Kewin. Salawishi is nothing if not loving zeal for His Lord. His enthusiasm catches fire and there grows to be a small but thriving church at M'Baiki.

PLACE: Same. TIME: 1940 to 1954.

These Christians at M'Baiki really love to sing. When the missionaries can go there for visits it is always a time of mutual blessing. The natives are thrilled anew by the Word as it is taught to them, and the missionaries are thrilled as they listen to some of the most joyful singing they have ever heard. There is nothing bashful about them as they pop up one after the other to give their testimonies.

About the beginning of this period of time there are



Mrs. Dunning

two love affairs and marriages—Madeleine with Francois and Marie with Maurice. Naturally—no! supernaturally, because they were born from above—both girls have been saved before the marriages take place.

In 1948 it is decided to open a mission station here. The site chosen is across the road and back about 400 feet (but hidden by the intervening jungle) from the place where Marie lived as a small child. Now most of that forest is gone because the village is large. In fact, there are many villages, one right next to the other. An occasional tall tree remains for shade—and always the palms.

For about eight months the Balzers live in their trailer among these palms, building the residence for the Dunnings who are to be the missionaries. They are also busy “building up the temple of the Lord,” being a very real help in the spiritual work among the people. They have to leave in December, but the Dunnings arrive in January.

Now Francois, one of the original leaders, is dead. Maurice, the other one, has been away at Bible Institute for two years, but is soon due home. Old Salawishi is there though, and enthusiasm still sparkles in his eye. The church members are eager to be taught the Word, give readily of their *substance*, but are more chary with *themselves*. Nevertheless, soon there are a few who are willing to serve the Master with self as well as substance, and a junior Bible school is begun.

Now both pastors, missionary and native, have their “shoulders to the wheel” and “noses to the grindstone.” The Devil is working hard, too, and as he sees advances being made into his field he becomes “fighting mad.” He attacks in various ways, and both pastors work under handicaps of illness from time to time.

In 1950 the Dunnings go on furlough, which means closing the station for a year except for two brief visits by other missionary pastors already carrying very heavy loads.

Furlough over, the Dunnings take up where they left off. Not quite. Some of the ground must be regained. Only a few of the young men who had been in junior Bible school still have the vision of the lost who are their responsibility. But villages that had been hostile to the Gospel now begin to listen. Here and there are new believers. There are places begging for a teacher to come to them; the need for trained young men is great. The missionary begins to dread meeting their eager faces: “No, we can’t stay long. . . . Sorry, there is no one to send yet.” The group at Mongoumba write with



A Medicine Man in the M'Baiki District.

typical African vividness: “If a hen doesn’t stay by her eggs, will they hatch? If she leaves them, will they not spoil?” But, alas, there is no one to send, and the missionary cannot stay. Two other new places open up, each selecting one of themselves as a leader and a teacher. Hearts are filled with praise. Satan is being defeated.

Now at the beginning of 1953 the Lord moves the Dunnings to the Bible Institute near Bozoum. (At the same time the first two students and their wives since Maurice and Marie are ready from the M'Baiki-Boda field. Then enter B. I.) The Samaritans are called to M'Baiki for the year. The Lord continues to bless and six new places are opened, but it has to be with recently saved, untried and untrained men. The Isungu tribe begins to open their hearts to the Word. The Lord is leading from victory to victory.

The Samaritans' year is finished here, but God still has plans for the M'Baiki field. He reaches down and lays the burden of this vast field (comprising three government districts and 85,000 souls, according to the most recent figures) upon the hearts of Lester and Lois Kennedy. The Kennedys move to M'Baiki in February of this very year. Do pray for them daily, for they work in Satan's own backyard. Their problems and perplexities are many and varied. And as you pray for them and the souls among whom they labor, be “confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in [them] will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

EASTER OFFERING REPORTS

Financial report blanks for use in reporting the Easter offering have been sent to all pastors and churches. Be sure to contact our foreign-mission office if you did not receive your supply.

Your Easter offering and report should reach our office by June 30, 1954, or as soon as possible thereafter. We trust that date may be met by all reporting.

Send all reports to the foreign-mission office, addressing them as follows: Miss Ruth E. Reddick, P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. Please make all checks, money orders, etc., payable to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

Mortgage Burning in Corral de Bustos

By James B. Marshall

The trend of the Argentine Brethren Church in recent years has been towards nationalization. The desire to see the church established as a self-governing institution has sprung from within the Argentine believers, and to a large extent the progress made has been in direct proportion to their faith and works. Their faith has kept the spark burning at several crucial moments when circumstances made it appear that an indigenous church would not be imminent nor even probable for many years to come. But their faith was not the only thing necessary and they themselves realized it. What was necessary and vital to fulfill their hopes and desires was to put their faith to work, especially in regard to the financial affairs of the church.

First Developments

The financial aspect developed under the administration of the Argentine Council of Laymen in the form of a fund designated "*El Fondo Misionero*" (The Missionary Fund). In a period of four years the receipts have increased five or six times over what they were at the beginning. This is evidence of spiritual life being manifested in a material way. Instead of praying, "Lord, send us money to be self-supporting," they prayed, "Lord, make us willing to give Thee back a small portion of the abundance that we have already received in order that Thy work may go forward."

Tithing Emphasized

The importance and blessings of tithing were emphasized and the interest among the believers has grown in regard to their individual responsibility. The church as a whole has made progress, but only because individual members and congregations have grown in their knowledge of the Word and the responsibilities it places on each believer.

What One Congregation Has Done

One case will serve to show what can be done. In



Some of the 3,000 bricks already purchased for the "templo."

Corral de Bustos there were 13 members when the national spirit began to take hold in the church. The work which had been started by Brother Maconaghy was just three years old. One night in a members' meeting it was decided to buy a lot for a proposed *templo* (church). The cost was almost 8,000 pesos, approximately \$575 in U. S. money. Yes, it seemed impossible, but they were willing to make the effort. Each year the thermometer that registered the offerings reached the limit and a new one was placed on the bulletin board. Extra expenses that surpassed 1,000 pesos, such as the construction of a mosaic sidewalk, slowed down the final payment but served to stimulate interest.

Finally in December of 1953 the last payment was made, and on December 25, 1953, the mortgage was burned. Bro. Hill Maconaghy, the former pastor, gave a brief history of the work and the blessings that God has poured upon it. As the present pastor, I announced that 3,000 bricks had been purchased towards the erection of the *templo* and that a few pesos were also available in the treasury. (Church services have been and are being held in the Marshall home, but a church build-

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The Marshall Family
Left to right—Margaret, Peter, Jim, Michael.



Brother Marshall in front of their home in Corral de Bustos, where services are now held.

PROGRESS IN BRAZIL

By Edward D. Miller, Macapa, Brazil

In evaluating the progress and accomplishments on any mission field one must take into account a number of things. First of all there is the land where one is working, with its natural barrier of language and race. Some people are more receptive to the preaching of the Gospel and any social benefits being carried on. In some countries such as Japan and China, the language is such a handicap that it takes years to become fluent in it. However, here in Brazil, where the Portuguese language is spoken, one is able to grasp the language in a few months and be able to carry on a conversation to a certain extent. Then too we have found the people here very receptive to our message and work. Although there is a great deal of illiteracy, especially in the interior of the country, many have a longing to hear and know more about the Word of God.

Probably one of the greatest barriers one encounters on the mission field is the religion. Whether it is the pagan religion of the heathen in Africa or the moralist of the Roman Catholic Church here in Brazil, they are all so steeped in their ways that even after conversion it is difficult to get all of the false ideas out of their thinking. This is especially true in Brazil, where the Roman Catholic Church is dominant and holds such a sway over the people and their very lives. We can actually say that one of the greatest problems here in Brazil is the "religion." The people are so religious that they are slaves to the Roman Catholic system instead of being "servants of Christ" as the Apostle Paul says. They are following a man and a man-made system of religion rather than following Christ and His divine plan for the church. However, it is our aim as ambassadors for Christ and the Brethren Church to overcome these difficulties and hindrances by His help and become "more than conquerors" here in this great land.

Then we must take into account the number of years one has been working in that particular field in order to evaluate properly what has been accomplished. Once again it must be noted that here in Brazil we have a land that is "wide open" to the Gospel. Brazil is a country that has freedom of religion, and so far we have found the local government very tolerant and, in some cases, actually very helpful to our mission. The Brethren Church has been working in Brazil for only five years. So far our work has been limited to the Amazon Valley with its thousands yet unreached for Christ. We have two main stations, one on each side of the river at the mouth of the Amazon where it is about 200 miles wide. There have been five couples sent out by the Foreign Missionary Society with two families now on the field. [The Edward Miller family is now in the homeland on furlough.—Ed.]

But what progress has actually been made in these five years? As has already been stated, we have two main stations at the mouth of the Amazon River, one in Icoraci in the State of Para, and the other in Macapa,



Communion Service at Macapa, Brazil—Brethren Miller, Teeter, and Zielasko Are at the Head of the Table.

Federal Territory of Amapa. Icoraci is really a town about 11 miles from Belem. Brother Altig first started services here in January of 1950 with a class among the children. This soon grew to the point where a year later we were able to start regular church services in a rented building on one of the main streets. This building proved to be of great value and was purchased and remodeled to such an extent that we have a large room in the front for a church auditorium and large quarters in the rear for a missionary residence. The Zielaskos are now living here and have charge of this station. In two other sections of Icoraci we have two "prayer houses" with week-night meetings. There are also many opportunities for open-air meetings and other special services.

On the other side of the river in Macapa, Federal Territory of Amapa, our other station is located. The Eddie Millers entered this field in August of 1951. Our first problem was that of a suitable residence and it was decided to build because of the high cost of rent. In January 1952 our residence was completed with a large room on one side suitable for conducting regular Sunday and week-night services. On January 20 we held our first service with around 200 in attendance. Since that date we have continued to expand and now have a regular church building on a separate lot near the missionary residence. This church also has a large room built on the rear for Sunday-school classes.

In December of 1952 we also completed the construction of a small wooden church in Mazagao, which is about a two-hour ride by motorboat from Macapa. There is no other evangelical church in this community,

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Four More Missionary Pastors by 1955

Often when a missionary has returned to Africa from furlough he has found the native church in a sorry plight, for there are 50,000 to 75,000 people in each district and when no missionary lives in the district the native believers become easy prey to attacks of communism and paganism. Five years ago we approved a plan, suggested by the field council in Africa, that there should be two missionary pastors per district for each of the seven districts in our field in Africa. The plan is such that when one of the two pastors comes home on furlough the other assumes all the responsibilities in the district. When both are on the field the district or the responsibilities are divided. This means that four more missionary pastors are needed in Africa, and they should be on the field by 1955 if they are to be ready to relieve the large number who are due for furlough in 1955-1956.

If these four new missionary pastors are to be on the field in 1955, they should be appointed by our society this fall and should sail for France for training. Do you see the urgency? The thing that disturbs us is that we do not have those four candidate families in prospect. We are asking that you pray that the Lord will bring forth these families, trained and ready, and that He will also supply the added funds to care for them. Because these families were not in prospect, the cost of sending them has not been included in our estimated expenditures for the year ahead. The average missionary family with up to two children costs us between \$6,000 and \$7,500 for the first year they are with us. The costs are less after this first year. But you can see why we are asking that the Lord not only bring forth the families, but *supply the added funds* to send them to the field. There are needs in other fields, but just now we are presenting this as a *special need*.

Concerning it, Bro. William Samarin says—

"We have thousands who have not yet heard the Gospel. If all the people were literate and if all had radios, perhaps we could have evangelized them much more quickly. But we must go to the people from village to village. Effective evangelism requires repeated visits. With our present staff of missionary pastors we cannot hope to do this. Our Christians need to be taught. All this takes time. If we are to build up the church and evangelize the remaining population, we need more pastors. *We need four more within a year.*"



William Samarin

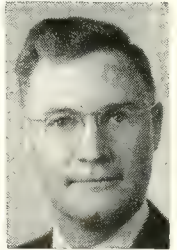
Further, Bro. Harold Dunning says—

"We face the difficulty of spreading the few among so many. We are glad to say that every district will have a missionary pastor during 1954. But we must look ahead. It is very apparent that unless *new* missionary pastors arrive on the field in 1955, some districts will go without pastors during 1955 and 1956. If the church planted in Africa by the Brethren people is to go on to maturity, four new missionary pastors must be in Africa

and ready to take up their work by 1955. If ever we needed your help it is now."

And Bro. Robert Williams says—

"We are asking for these men not in order to extend our work, but that our existing work might not suffer irreparable loss. This year we had to surrender a very promising area [the Rei Bouba territory.—Ed.], virgin territory, to another mission because we had no one to occupy it. Someone may ask—how did you get along in the old days when there weren't many missionaries?—and the answer is that the work lagged and was retarded. Many times we lost out because we weren't ready when the door was open. But now the work is built and *must* be pastored. It would not be impossible to lose whole sections of our work to subversive elements, even now at work in our midst. The situation is imperative, and the time to act is *now!*"



Robert Williams

An finally, Bro. Don Miller says—

"Why four new missionary pastors now? (1) For the maintenance and growth of a strong African church. (2) That sufficient time may be spent with each of our African church leaders to more fully prepare them for their work. (3) To maintain a well-organized junior Bible school for at least six months out of the year, preparing Christian workers. (4) To meet the strong tide of nationalism. It seems imperative that a strong church be established now or perhaps never. (5) To give continuity, that there will be at least one missionary pastor in every district at all times."

Other missionaries would have as gladly written, and those in Africa are unanimous that this is a very urgent need. As such we present it to you, asking that you pray with us that in the field in Africa we may have **FOUR MORE MISSIONARY PASTORS BY 1955.**

MORTGAGE BURNING IN CORRAL DE BUSTOS

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ing of their own is essential for the growth and future of the work.)

The general attitude of the believers is, "Well, that didn't take long, did it?"

What Others Are Doing

It should be added in closing that this spirit reigns throughout the mission. Each month the congregation in Rio Cuarto, that already has a *templo*, sends an offering to Corral de Bustos and to Rio Tercero, where the believers are also expecting to build their own church. Is this not evidence of spiritual growth as well as material? (I John 3:17-18.)

Praise God for His faithfulness and goodness in caring for His testimony in Argentina!

TRADITION INSTEAD OF THE WORD OF GOD

By Lynn D. Schrock, Rio Cuarto, Argentina

Last Saturday several of us went to the mountains to see some land that had been offered for a camp site. After going as far as possible in the car, we got on horses and started over the mountains. At last we arrived at the home of some *serranos* (mountain people) whose land we were to see.

They welcomed us with cold water and grapes. Soon the meat was well on its way to being *asada* (cooked over charcoal).

Among other things we learned about this family was that they had never seen a Bible. Not so surprising, perhaps, since they live way back in the mountains away from education and civilization.

But just this afternoon I went to the drug store a half block away from our house. The owner—a university man—has never seen a Bible. This he told me just this afternoon. He has been in two or three Catholic schools during his lifetime. Due to corruption and insincerity that he saw, he left them. The result up to the present (we trust it won't continue that way) is that he believes nothing.

But he said that he would very likely come to the meeting Sunday night. He himself told me that he thought that 50 percent of the men of Argentina have never seen a Bible. So it is in countries where Catholicism reigns.

Why doesn't the Catholic clergy give the Word of God to their people? Because they, as the Pharisees of Christ's day, make the Word of God of none effect through their tradition.

LOTS FOR CHAPELS

We have arranged with the National Brethren Church in Argentina that we will purchase and supply well-situated lots in those cities where the church and the missionaries agree new churches should be located, and providing the national church will erect the buildings on the lots. The Argentine church is ready to begin the program, so we need the lots. In Brazil we use either the above plan or another plan where we purchase the lot and build the chapel, then the Brazilian Brethren Church through its offerings repays one-half of the amount expended. The amount they repay goes into a fund to build more chapels with the same plan. The purchase of such lots would be an excellent piece of missionary endeavor for various groups or individuals. Lots cost from possibly \$200 to \$3,000, depending on the country and the location. We would be happy to correspond with any who are interested.

GOSPEL TENTS

There is no better way to reach new communities for Christ in foreign fields than with gospel tents. In Argentina these can be used for about seven months of the year, and in Brazil they can be used for the entire year. We need two such tents for Argentina and can probably soon use one or two in Brazil. These cost from \$500 to \$700 each. Possibly five or seven people, or classes, might cooperate in arranging for such. We would be happy to hear from you about gospel tents.



Rev. and Mrs. Lynn D. Schrock, Mark, Norman, and Rebecca.

A STORY OF PROGRESS IN BRAZIL

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and so far we have eight baptized believers with a national believer in charge of the services. At this writing we are in the process of constructing another small church about six miles from Macapa, where the government has an agricultural station. We have about nine baptized believers here.

In March of 1953 the John Teeter family arrived on the field and are now stationed in Macapa.

Certainly these five years here in Brazil have been busy and in some instances difficult ones. When entering a new field there are always unforeseen problems that arise, and since we learn by experience it is sometimes the hard way. But God has been faithful and we can only thank Him for the many victories that have been won. Much prayer is needed, as there is much yet to accomplish, for we are only getting the groundwork started, so to speak. So, as we bring this report to a close for now, we covet your prayers in our behalf that we might continue faithful in this great work of evangelism here in the Amazon Valley.

YOU CAN HELP

Recently we have been asked concerning the education of the children of missionaries. In Africa this is arranged by having Miss Ruth Kent as teacher and Miss Marie Mishler as house mother for the children in the elementary grades. In those fields where we do not have a teacher and a missionary children's school, the society attempts to furnish the Calvert Course or similar helps so that missionary mothers may serve as teachers. These courses are rather expensive, and the society would be very happy to have groups or individuals sponsor the courses for the different missionary children.



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CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO—Construction on the new church building is expected to be under way in the very near future. Rev. Richard Burch is pastor.

HONOLULU, T. H.—The new address of Rev. Foster Tresise is 2377 E. Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii. Please change annual.

DAYTON, OHIO—Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Steffler celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on May 20. Brother Steffler is pastor of the First Brethren Church.

CUMBERLAND, MD.—After extended investigation of this field by the district mission board of the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches, the decision has been reached that the work will be discontinued because of insufficient interest.

COVINGTON, VA.—A new automatic-zone controlled steam heating system has been installed in the First Brethren Church. Paul Mohler is pastor.

RITTMAN, OHIO—The "Musical Emmons" will conclude services at the First Brethren Church June 6. Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., is pastor.

COLUMBUS, OHIO—According to a new state law in Ohio, any church in that State that serves meals for a profit and invites the public will henceforth be required to secure a license and submit to inspection. (Editor: A good law.)

UNIONTOWN, PA.—An extensive "improvement program" is under way at the First Brethren Church. Improvements include new walks outside the church, a new back porch, new pulpit furniture, built-in record player in the sound room, and redecorating of all the classrooms of the church. The main auditorium was redecorated recently. Rev. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Chaplain Burton G. Hatch (1st Lt.) has received an appointment and has been ordered to active duty at Fort Ord, Calif.

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PARAMOUNT, CALIF.—Rev. John Mayes was ordained to the Christian ministry on May 16 at the Paramount Brethren Church. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Charles Mayes, father of John.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—A California district youth rally was held at the Second Brethren Church on May 14. Rev. George Peek was host pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO—Plans for enlarging the building of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church have been approved by the building department at the statehouse in Columbus. Construction will begin in the near future. Rev. Miles Taber is pastor.

ALTOONA, PA.—The East Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene here July 26-29.



LA CRESCENTA, CALIF.—Rev. Robert Dell, pastor of the Mountain Brethren Church, resigned as of May 2. He plans to enter foreign missionary work.

LA VERNE, CALIF.—Recent guest speaker on May 23 at the First Brethren Church was Dr. Kenneth Monroe. Rev. Victor Meyers is pastor.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH.—July 5-8 is the date of the Northwest Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Rev. Harold Painter will be host pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—PLEASE NOTE THE DATES OF OUR NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP—AUGUST 23-29.

ONE-HALF

of our churches have already received their quarterlies for the next quarter because they sent in their orders early. If your church has not yet sent the order in for the July-September quarter, it should be gotten into the mail at once.

FREMONT, OHIO—Rev. Gordon Bracker, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, is urging his people to attend church while on their vacation. Brother Bracker is making a collection of church bulletins, and has requested his people to bring back with them bulletins from the churches they visit.

DAYTON, OHIO—Rev. William Steffler, pastor of the First Brethren Church, was elected moderator of the Southern Ohio District Conference of Brethren Churches. Rev. Caleb Zimmerman, pastor of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, was the retiring moderator.

LISTIE, PA.—The East District held an overnight rally here on May 14-15. Approximately 200 attended. Rev. John Burns is pastor.

NEW DELHI, INDIA (RNS)—India has refused 109 American missionaries permission to enter in the last two years. In the same period 789 were approved. The main reason for some being denied entrance into the country is that too many missionaries have become involved in Indian politics.

WINONA LAKE, IND.—Speakers scheduled to appear here this summer on the Winona Lake Bible Conference program are Bob Jones, Sr., Roy L. Brown, David L. Laurie, Paul S. James, Gilbert Belleshaw, Alva J. McClain, William Ward Ayer, Louis Talbot, Phil Saint, Hyman Appelman, Herbert Lockyer, William Culbertson, V. R. Edman, Alan Redpath, Walter L. Wilson, and James McGinlay. Conference dates are July 25-September 6. The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches convenes here August 23-29.

KITTANNING, PA.—Rev. Wm. Schaffer, pastor of the First Brethren Church, delivered the Kittanning Memorial Day address on May 31.

DAYTON, OHIO—The new Sunday-school unit of the North Riverdale Brethren Church was dedicated on May 23. Rev. M. M. Hoover was in charge of the service.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—An average of 550 attended the sessions of the Christ for America Evangelistic Seminar. This was the first in a series of seminars on soul-winning and visitation to be conducted in large cities over America under the direction of Mr. Horace Dean. The seminar faculty included Dr. Walter Wilson, Dr. Robert Parr, and Mr. George T. B. Davis.

YOUNG PEOPLE!

*For a Real Mountaintop Experience
in Fun, Fellowship, Inspiration,
and Instruction*

Attend a Brethren Camp This Summer

CAMP ID-RA-HA-JE (Midwest District), JUNE 1-19.

Located 40 miles southwest of Denver, near Bailey, Colo., over 8,000 feet high in the Rockies, Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je (I'd Rather Have Jesus) expects about 60 campers, ages 9 through the teens. Camp director is R. H. Kettell, of Portis, Kans., and camp fee is \$10.

CAMP BUCKEYE (Northern Ohio District), JUNE 12-19.

A Senior retreat for high-school young people and above will be held June 12-14, cost \$6; and Junior-Senior camp will be June 14-19, cost \$13. Camp is held at Leesville Dam, about 40 miles southeast of Canton, Ohio, and Bernard Schneider, of Mansfield, Ohio, is camp director. Altogether, 250 to 300 campers are expected.

CAMP INDISINEWA (Indiana and Southern Ohio Districts), JUNE 14-26.

Located this year at Crystal Lake, about nine miles west of Winona Lake, Camp Indisinewa will have two weeks. Junior, 9 through 12, will meet June 14-19, and Seniors, 13 and up, will meet June 21-26. Cost for each week is \$13, and camp director is James Hammer, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and over 150 campers are expected for the two weeks.

CALIFORNIA BRETHREN YOUTH CAMP (Tahquitz Pines), JUNE 19-JULY 10.

California is expecting over 600 campers in their three weeks of camp, held in the San Jacinto Mountains, 115 miles from Los Angeles. Senior camp, for 10th graders and up, will also have an adult section this year, June 19-26, cost, \$18. Junior High camp is June 26-July 3, and Junior camp July 3-10. These two cost \$17 per camper. L. W.



(Left to right) Dr. Paul R. Bauman, vice president of Grace Seminary; Alva Steffler, David Halvorsen, Edwin Cashman, and Edward Smith. This group will appear at the conference of the California District and in many of the churches of the district during June.

Marvin, of San Bernardino, is camp director.

CAMP KEYSTONE (East District), JUNE 23-JULY 10.

Located at Laurel Hills State Park, near Somerset, Camp Keystone is expecting 200 campers in their two weeks. Juniors, 9-12, will meet June 23-July 3. Seniors, 13 and up, will meet July 4-10. Cost is \$12 per week, and W. A. Ogden, of Johnstown, Pa., is camp director.

CAMP GRACE (Atlantic and Southeast Districts), JULY 19-AUGUST 2.

Located over the mountains from Woodstock, Va., Camp Grace is expecting a capacity crowd of nearly 300 in their two weeks of camp this year. Juniors, 9-12, will meet July 19-23, and Seniors, 13 and up, will meet July 26-August 2. Cost per week is \$12. Paul Dick, of Winchester, Va., is camp business manager.

CAMP CHRISTIGAN (Michigan District), AUGUST 1-7.

Richard Jackson, of New Troy, is camp director for this new camp, which will include ages 10-16. Since there are only five established churches in the district, they are not expecting a real large group,

but hope for 70 or more young people altogether. Cost for the week is \$12.50. Camp is located on Eagle Lake.

CAMP CLEAR LAKE (Northwest District), JULY 19-AUGUST 7.

The seven churches of the Northwest District own their own campsite, and run three weeks of camp, cost, \$10 per week. Junior boys meet July 19-24, with Vernon Harris, of Portland, directing. Junior girls meet July 26-31, with Thomas Hammers directing. Seniors meet August 2-7, with Glen Welborn directing. Camp is located about 50 miles west of Yakima, just off the White Pass road.

CAMP IOWANA (Iowa District).

Probably will be held at Clear Lake, in north central Iowa. Dates and details not known at this writing.

CAMP BETHANY (National Youth Camp), AUGUST 23-30.

Youth Director Ralph Colburn heads up this camp, held the same week as National Conference, at Winona Lake, Ind. A wonderful program is planned for all young people, 12 years of age and up. Cost for the week is \$20.

What the Herald Means to a Layman

By Mr. Jesse B. Deloe

In writing about what the Brethren Missionary Herald means to me I am prejudiced of course, but despite the fact that it is my duty to print "every letter, every word, every line" contained in it, I think I can see beyond the mechanical appurtenances, the dictionary, the manuals of style, the syllabication books, and the many other paraphernalia with which a linotype operator-compositor is surrounded; I think I can see the real good it is doing for the Lord.

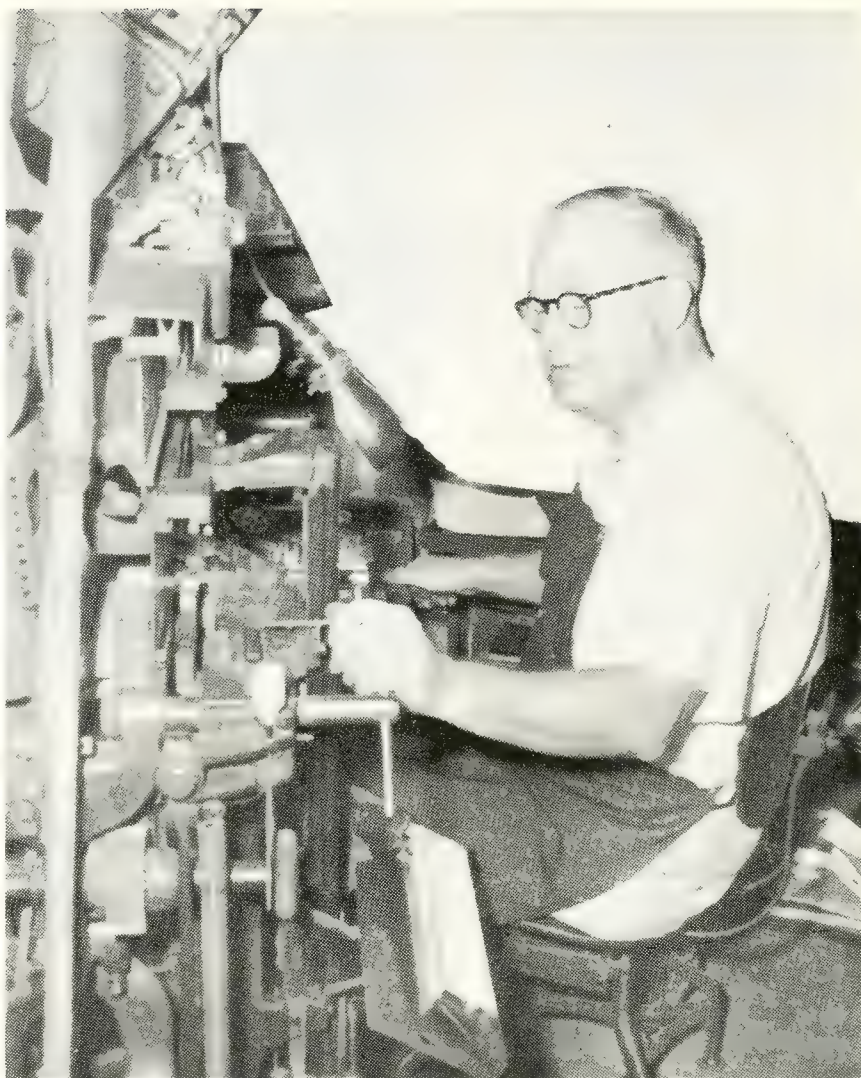
I see in the Herald an instrument in the hands of leaders of our denomination for the purposes of information, teaching, exhortation, and sharing of blessings.

The Herald, as I see it, is an instrument in the hand of the Foreign Missionary Society for the dissemination of news for and from our missionaries on far-flung fields, for the stirring up of missionary zeal in the hearts of the Brethren, and for the pleas which they make now and then for the needs to carry on the work which our Saviour commanded us to do.

I see in it the instrument used by Grace Theological Seminary in sharing with the Brethren the news of their sons and daughters studying in the school at Winona Lake, the expression of the joys experienced by the teachers and staff in the Lord's blessings upon the educational work, and the publishing of the needs of the school so that the people might have the privilege of helping to supply those needs.

Our weekly paper is also an instrument in the hands of the Brethren Home Missions Council as its officials make known to the entire brotherhood the gains made as they further extend the influence of the Brethren Church in building more preaching points in our own land.

In the hands of the women of our denomination the Herald is used as an instrument for the sharing of the news of the various councils of the WMC and the publishing of articles of interest especially for women interested in furthering the missionary



Mr. Jesse Deloe, Linotypist-Compositor for the Missionary Herald.

work of our National Fellowship

Also, aside from the articles devoted to the interests of the particular branch of the church being featured, there is in each issue news and articles of a general nature which are the responsibility of the editor of the Herald, and from which we glean our general information about happenings in the church from coast to coast. Devotional articles are also supplied which, written by our pastors, teachers, and workers representing all aspects of the work, keep us close to the things of the Lord and His Word.

Our Herald is also used as an instrument for the Lord's work, perhaps less often, but no less importantly, by the Board of Evangelism, National Sunday School Board, the

Laymen (that's us!) and the Youth. Also we could mention the use made of it by the officers of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches and even by individual churches as they share with us their joys and sorrows in the Lord's vineyard.

The Brethren Missionary Herald, then, to me is the vital connecting link between individuals, churches, districts, and organizations of our beloved denomination—the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches—banding us all together in a unit zealously seeking one great goal—the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to all the world. As an instrument in God's hand, then, the Brethren Missionary Herald is a most worthy recipient of your gifts and prayers.

A \$10,000 OFFERING TO THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD

THE MISSIONARY HERALD

HELPS A HOME-MISSION PASTOR

From a lad of 15, when I first accepted Christ as Saviour, to the present hour in which I am busy ministering the Word to others, the Missionary Herald has helped influence and mold my Christian life. In those early years the Herald put me in touch with the Brethren Church, and was used mightily of God to strengthen my faith in the Lord Jesus, and my convictions concerning the doctrines of the church.

During the period that I was away from home and from the fellowship of Brethren people, serving in the Army, the Herald was greatly used of God to keep me in touch with the progress of our beloved church, and hold me true to my Lord. Once again during my years of schooling in Wheaton College, and at Grace Seminary, the Missionary Herald played a most important ministry in our home, by challenging us to consider the foreign and home missionary programs that God has committed to us as Brethren.

Now that our schooldays are over, and the Lord has thrust us out into the busy work of home missions, once again we ask ourselves, What part does the Missionary Herald play in my life as a Christian minister? I have heard many fine testimonies from God's dear saints concerning the blessings they receive from the weekly reception of the Herald into their homes. I wish to take this opportunity to express, from a pastor's point of view, how the Missionary Herald is used of God to perform a definite ministry in the life of a pastor and his congregation. Briefly let me say that the Missionary Herald serves a very important three-fold ministry in the life of a pastor.

1. *It Is His Chief Source of Information.*

One could readily see the impossible task that would face us as pastors if we did not possess some medium of contact between our various churches. We could not possibly carry an extensive correspondence with all of our churches scattered all over America, and our mission sta-

tions scattered all over the world; to gain the information we need concerning our beloved church.

2. *It Serves as a Well of Inspiration.*

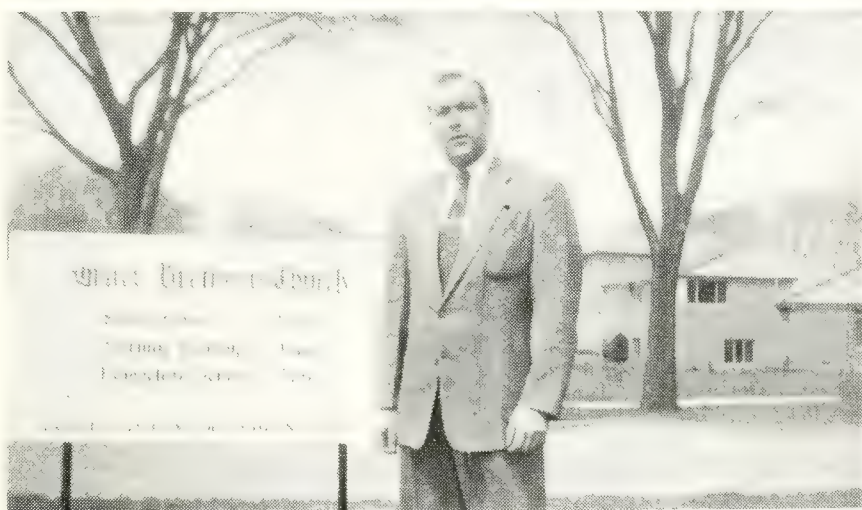
Many of our churches are located at great distances from each other, and that pastor is fortunate who has another group of Brethren close by with whom he can share his burdens and his joys. Many of us know, from personal experience, how easy it is to become discouraged when our work is moving slowly and victories are not being won. How refreshing it is and how inspiring to receive into our homes weekly, reports of God's blessing in other parts of His vineyard. This information not only rejoices the heart, but helps us take on new courage and hope. It helps us to see that God's Word is still powerful, still able to save, and leads us out to new endeavor and a stronger determination to see God work in our particular field. How often has my heart been lifted from discouragement by a cup of refreshing water brought to me from some other field by our Missionary Herald.

3. *It Serves as a Great Arm of Evangelization.*

Since coming to Wheaton I have had a new vision of the possibilities

of our Missionary Herald in the work of evangelism. This vision has been created by the men of my church who have seized the opportunity to personally see that their friends all over the state of Illinois receive copies of the Herald. These men know from experience the power and influence that the Missionary Herald can exert in opening blind eyes and in helping others see that there is a Brethren denomination that is still true to the Word of God, and still true to the age-old doctrines of the church. This ministry is beginning to pay dividends already, for just 90 miles west of Wheaton several interested people have been brought together and are asking for more fellowship with Grace Brethren Christians, and are asking us to bring them the true Word of God. Surely this is but the beginning of a great ministry for the Lord, a ministry that is being opened and fostered through the great channel of our Brethren Missionary Herald.

Surely the Brethren Missionary Herald is an important link in the great chain that binds us together as Christians, as pastors, and as congregations in our work for the Lord. It merits our daily prayers, our sincere confidence, and the financial backing of our entire denomination.



By REV. KENNETH TEAGUE, PASTOR, WHEATON, ILL.

LL HELP ACHIEVE RESULTS LIKE THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE

Covington, Va.

Our first revival-evangelistic effort since I became pastor of the First Brethren Church here in Covington, Va., and the first such campaign for the church in 18 months, began Easter Sunday, April 18, and came to a close on May 2. The pastor spoke on Easter Sunday night and Rev. Clyde K. Landrum was our evangelist for the rest of the services.

The Lord certainly blessed! Interest was good. The weather was fine. And attendances held up well, averaging 125 for the two weeks. Contributing to the fine attendance was the children's Crusade group which averaged about 30 for the two weeks. Eighteen people had a perfect attendance record; six missed only one service; twelve missed only two services; and nine missed only three of the services.

There were no high-pressure methods used to get people to go forward. Brother Landrum refrained from sensationalism. Just plain simple preaching of the Word of God and reasoning together with souls brought results. Twenty-seven decisions were recorded, all being adults with the exception of one. Among those who made decisions were a schoolteacher and a policeman and his wife. We expect to pick some more fruit ripened by the heat of the gospel campaign.—*Rev. Paul L. Mohler, pastor.*

Praise the Lord for two weeks of fellowship with the Brethren at Covington, Va.! The groundwork for this revival-evangelism campaign had been laid in prayer and in calling, both of which paid dividends during the meetings. I have never seen a better list of prospects—a list made up of names suggested by both pastor and people. A number of decisions in homes and in the church resulted from this cooperative effort. All of this indicated that Pastor Paul L. Mohler, although on the field for less than a year, has a good ac-

quaintance with the field and has the cooperation of his people.

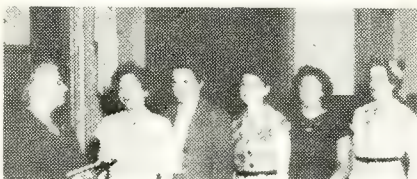
With the recently completed annex to their building, a new heating plant, and the fine group of believers there, the Covington work has real possibilities.—*Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, evangelist.*

Atlantic District



Atlantic District Conference officers for the next year are (l. to r.): Ralph Fitz, statistician; Miss Pauline Seitz, assistant secretary; Rev. Conrad Sandy, moderator; J. Edw. Cordell, Jr., secretary; Rev. James Dixon, vice moderator. Not shown is Mr. G. C. Saufley, treasurer.

The WMC of the Atlantic District elected the above officers at the annual conference held in Waynesboro, Pa., recently.



The picture shows (l. to r.) Mrs. William Gray, Allentown, in charge of the installation; Mrs. Gerald Polman, York, president; Mrs. Russell Weber, Hagerstown, vice president; Miss Rena Baurer, Philadelphia, secretary; Mrs. Ernest Bearinger, Waynesboro, assistant secretary; Miss Pauline Seitz, Philadelphia, treasurer. Not shown is Mrs. J. Waldo Stouffer, Hagerstown, prayer chairman.

South Pasadena, Calif.

Praise the Lord for A REAL REVIVAL! The previous years of seed-sowing, praying, teaching, preaching, have produced a harvest of souls. The revival has been in progress since January 1. Since the first of this year there have been 62 public decisions without duplications. Over 30 of these came in the recent crusade with Kenneth Ashman as evangelist. Of these, 39 decisions were from members of the church; 23 were nonmembers, most of whom

made first-time confession of Christ. The decisions were definite and personal. There was no mass movement, although the climax came on the last Sunday. Many young people, mostly of the high-school and college age, came in tears. There were entire families. It was largely an adult revival.

The evangelistic crusade was pronounced in several ways. Except for the evangelist, Kenneth Ashman, it was conducted by "local talent," the entire church in prayer and visitation, our own church musicians in charge of the music, etc. Approximately 3,000 homes were contacted with the publicity and personal contacts.

The preaching was of the teaching, evangelistic type, yet clear and pronounced in simplicity. It was like "attending a Bible class each night," was the testimony of many. It covered a variety of subjects, was frank and fearless, yet tender and appealing. It was real Gospel preaching. We praise the Lord for our son, Kenneth.—*Dr. C. H. Ashman, pastor.*

Praise the Lord for a church and pastor well prepared for revival—through much prayer, fine advertising, and great personal interest.

Praise the Lord for a people who are extremely friendly, who desire to hear the Word, and who have a passion for souls.

Praise the Lord for good music, faithful attendance, and for kind hospitality.

All these factors combined at South Pasadena to make possible the evangelistic crusade which proved a blessing to all who participated in any way. We especially were happy for the privilege of working together again with Dad and his good wife. Our stay in their home was blessed indeed.

We pray that the revival will continue there indefinitely.—*Rev. Kenneth Ashman, evangelist.*

Altoona, Pa.

"First real revival in 35 years!" "Greatest thing that has happened in this church since 1904!" "A miracle!" "Our prayers have been answered!" These are the remarks that can be heard from the older people in the First Brethren Church concerning the revival God gave us in the recent two-week evangelistic

campaign with Crusade Team Two. There were decisions from the very first night as boys and girls and young people, whose lost condition had become a burden to the pastor and many of the people, came to Christ. Adults came dealing with sin in their lives. This continued through the first week.

As we entered the second week we found the meeting blocked. Attendance was excellent, but there was no conviction. After the Thursday-evening service a number of the believers remained for a special prayer meeting. Here hearts were broken and many tears were shed. The next night there were seven decisions. Then on Saturday night 89 people, nearly all adults, were at the front of the church, or in the aisles. Habits were dealt with, families dedicated to the Lord, family altars established, souls were saved.

The church is continuing to rejoice. The young people have been transformed. The whole congregation has a new outlook. Prayer-meeting attendance has doubled.

This church thanks God for the ministry of Crusade Team Two, for their excellent music, and the expository-evangelistic messages of Brother Lepp.—*Rev. Mark E. Malles, pastor.*

Conemaugh, Pa.

We have been having wonderful services here in the Conemaugh Brethren Church. The Lord is blessing our work in a wonderful way—souls are coming to Christ. On Easter Sunday in Sunday school we had 178. In the evening our choir brought a cantata, "The Risen Lord." At the close of the service we baptized nine. There were eight young people, and a young husband and his wife. The wife was a former Roman Catholic, but is now a child of God saved by His marvelous grace. We have taken two others into the church, one by relation and the other by confession.—*Rev. Stanley Hauser, pastor.*

Los Altos, Calif.

Our hearts were made glad when we gave the invitation last Sunday. The sermon was a straightforward challenge on baptism, stating that we were getting ready to form our church organization. We asked for definite decisions from those who expected to become members. To this invitation 12 responded for bap-

tism; 3 to come by statement of faith, having already been baptized by trine immersion; 13 by letter, and 2 to become fellowship members. Four others had previously accepted the Lord and are awaiting baptism. Two other families have expressed a desire to become members.

Our original group should be between 35 and 40. The total attendance last Sunday was 114, and we thank the Lord for His abundant blessings.—*Rev. Charles Underwood, pastor, Stearns St. Brethren Church.*

Lake Odessa, Mich.

Lake Odessa congregation is one of our oldest churches. It was started right after the Progressive group of the Brethren Church was formed. It is beset with the same problems that our older and isolated churches face everywhere. But they are overcoming them with the right method which is evangelism. During this meeting God wrought effectively in lifting lives of members of the church. That is revival.

This church is now under the care of Rev. Robert Griffith, a recent graduate of Grace Seminary, a very able young preacher who is a lover of souls and is leading this people into a real future for God. This congregation has the missionary vision for new fields, and is deeply interested in a new congregation now forming in Lansing, Mich. They will stand by and help in a real way as soon as that church begins.

A fine group of crusaders was formed, and will now be working with the pastor in reaching their community for Christ in a manner never attempted before.—*Rev. R. Paul Miller, evangelist.*

We began our revival here in Lake Odessa with Crusade Team One expecting great things for the Lord. It was a real blessing to have the team in these meetings. They not only preach evangelistically, but they work with the pastor in solving problems in the church. They begin by stirring up the membership to be soul-winners. We are looking for great results from the crusader band that was organized.

We had 6 come for salvation, 15 restored to fellowship, and 45 renewals, for which we are praising the Lord. The Brethren Evangelistic Crusade is an answer to the tremendous need for evangelism today. *Rev. Robert Griffith, pastor.*

For Your Book Shelf

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company offers to its readers the opportunity to secure additional books for your library. With the ordering of any one of the following books, cash with order, you will receive a coupon. For every four coupons sent to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company you will receive in return a complimentary copy of a book you would be proud to place in your library. If you order one or more of the following books by June 15, 1954, and cash accompanies your order, you will receive a coupon with each book purchased.

FARTHER INTO THE NIGHT, by Mrs. Gordon H. Smith. Zondervan Publishing House, 1953. Cloth. 257 pp. Price, \$2.50.

This book is an inspiring account of missionary work among the tribespeople of Indochina. The trip into the jungle on elephant back, the weird and awful practices and beliefs of the tribespeople, the spectacular oath of allegiance ceremony, and the thrills of big-game hunting are all a vital part of the book.

Vividly pictured are the many hindrances to the work of the missionary during the last four and one-half war years, and how God has kept the doors open in spite of much opposition. New areas have been reached and hundreds, hearing the good news, have left their heathen ways and accepted Christ as their Saviour. Many native evangelists have been trained and chapels built by the natives themselves.

These are some of the blessings recounted by the author, and you will be inspired to greater zeal for mission work as you read.—*Mrs. Jesse Deloe.*

AT BREAK OF DAWN, by Fred John Mel-dau. Zondervan Publishing House. 1954. \$2.50.

Part history, part fiction with a prophetic message, "At Break of Dawn" is a novel based solidly upon fact telling of that 20th-century crime, Hitler's persecution of the Jews.

Through faithful Dutch Christians, a young Jewess and her fiancé become staunch believers in Christ. Nazi police separate the lovers. Muriel is sent to a concentration camp. Kurt, in vain, tries to follow her and is put through the torture chambers. Their terror-filled escapes from fiendish persecutors stir emotion.

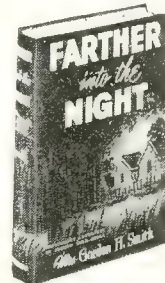
God's wondrous power to guide and protect His own is thrillingly portrayed in this book.—*Mrs. A. R. Kriegbaum.*

STEEP ASCENT, by Dorothy Dennison. Moody Press, Chicago. 1953. \$3.25.

On the road to surgical achievement, the devotion and love of this noble man and adoring wife is foundation for overcoming otherwise insurmountable obstacles. Opposing jealousies that try the patience and courage of even young hearts in their steep ascent toward a goal inevitably follows professional life. God's priceless gifts are the sources of true satisfaction and joy. Presidency of the medical world is not to be compared with a peaceful heart in a quiet flower garden with a loving companion. Prayer and practical Christian living are woven into this interesting story, and in an English setting you will not soon forget.—*L. K.*

THE GREATNESS AND GRACE OF GOD, by Clarence Benson. Scripture Press, 1953. Cloth. 244 pp. \$3.

This book is written in the layman's language, to assist him in grasping a new concept of God's created universe. Scientific knowledge is handled in such a manner that one knowing little of astronomy can acquire an understanding of it, and at the same time the author demonstrates that this is the only habitable planet, and here the infinite God displays His grace to finite man. Conclusive evidence presented as a refutation to evolution.





HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the Riverside Brethren Church of Johnstown, that the Lord will give wisdom in selecting a building committee, in planning, and in choosing a time for such a building program.

2. Pray that God will meet the need of \$600 to clear a second-mortgage payment due June 30 on the Albany, Oreg., church.

3. Pray for the 10 families in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church that recently covenanted either to establish or to continue family altars in their home.

4. Pray for the tent revival meeting with the Evangelistic Crusade Team, starting June 27. This is the first such meeting ever to be held in Taos, N. Mex.

5. Pray for the visitation program at Washington Heights, Roanoke, Va., that the community may be reached for Christ. Also pray for parents of the children in the Sunday school that they may be reached for Christ.

6. Pray for those who recently accepted Christ and for those who dedicated their lives to Him, that they may be used in developing the new home-mission church at Elyria, Ohio.

GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Give thanks for what has been accomplished through the Monthly Envelope Plan, and pray that it may be continued without decrease during the critical summer months.

2. Pray that God will guide many young people in decisions to attend Grace Seminary and College this fall.

3. Pray that the young people who come to the school may be those whose spiritual ideals will be of the highest.

4. Remember in prayer the summer ministry of faculty members and the trumpet trio as they present the work and needs of the school across the land.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. First we offer our praise for the safe arrival in the U. S. A. of Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Sheldon and Miss Carolyn, and for Rev. and Mrs. Edward D. Miller, Carol Ann, Jeanette, and little Edward. The Sheldons will live in California, and the Millers at Winona Lake, Ind.

2. Praise for a new meeting place in Honolulu, arranged by the local Brethren believers, and for the gradual increase in attendance, now running above 70 per Sunday.

3. Praise for victories in all our SIX mission fields—there is fine progress in each field.

4. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder as they plan to return to Africa in June, for Rev. and Mrs. Don Bishop in language study in Argentina, and for Dr. Harold Mason as he is now spending three months of study and in practical work at the American Presbyterian Hospital at Elat, Cameroun, Africa.

5. The Bill Burk family plans to sail to Brazil by August 1. Pray that outfit funds will be received, and boat passage can be arranged at the proper time.

6. Pray for FOUR more missionary pastors in Africa by 1955, and that another family will be ready to help in the French school work, when such is the Lord's will.

7. Continue to ask the Lord to

Testimonies From Herald Readers

Mrs. Grace Morris
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

"I really enjoy reading this paper and especially I love the articles written by our missionaries."

Mrs. Frank Yeigh
Cleveland, Ohio

"I would like to have my subscription renewed, for I miss the Missionary Herald very much. It certainly is a fine Christian magazine and true to the Word of God. I know of no other Christian magazine that is as complete and altogether satisfying as the Brethren Missionary Herald. God bless you all in your endeavor."

Mrs. Paul Buckland
Akron, Ohio

"We look forward each week to receiving this wonderful Christian magazine and wouldn't want to miss a single copy."

supply one or two more missionary families for our work in France, the first family at the earliest possible time.

8. Pray for our missionaries in Mexico, especially for the Haags and Howards and Miss Dorothy Robinson as they plan for trips down into Mexico in DVBS work.

9. Pray that in spite of economic conditions in the U. S. A., the Lord will increase our foreign-mission offerings sufficient to care for our present work, and accept new opportunities as He directs.

WMC—

(Supplied by the Midwest District)

1. Pray that the Lord will be glorified in all we do.

2. Pray that all WMC women will be an inspiration for all our Sisterhood girls.

3. Pray that all goals will be met.

MISCELLANEOUS—

1. Pray for the summer camps and all the leaders who have this important work in charge.

2. Pray God's blessing upon our daily vacation Bible schools.

3. Pray for a real revival in all our hearts.

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Fillmore, Calif...	May 30-June 6..	Max. Brenneman.	Bill Smith.
Roanoke, Va.			
(Wash. Heights)	May 30-June 20.	Carl Miller.....	Crusade Team 1.
Everett, Pa.....	June 1-20.....	H. Lingenfelter...	Crusade Team 2.
Inglewood, Calif..	June 6-13.....	Glenn O'Neal....	George Peek.



Look Again AT THE MISSIONARY ASPECT OF THE MISSIONARY HERALD AND LAY YOUR GIFT AT THE FEET OF THE LORD FOR THIS IMPORTANT ARM OF OUR CHURCH.

*Women's Missionary Council
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha*



CHRISTIAN GROWTH

LUKE 2:52

By MRS. LEILA POLMAN

Practically everyone at some time or another waits in the hospital for the birth of a baby. One marvels at the care that is taken, the preparations made, for this most important event.

A peek into the nursery: one sees rows of darling tiny ones. A nurse all swathed in cap, mask, and gown carefully protects them from any harm, making sure they are fed enough, weighed, washed, and dressed. All this happens the first few hours of a baby's life. But suppose that week after week, year after year, we still have to care for this little one in the same way. No weight is gained, no response made to our love and care. It would be a tragedy, and real sorrow would come to the ones to whom the child belongs.

In Ephesians 4:15 Paul admonishes the Christian to "grow up" in Christ. Just as the parent so anxiously watches for growth and development in her little ones, with formulas, vitamins, all planned and given so that growth will be normal, so it is sure the heavenly Father's heart rejoices as He sees His spiritual children grow up in the things of the Lord. "Put away childish things" (I Cor. 13:11).

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2:52). The child Christ Jesus grew and developed in this fourfold way: First, in wisdom—mental growth; second, in stature—physical growth; third, in favor with God—relationship to God, a spiritual relationship; fourth, in favor with man—a cultural or social development, the relationship with man.

With proper food, rest, and exercise a child will grow naturally. So a child of God, once he is born into His family, will grow if he partakes of the food provided and prepared by faithful pastors and Bible-school teachers. Daily personal Bible study and prayer and service are largely conditioned to Christian growth.

So many Christians think attendance at one service on the Lord's Day is sufficient, and many attend only the Bible school, which should be only the appetizer for the meal served at the regular church services. Many a pastor's heart is heavy as he sees his flock leave the service, neglecting to partake of the meal he has spent so many hours in preparing. A faithful pastor plans a balanced diet for his congregation—morning and evening services, the prayer meeting, Bible conferences, and revival campaigns. All are planned for the spiritual growth of his people. Have you ever wondered at the stunted lives of Christians? Underdeveloped, sickly, touchy Christians are those that do not eat regularly the spiritual food that is necessary to spiritual growth.

Check up on your own needs and the supply so close at hand.

In John 6:53-58 we see that partaking of the communion service also promotes growth. A good way to develop that intimate relationship between us and our heavenly Father ("in favour with God") is to sit at His table.

Do you lack wisdom? Then ask your heavenly Father. He has promised us wisdom—if we ask for it (Jas. 1:5).

In II Peter 3:18 we are admonished to "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." This will make our contact with others to be more Christlike and "favorable." Ephesians 4:32 says, "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another." In Proverbs 16:7 it says, "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."

We are told in the Scriptures many times to be perfect—John 17:23: "That they may be made perfect in one"; Ephesians 4:12: "For the perfecting of the saints"; Colossians 1:28: "Perfect in Christ Jesus"; Colossians 3:14: "Above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness"; II Timothy 3:17: "That the man of God may be perfect"; Matthew 548: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect"; and Hebrews 6:1: "Go on unto perfection."

These are a few of the Scriptures in which the Christian is given a goal to work toward. Nothing less than perfection would be a worthy goal. This perfection is maturity—growing up—a day-by-day experience of development in the grace of the Lord (Heb. 5:12-14). Never be discouraged and say, "That is not for me." It definitely is for every child of God. "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Cor. 12:9). When we see ourselves unable, then He enables us by the power of His Holy Spirit to grow and develop into mature Christians. Remember, it is maturity that reproduces another generation. Only those who have "grown up" are really soul-winners. Have you ever won a soul for the Lord? Let us all search our hearts and lives for things that hinder our growth as children of God. Feed constantly on the Bread of Life and grow up into holy living—His righteousness imputed unto us. In Christ Jesus is a wonderful place to be.

There are many characteristics of growing Christians. A few are found in Ephesians 5:9; Ephesians 4:21-32; James 1:27; Luke 2:40; Ephesians 3:16-21.

A "penny a day" for Jewish evangelism.

BRETHREN

Women Manifesting Christ AROUND THE WORLD

Our mission studies this year, which have taken us around the world with Brethren women, give us one more glimpse of that great and needy continent to the south of us as we consider one of our newer fields, that needy pioneer field in Brazil. The general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, Dr. Russell Barnard, and his wife have just returned from a trip to our South American mission fields. The following account of the present situation has been written by Mrs. Barnard to bring us up to date on that rapidly expanding mission field.

BRAZIL

By Mrs. Fern Barnard

Our work in Brazil is located near the mouth of the great Amazon River. Because of the frequent rains, the country is gorgeous, but the climate is very warm and humid. Several years seem necessary before our North American missionaries become acclimated to this tropical country. It takes so much of their energy just to live.

Rev. and Mrs. Keith Altig, our pioneer missionaries, laid a good foundation so that they and those who followed have seen many souls saved. In Icoraci, our first work, the Lord has blessed in providing a church and residence as well as three testimonies in other parts of the city. Rev. and Mrs. Jack Zielasko are now in charge of this growing work.

As soon as Rev. and Mrs. Edward Miller had mastered the Portuguese language sufficiently, they crossed the Amazon River, a distance of over 200 miles, and pioneered in the city of Macapa. When the Millers were ready for furlough, they left three churches and one residence to the care of Rev. and Mrs. John Teeter. The



A Group of Believers in Brazil

people have responded very readily to the Gospel and many have received Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Pray for the two missionary families who are holding the ropes until others join them. Pray that they may have wisdom in facing all problems and that they may be kept well. Also pray for the Bill Burk family, who purpose to leave the States in a few months, that they may have a safe voyage and that they will quickly adjust to this new life.



Native Brazilians Pose for the Camera

HINTS FOR "SPARKLE" AND "GLOW" MEETINGS

1. Read assignment twice.
2. Read it the third time and underscore what seems most important to YOU.
3. Read it the fourth time. Pray as you read and make notes of heartwarming contents.

Result—an interesting speech.—*Gladys Lindower.*

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MRS. WAGNER WRITES FROM ARGENTINA

Dear Sisters in Christ:

I am almost ashamed to write you after so many years of silence, yet it would be worse not to write now that I have an opportunity to do so. And so I want to apologize for the long delay in expressing my appreciation for all of your kindness to me and mine during all of this time. We have truly enjoyed every card and letter sent us, as well as every other way in which you have remembered us. Some of you have enclosed small but very lovely gifts with your cards which have always brought forth an extra exclamation of delight. But perhaps the most appreciated part of your greetings is the often used and assuring "We are praying for you." What a comfort it is to us to know that we are being held up in prayer by those who love the Lord and His cause!

Undoubtedly the most of you know that we are concluding our ministry in the Cabrera district and preparing to move to Huinca Renanco to take up the work there. We have enjoyed our six years in Cabrera immensely and are finding it really hard to break away. There have been some rough places, times of discouragement and disappointment, but there have also been encouragements and joy. We cannot help but think with regret of the many things that have not been done. During the greater part of our stay here we have been responsible for the work in five different towns, two of which are approximately 30 miles distant over bad roads and in different directions. Needless to say, such a situation makes it impossible to give adequate attention to any one place. We pray that those who take our place here may be given both spiritual and physical strength for the responsibilities and opportunities that await them.

We are still not sure when we shall actually make the move to Huinca. Mildred and Victor have gone to take up their schoolwork. Victor will be able to attend school in Huinca, but Mildred is going to have to study at home and take exams at the end of the year, for they do not yet have the fourth-year course of study in the school there. Those exams are usually very difficult, so it is not the easy way to a diploma (or certificate) by any means. And there is still a fifth year ahead if she passes fourth this year. Elena is still at home and is a big help to me. We all solicit your prayers in our behalf as we enter our new field, for there are many, many problems to be solved.

Let me once more thank all of you for your kind remembrances of us. I only wish I had the time to write a personal letter to each one of you, but that would take many precious hours from work which is already inadequately done because of lack of time. Maybe some day I'll learn to manage better and so have more time to do the things I would like to do.

May the Lord richly bless each one of you.

Yours in Him,

Mrs. Ricardo Wagner.



A "penny a day" for Jewish evangelism.



HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR "PENNY A DAY" FOR JEWISH EVANGELISM?

Have We Forgotten?

Most have forgotten Pilate was a Roman—Romans, not Jews, that group on Calvary Who nailed Him to the cross, then seized His raiment And watched with callous scorn His agony. Ah, to be sure—some Jews preferred Barrabas.

Peter and Judas were Jewish; but understand, So, too, was John, that dearly loved disciple, And all the faithful others of that band. Mary, His mother, was Jewish; Jewish, likewise, Mary, His friend, who chose the better part. Jews, too, the men and women who heard the message; The children whom He gathered to His heart.

It was a Jew of Arimathea called Joseph Who, in a garden, gave Him burial space. And, lo, it was a loyal, weeping Jewess Who hailed Him, Easter morning, face to face!

—Violet Alleyn in "Salvation."

Africa—

Stephen Paul Mason.....August 6, 1949
Miss Estella Myers.....August 9
Gloria Elizabeth Mason.....August 13, 1951
Dr. Floyd W. Taber.....August 16
Mrs. Charles R. Taber.....August 19
Miss Ruth Kent.....August 21
Rev. J. P. Kliever.....August 21
Miss Elizabeth Tyson.....August 25

Argentina—

Mrs. Lynn D. Schrock.....August 17
Rev. Jack B. Churchill.....August 20
Aldo Elwyn Hoyt.....August 21, 1950
David Roger Dowdy.....August 23, 1939

Brazil—

Rev. John S. Teeter.....August 10

France—

Mrs. P. Fredrick Fogle.....August 7

On Furlough—

Rev. Charles R. Sumey.....August 13

HOME BASE OFFERING

We are now entering the final quarter of one of the finest years WMC has ever experienced. Our women everywhere are busy for the Lord in many local and district projects. Furthermore, we have been going over our goals in our large national project offerings. More than \$2,600 came in for our Navaho school building and more than \$2,500 for our seminary lounge. The reports are not yet complete on our foreign-mission offering, but I am certain we will go over the top on that offering also. WMC always meets its goals—EXCEPT FOR GENERAL EXPENSE. Which brings us to the point.

We admit that there is not nearly so much appeal to the words "General Expense" as there is to "Hawaii," "Africa," "Navahos," or "Seminary." Hence, your editor would like to use the term "HOME BASE" as a substitute. We all know that no superstructure is stronger than its foundation. Our WMC is expanding rapidly, but we must be constantly at work to strengthen its foundation, lest it become top-heavy and unwieldy. Your national officers have many plans under way for the strengthening and encouragement of our expanding WMC. *We can activate those plans into reality only as far as finances permit.* Although your national officers serve "as unto the Lord" and without salary, there must be funds to pay for supplies. We hope to show you through the next three months some of the things which are supplied by your "Home Base Offering." We know that our women need only to be informed in order to make this national offering just as generous and successful as the other three. We present in this issue a word from your NATIONAL PRESIDENT, Mrs. Kenneth Ashman.

Dear WMC Members:

Greetings in the name of our blessed Saviour. As national officers our hearts have been overjoyed with the response to our offerings. Every goal has been met throughout the year. We are praying that we shall thus continue unto the completion of this year. Our giving has been cheerful and generous—the kind that alone can be blessed of the Lord.

Many times our national board has had cause to wonder why our National General Expense Fund offerings have been lower than our needs. We have come to the conclusion that our women need to be fully informed as to the use of these funds. Knowing the needs, we feel our ladies will respond generously.

Our greatest expenditure is the publishing of our monthly issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald. The cost is approximately \$124 per month, or \$1,488 for the year. This issue is a real necessity for both the WMC and the SMM. We know that the articles by our women and the missionaries are a real blessing to you. The devotional materials, the news items, the information on tracts, goals, prayer requests, and Bible readings—all of these—form a vital part of our work together. The most efficient way to get this material to you is through the Herald. Therefore, we feel this cost is well worth while.

The national officers and district presidents, making up our national executive board, serve without any pay. They annually receive a small gift to partially cover the expense involved in attending board meetings at Winona

Lake. The district presidents have additional financial help from their local districts. Ten days' stay away from home, plus travel costs, make it necessary to give some assistance from the general fund for the ladies who willingly assume the balance of the needed expenditure personally.

Another use of general fund money is for the incidental expenditures in the discharge of our duties, mainly postage and printing. There are two letters per year sent to all local councils by the national president. In addition there is the correspondence with the various officers and foreign councils. The other national officers must do much corresponding, too. There are report sheets, lesson packets, gift recognitions, and many other items that must be forwarded to local and district officers. These items require another \$500 annually from the general fund.

Then there are the additional items not budgeted. Such incidentals as the page on the Brethren Calendar (\$125) are extra. These must also come from the general fund.

Now these present but a glimpse into the needs for an adequate general fund offering. This has been a wonderful year for the WMC. We want to close with the general fund offering going over the goal, as has been true of all our other offerings to date. Let each one of us allow the Lord to give, through us, the funds needed to efficiently carry on this very worthy ministry among the women of the Brethren Church. Let's put the general fund over the top this year.

In Christ's service,

Mrs. Kenneth Ashman,
National President.

SPECIAL NOTICE FROM YOUR EDITOR

In the course of the past few months your editor has received a number of pictures from local councils with the suggestion that they be printed in the Herald. For the present at least your editor has adopted the policy of not printing local council groups. There are a number of reasons why this is not possible, but the three most important ones are these:

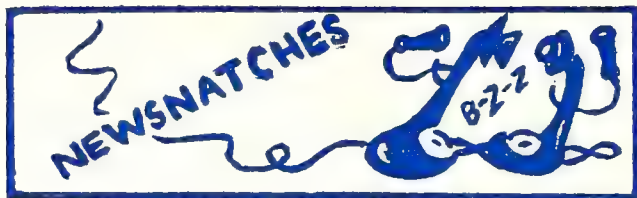
1. *Lack of space.* We have only five pages in the Herald each month and the regular features of the paper would soon be crowded out by pictures if all councils sent in their local group.

2. *Lack of funds.* Every picture cut costs us at least \$2, oftentimes more than that. Our Herald budget could not stand the strain of printing pictures of the more than 100 groups at that price.

3. *Type of pictures needed for cuts.* Many of the pictures received have not been sufficiently clear in detail to reproduce. It is better to not print any pictures than to cause misunderstanding over some picture which would not turn out well.

We hope you will understand this explanation. This refers only to local councils. Your editor is planning soon to show some district rally groups. There are not so many of them and the expense involved would not be prohibitive.

A "penny a day" for Jewish evangelism.



BIBLE READING AND TRACT CORNER

Bible reading for June—a chapter a day of your own choosing.

Bible reading for July—a chapter a day of your own choosing.

Tracts of the Month

For Ourselves—"Articulate Christian," by Hugh R. Monro. Published by the American Tract Society.

For Others—"The Glory of Sickness," by George W. Arms. Published by the American Tract Society.

These tracts may be secured from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company in packets of 50.

A fine report from the Jr. WMC at Covington, Va., indicates that the church there is blessed with two flourishing WMC groups as well as two sisterhoods. Approximately 100 attended the mother-daughter banquet on May 13. The Jr. council is active in meeting all offering goals as well as carrying on a very effective tract ministry in rest homes, hospitals, and homes of sorrow. Some of their members attended the spring rally at Limestone, Tenn.

Long Beach Second WMC continues to grow. The meetings are so interesting that visitors join and "keep right on coming." We have this further report on their interesting birthday offering project about which we have heard before. "Our birthday offering box is creating quite a disturbance now. A good many of the boxes are beginning to bulge, so to speak, and we are all holding our breath to see which month will win. We have only June and July to go, because after the July meeting the money will be counted and the winning month will be honored at a dinner in our social hall." The sisterhood girls of that church had a sisterhood birthday banquet to which they invited their mothers. A further report on that will be given through sisterhood pages.

The new Michigan District WMC held its second rally at Lake Odessa on April 29. There were 84 in attendance. The project offering of \$75 was to be used to purchase songbooks for Berrien Springs. In the afternoon a panel discussion on "The Family Altar" was held, with two women from each church on the panel.

The Sr. WMC at Kittanning, Pa., reports that in addition to the regular meetings they also meet for work and prayer on the 15th of the month. One of their projects has been making baptismal robes for their local church.

The California District WMC held a missionary rally April 12-13 in the La Loma Grace Brethren Church at Modesto with 115 in attendance. The theme was "Know Your WMC" and each phase of the program brought out the work of WMC locally, in the district, and nationally. Missionaries present were Pauline Sumey, Mary Cripe, and Johanna Nielsen. The ladies of the Brethren Christian Center and Tracy entertained the others who had traveled from southern California.

This very encouraging note comes to us from Meyersdale, Pa.: "We have had a renewed interest taking place within the last few months. Where we had 10 members out to a meeting we now have 20, with visitors who are planning to become members. We have added two new ones so far. Credit is given to a new plan for praying. We each chose a prayer partner and decided to pray for a chosen request until it is answered. At the next meeting each group tells how many requests they have had answered. The pastor reports to us that he feels re-

newed interest in church and Bible school are the result of the ladies' praying."

Your editor acknowledges the expression of appreciation recently sent to her by the West Homer WMC. It is a privilege to serve as your editor and we do pray that the Herald may continue to be a blessing.

The following is gleaned from an interesting account of blessings and projects of the Young Women's Fellowship group (the working girls) of the First Brethren Church of Los Angeles. "The WMC program of our group has been expanded this year with the addition of a monthly working day. Flannelgraphs for the work in Hawaii have been prepared, some sewing done on choir robes for our youth choir, and sheets torn for the sisterhood bandage rolling. Kitchen scrubbing is the current order of business.

"A plan to lend support to the sisterhoods has been inaugurated. Each of our members has 'adopted' a sisterhood girl, assuming the responsibility of providing her with her pennant as she completes her work."

The Southern Ohio District WMC held a rally on March 23 at Patterson Park, Dayton, Ohio, with 130 ladies present and a missionary residence offering of \$62. Mrs. Dorothy Beaver, from Africa, was speaker.

The Rittman, Ohio, Jr. WMC reports they are busy doing many nice things for nice people, such as gifts to missionaries, African babies, and luggage to the pastor's wife for her vacation. One unusual committee in their council assists the pastor's wife in entertaining missionaries and speakers by contacting ladies and having them send in dishes of food to help with the meals. They also have tract racks in the railroad station and jail.

The WMC at Alto, Mich., is busy for the Lord. In addition to such projects as missionary birthday cards, clothing for Taos, and a missionary gift chest, they help our Christian Taos boys, David Tolardo and Arthur Martinez, in their ministry for the Lord. Their council is growing in numbers and spirituality.

About 125 women attended the spring rally of the Indiana District WMC held at Peru. A feature of the morning meeting was an excellent skit showing the many hindrances to disrupt the family altar, presented by the Leesburg ladies. The main attraction of the afternoon was the Jewish skit, written by Isobel Fraser and presented by Fort Wayne ladies, with embellish-

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DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR JULY

Bible Study—"Come Ye Apart for Study."
Mission Study—"Kentucky."

A "penny a day" for Jewish evangelism.

VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE—EVEN IN OFFERINGS

By Mrs. Ada Etling

(This article by Mrs. Etling contains much of the material she gave to us in one of our WMC meetings at national conference last August. We wish to share it with you ladies who were not privileged to attend that conference.—Editor.)

The pulse of the heart is determined by the opened or closed purse string. The Lord owns the hills, yea the gold and silver of the hills, but He has entrusted us with the privilege of carrying on His work by means of that gold and silver.

One step to right administration of God's money is right information. Someone has said, "If you know, you will care; if you care, you will share."

So much sharing has been done by the few. We become critical of this fact and yet lack of giving may be due to lack of knowledge. When offering time comes we ought to take nothing for granted. Be sure each lady knows for what the money is to be or had been used. Two offerings were taken during a council meeting not long ago. When one very alert lady asked what the money was to be used for, only two or three knew. Neither offering was as large as it would have been had the council been better informed.

One church gives each member a set of 12 envelopes at the beginning of the year. The envelope carries the marking "Contingent," "Special Fund," "General Fund." The council is advised the previous month what the offerings for the next month are to be used for. The ladies of this group are largely tithers and they have been exceeding all previous records since this mode of giving has been introduced.

Since every woman is not so vitally interested sometimes offerings have to be "dressed up." For instance, the January offering was for the seminary lounge. A leaf-shaped invitation could have read, "Let us turn over a new leaf and give of our best to the seminary." Place the same exhortation in the church bulletin. Create atmosphere with a poster on which there is the picture of the seminary and any students from your church. The offering box could be covered with real or artificial leaves.

In the January meeting suggest that your ladies save all their Lincoln pennies. The February worship center could be a picture of Christ between the profiles of Washington and Lincoln. Across your worship table place the words "Study to show thyself approved unto God" (suggesting the idea of the seminary) or "I will study and get ready and perhaps some day my chance will come" as spoken by Lincoln. As the ladies place their Lincoln pennies they could give a testimony.

March, April, and May offerings go for the purchase of aluminum roofs for the missionary dwellings. March reminds us of the wearing of green. Green candles and a village of "hut" banks could be the centerpiece. Either purchase or make a little house (you may have one in your Christmas ornaments) and cover the roof with aluminum foil. Set this up with the huts, then use it as your offering box. Easter is in April. Easter is a happy season. You could have a happiness box to take the offering in. The same worship center could be used or individual happiness boxes could be placed in formation about a lily or cross.

In May make an "atmosphere" table by making a Maypole with pastel streamers. At the end of the streamers place "hut" banks or little clothespin Negro dolls. Place your "aluminum-foiled" house so that it is conspicuous. If you have decided on a Hawaiian offering, use little streamers or crepe paper about the neck for leis.

A telegram delivered at the proper moment can inform the society of "urgent need of funds for African hospital supplies."

June, July, and August offerings go for the general fund. Make this fund important. This year the national WMC expects to do bigger and better things for the local councils. It can do it only as the local councils lend support. Firecracker offering boxes can easily be made from salt or oatmeal boxes wrapped with red paper with a cord used for the fuse.

September is a good time to have a schoolhouse bank to remind them of the \$2,500 project of school and recreational center for the Navahos. Also for Navaho atmosphere go to your *Heralds* and National Geographic magazines for pictures. Arizona Highways also has fine pictures. The home-mission office will loan you a slide of our work. If our ladies know they will share. The offering could be taken in an Indian basket or vase by ladies dressed as squaws.

For the Thanksgiving offering use a pumpkin or cornucopia centerpiece with pastel streamers concealed. As each lady suggests one thing she's thankful for, she pulls a streamer and places her thank offering box. This is a real rainbow of color.

We have discovered it costs about \$2 a day to support a missionary. Therefore one society printed "Spend-a-Day" blanks. The blank was perforated in the center. The missionary's picture was at the top and below there was a square for a message and date. You chose a birthday or anniversary to spend with the missionary and signed your name.

There are two essentials in right giving. First is the giving of self. Money is no substitute for self. Neither is the surrender of self complete unless one's property is included in that surrender. The second essential is love. Let our giving be prompted of love for the Lord and our fellow workers.

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ments. The day was a blessing to all who attended and we were graciously entertained by the Peru ladies.

The WMC of the *Rosemont Brethren Church* desires to express through the pages of the *Herald* our appreciation for the work of Sister M. L. Myers while in our midst these four and one-half years. She has served as president of the WMC and her sweet testimony and faithful labors of love will be remembered by us. We will remember her in our prayers and know the Lord will set her in the place of service in the Akron church according to His perfect will. May His richest blessings be upon her.



BEAUTY OF GRATITUDE

By Althea S. Miller

Gratitude is beautiful in the sense that it multiplies—"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, *abounding therein with thanksgiving*" (Col. 2:6-7). What wonderful words these! You have received Christ as your Saviour? Then walk today as though you belong to Him.

Is there any particular "hallmark" which will show if you are walking as a believer? Good stationery is known by its "watermark." Good silver is identified with the word "sterling." Good products usually have identification marks of some kind. The "good" Christian has a special "hallmark" too. In large, bold letters it is GRATITUDE. It is more than a superficial (light) thanks, and goes far beyond a Pollyanna, automatic acknowledgement.

The Apostle Paul taught the young man Timothy that the end of the age would be marked by people who are "lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, *disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy*" (II Tim. 3:2). You'd think Paul wrote these words today so well do they fit our day. This age is indeed marked with ingratitude, disobedience, and unholy living.

Today's teen-agers have been reared with more *things* and *gadgets* and *froth* than any generation of children in history. Some of you sisterhood girls have learned to expect to get what you want the very moment you ask. Now I'm not blaming you if this has happened in your life in the *past*. Your parents will have to face their records on this score. But what about your spirit and attitude, sisterhood girl, when you are suddenly denied something which you very much want? Do you accept *denial* with sweet *gratitude*, believing it for your good? You should if you are walking with Christ.

Furthermore, the Christian girl will guard herself well when it comes to wants and wishes. Even though you've had most every wish granted in the past, you must surely know it is high time to curb your desires now that you are a senior sisterhood girl. So get busy now; put some starch in your spine and show gratitude in denials. Don't be a sisterhood girl whose wishbone is stronger than her backbone!

If we are to show gratitude in denial, it most certainly should be in evidence when some good hard work is on the program of our lives. God planned work as a blessing for mankind and the believer should have a special attitude toward work. She should do *all* things as unto Christ.

What? Scrub floors on Saturday morning and be thankful for that? I'd much rather stay in bed late; look what floor scrubbing will do to my fingernails! Be thankful when Mother asks me to prepare vegetables

for a meal, or clean up the house, or iron, or wash windows? Yes, my dear, gratitude and thankfulness for even those unglamorous details of everyday living. Carry *your* share of the load at home and "be ye thankful."

Recently I overheard a girl say she's ashamed of her mother's appearance. I happen to know that this girl *never* lifts a finger to help around the house unless her mother timidly asks her. Then the girl responds very reluctantly. Her mother works herself to the bone for the daughter without any sign of gratitude from her girl. (The mother is making a terrible mistake in being a slave to her daughter, and the daughter is sinning by allowing her mother to serve her.)

This girl spends hours trying to beautify herself. She isn't too successful with the job. Her hair and clothing and figure are attractive but her mouth droops at the corners with a dissatisfied expression and her eyes are grasping, selfish. She has no real beauty of face because there is no gratitude in that sisterhood girl's heart. She does not appreciate the blessings which come by way of work's discipline.

Gratitude for our *salvation* will show by a swift and excellent execution (performance) of that small, behind-the-scenes job at church. The very fact that God will use us in a humble post should make us pause in heartfelt gratitude. After all, we are nothing, and to have God call upon us to serve Him is honor indeed. Does anyone see salvation's beauty in you?

It is not hard to feel some gratitude when you have all the clothes, or frills, or money, or foolish things your foolish heart asks for, but if any beauty comes with that type of gratitude it is gone when the thing wished for is gone. It is light, frothy, empty.

On the other hand, true beauty bubbles and makes radiant the person whose heart abounds in gratitude for the sterner stuff of life.

Here then is your opportunity for true beauty. It comes through the gate called GRATITUDE. You would be beautiful? Then give "thanks always for *all* things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20).

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In the community where I live there is a big occasion every spring, during which time a queen is chosen from the girls of the senior classes of the high schools of this area. The girl is chosen for her beauty, personality, and talent. Many girls have received this honor with all the pomp and loveliness of a coronation, a parade in her honor, etc. It has been the custom of one of the local department stores each year to present the queen with a lovely white gown for her coronation. They have always been of the highest quality and lovely design.

Just after this year's festivities the proprietor of this shop told a friend of mine that this was the first queen to personally thank her for the gown. Does that surprise you? It did me, because we usually think that anyone who is beautiful does things just as they should be done. I am also told that this girl is a Christian and in this respect she was really able to witness for her Lord.

I was thrilled with this story from real life, for here was a girl, beautiful to look at, yet she had another beauty within. She took time out at one of the most thrilling times of her life to show her gratitude to one who was being thoughtful of her. Girls, this is a perfect example of the old saying, "Beauty is as beauty does." Many times we neglect to be grateful to our friends, parents, and even to God for the blessings we receive so freely. It only takes a few seconds to say, "Thank you," but what a lift it brings to the heart of the one to whom those words are spoken. How long has it been since you thanked Mother or Dad for the things they daily supply you. It wouldn't even hurt to show your gratitude a few times by doing the dishes without being told, or to clean your own room for a change.

"Ugh!" you say, "why such drastic measures?" That would really be saying, "Thank you," in a way that you meant it. I am sure that Mother and Dad would sit up and take notice and say, "What a beautiful daughter we have." It would truly make you beautiful, because, remember what we have been trying to tell you in these

past months, that beauty is not only put on the outside, but it comes from within. Be sure your beauty is not marred by an ungrateful heart.

I think many times young people (and I am talking especially to girls) are ungrateful to others of their own age. If we insist on grabbing all we can get from our fellow classmates and friends we will soon be very lonely, for you know you appreciate a kind word in appreciation for something you have done for another. Then too, many times we think it isn't necessary to thank the kid brother or sister for an errand run or a favor done. There is nothing more lovely than a young girl who is kind and thoughtful with children. Remember you were once a child and someday you might have some children of your own and you will want others to be kind to them. Let us be lovely in our gratitude to others.

The most important part of our gratitude should be to our Lord. In Ephesians 5:20 we read, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Every day should be thanksgiving day for the born-again believer. Our Lord has done so much for us that though we thank Him every day we will never be able to thank Him enough, even throughout eternity. How long has it been since you thanked the Lord for saving you? Now, I don't mean singing the chorus, "Thank You, Lord"—you probably have sung it since you came to this meeting. I mean getting down on your knees and telling your Lord how grateful you are that He died for you and that He gave you eternal life and for the opportunity He has given you to witness for Him. Have you thanked Him lately for your talents? However few they may be, we should never minimize them, for they are given to us freely from the hand of God.

Has someone been blessed by your gratefulness today? This week? Even this month? I hope we all determine in our hearts that the sin of ungratefulness will never mar our loveliness in the sight of our Lord, our friends, our parents—yes, even strangers and little children. Remember the beauty queen who was not too beautiful to be grateful. Her loveliness is enhanced by her gratitude.

OUR NATIONAL PROJECT



PROGRAM GROOMING FOR JULY

PRAISING VOICES—Singing unto the Lord. Open by singing theme song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus," and repeating the year's verse, I Chronicles 16:29.

SWEET SAVOR—Spend prayer time in the "Perfume Corner."

CLEANSSED HEARTS—Read Scripture, Colossians 2:6-15.

GLOWING LIVING—Seniors study "Beauty of Gratitude"; Middlers study "The Loveliness of Gratitude."

SPARKLING TALENTS—Give special number.

BEAUTIFUL FEET—Consider "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil." Close by singing second stanza of theme song, "Let Compassion For Sinners," and repeating year's devotional benediction, Jude 24-25.

BUSINESS MEETING.

SMM BENEDICTION.

ADVENTURES WITH THE BIBLE IN BRAZIL

By Frederick C. Glass

LESSON 11

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"Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Psa. 141:2).

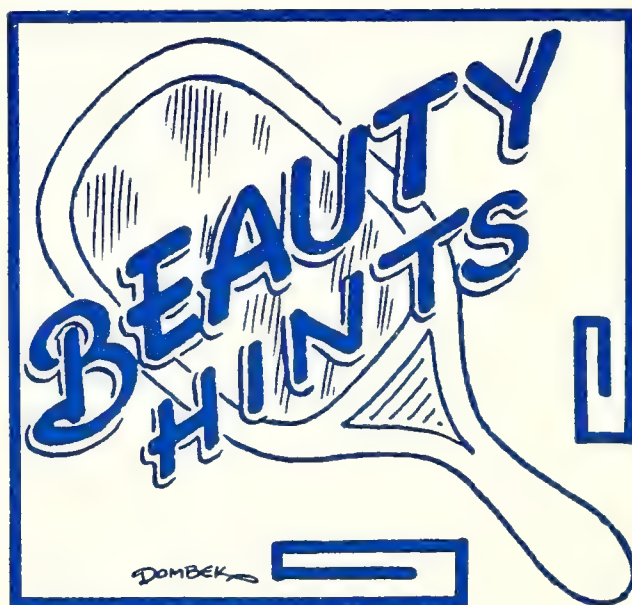
Pray for the conference at Winona Lake, and especially for the SMM sessions at Camp Bethany.

Pray much for the national officers, for with the summer activities, their work is almost doubled.

Pray for the coming Sisterhood year, for the leading of the Lord in the matter of a theme, writers, etc.

Pray that our national project will be met in full, and that each sisterhood girl will give as the Lord would have her give.

Never cease praying for the home and foreign missionaries. Be specific in names of the different fields and also in the names of the missionaries.



Hint 1. The deadline for the general fund offering is July 31. Please don't fail to do this.

Hint 2. July 31 is also the deadline for all the project offerings from each SMM. Let's make this one the largest we have ever had.

Hint 3. All district presidents and patronesses make your plans to attend the early national board meetings which will be held on August 21 and 23. We need you to help make our plans for the following year. These meetings will be held in the Grace Seminary Building. These will officially start at 9 a. m. Saturday.

Hint 4. *Local SMM's!* Be sure to check your local goals to see if you are going to complete them. We want to have as many honor SMM's as possible this year. Will yours be one?

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SANTA FE, N. MEX. The Grace Trumpeters, en route to southern California, were involved in an auto accident caused by livestock on the road in "open-range" country. To miss the livestock, the car was driven to the ditch. Dr. Paul Bauman and Mr. Eddie Smith were hospitalized for examination but released. There were no serious injuries. The group continued on to California and will fill all engagements as scheduled.

NEW YORK (E/P). It is reported in Eternity magazine that the National Broadcasting Company offered Evangelist Billy Graham a daily TV program with a rumored million-dollar contract. It would have permitted the evangelist to continue with his evangelistic ministry. The program called for a program similar to Arthur Godfrey's, and Dr. Graham was to be given time on each program for a moral or spiritual message. The offer was turned down, for Billy Graham declared that his "first call is to preach the Gospel."

SOUTH BEND, IND. The Sunnyside Brethren Church had a Sunday-school contest using sugar cubes to build miniature churches. The cubes were awarded for each one brought to Sunday school. The class finishing first won. The goal was 100 for Easter Sunday, and the attendance was 102. Rev. Russell Ogden is pastor. Mrs. Harold Etling was speaker at the mother-daughter banquet.

WHITTIER, CALIF. A new record was set in Sunday school at the Community Brethren Church May 23 when 326 were present. Rev. Ward Miller is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. At the annual commencement service of Grace Theological Seminary honorary degrees were granted to Rev. Herman Koontz, pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church; Rev. Bernard Schneider, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio; Rev. Herrmann G. Braunlin, pastor of the Hawthorne Gospel Church, Hawthorne, N. J.; and to Mr. Donald B. Fullerton, director of the Princeton Interdenominational Fellowship at Princeton University.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Mr. Bill Carle, who has been called America's newest sacred singing sensation, presented a musical program at the First Brethren Church on May 27. Mr. Carle was formerly associated with Billy Rose and the Metropolitan Opera Company prior to his conversion to Christ. Dr. Charles Mayes is pastor.

CHEYENNE, WYO. The Midwest District of Brethren Churches will convene here Aug. 6-8. Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum will bring the Bible messages.

SPECIAL (E/P). Churches of all denominations were called upon by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America (AFL) to rise up in a "holy crusade to drive completely from American homes the education in crime being given our children through the medium of radio and television."

SIDNEY, IND. Miss Iris Heckman, formerly associated with the Brethren Missionary Herald and with the Brethren Navaho Mission, was united in marriage May 31 to Mr. Jim Mauzy, owner of a trading post near Cuba, N. Mex. Rev. Richard DeArmey, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa, performed the ceremony at the Sidney Brethren Church.

TAOS, N. MEX. Miss Celina Mares, missionary at our Brethren Spanish-American Mission, underwent throat surgery May 25 at Bataan Methodist Memorial Hospital in Albuquerque for the removal of throat tumors. Her condition at this writing is considered fair and the operation a success.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Rev. James Hammer, pastor of the First Brethren Church, has tendered his resignation May 30 effective Sept. 1.

FREMONT, OHIO. Rev. Gordon Bracker, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was speaker May 30 at

OUR COVER PICTURE

The little girl pictured on the front page is Bethel Pifer, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lester Pifer.

the Fremont High School baccalaureate service.

DAVENPORT, IOWA. The first church service of the Grace Brethren Church was held Sunday, May 30, with Rev. Lester Pifer bringing the message. Up to this date the Bible class has met on a weeknight.

PITTSBURGH, PA. The Greater Pittsburgh Airport is offering Sunday-school services for travelers and employees.

In Memoriam

Mrs. John Bertch departed from this life to be with the Lord on May 3. Mrs. Bertch was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa. The following poem, written by Sister Bertch, expresses her faith in the Lord.

I am looking for that day, a day of joy and gladness,
When Jesus comes to earth again
midst all our pain and sadness.
He will claim for His very own all
those who believe on Him,
Who accepted His salvation and were
cleansed from all their sin.

With the sound of the trumpet and
a shout through the air,
Comes the dear Lord and Saviour
with countenance so fair.

All the saved ones will go to always
be with Him,
Who accepted salvation and were
cleansed from all sin.

—Rev. Richard DeArmey, pastor.

Mr. Fred A. Schnell was promoted to glory on May 12 after a rather prolonged illness. He died at the Crile Veterans Hospital. He was active in the First Brethren Church of Cleveland, Ohio, for several years.

—Rev. Russell Ward, pastor.

Mrs. Hattie Baer, 97, was called to be with the Lord on Mar. 31. Mrs. Baer was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church, Beaver City, Nebr. She was the last of the charter members, and was faithful to her Lord.—Rev. E. B. Kentfield, interim pastor.

The Sanctification Of The Believer

ARTICLE I

That sanctification is a doctrine mentioned and taught in the Word of God as relating to the Christian experience, no serious-minded person could possibly deny, but that sanctification is a possession of all Christian peoples, many will most readily deny. Two great groups in Christendom would fall immediately into this category. First of all, there are those who believe in sanctification but who believe that it is only a possession for the few Christians who, through prayer, consecration, and special merit, have earned it as a special favor from God. The second group are those, ignorant of the true meaning of sanctification, being somewhat persuaded by the former group, would deny their own sanctification upon the grounds of not wanting to seem odd or "fanatical" to others. But, whereas these two groups of individuals exist in abundance throughout many sections of the earth, there are still others who have searched the Word of God diligently for themselves, or have been taught by others who have so searched, and have become persuaded of the true Biblical meaning of sanctification and have claimed it from the Word of God for themselves and for every true believer.

The understanding of the doctrine of sanctification lies first of all in

the understanding of the Word itself. In the Word of God two words alone are employed: the Hebrew word *qadesh* and the Greek word *hagiazō*. The interesting thing concerning both these words is that they have an identical meaning, i. e., "to separate or to set apart." This then must be the primary meaning of all sanctification, whether relating to Christianity or to its use in a non-Christian sense, for in the Scriptures both uses do occur.

First of all, very briefly, let us note the use of the word in a non-Christian sense. In Genesis 38:21 the word is used and is translated "harlot," describing one "set apart" for evil purposes. Again, in Leviticus 27:14-16 both houses and fields are referred to as being possible of sanctification. The reference of sanctification is also made to God himself in Ezekiel 38:23 and to His Son in John 10:36.

The words themselves and the uses of these words then prove one important point and that is that the Word of God does not speak of sanctification as meaning primarily moral purity, holiness, or sinlessness. No one would consider a house as being sinless nor a field as being righteous nor a harlot as being pure morally. Neither could God be thought of as having experienced "having been made holy" for He has been holy and never existed when He was not holy. In spite of this clear evidence in the



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Bible, many Christians speak of, teach, and believe that sanctification of the Christian means to experience that goal whereby a person reaches absolute perfection, personal holiness, and is no longer capable of sinning.

What then is Christian sanctification? May we caution you, first of all, that although personal holiness or moral purity is not the primary idea of Christian sanctification, it is, nevertheless, a very important secondary idea. The believer's sanctification is found in this fact—that God purposely sets His hand upon an individual, calls him from his present evil way of life, gives him a new name, a new character and, above all, a new purpose in life, i. e., that the individual might live for, and be dedicated unto, the full pleasure and purpose of God (I Pet. 2:9). This verse of Scripture is perhaps the richest passage in the whole Word of God on the Christian's sanctification. To accomplish this, however, our lives must be pure and clean. We cannot show forth His praises by a life of sin (II Cor. 4:2-6).

To provide for this purity which in turn makes for our usefulness, which is our sanctification, God has set in process a formula at Calvary for every believer which becomes effective at conversion, and which continues through the remainder of the believer's life, and which is completely consummated when the individual meets Christ "face to face." Further articles will describe the means and methods which God uses in order to accomplish His perfect will for every Christian—a sanctified life and body, wholly yielded and useful to Him in service and in praise.

The Sunday School's Hour!

Memorial Day, Flag Day, and then Independence Day! These early summer days are filled with national holidays. They are ours because our forefathers were willing to pay a tremendous price to obtain our liberty. Of all nations of the world, America is peculiarly and singularly blessed.

But what of the future? We have been hearing much through our newspapers, radios, television programs, and private conversation about the dangers of communism. Surely we need to face it squarely. It is a force to be reckoned with. But there is another force that is making even greater inroads in our nation than communism. The forces of evil have never been as active against our nation as today, and the threat is not confined to the big cities. For almost 10 years now, leaders have been reminding us of the threat of juvenile delinquency, until I fear it has become almost a byword to most of us.

Even a casual investigation of the downfall of such great nations as ancient Greece or Rome will convince all of the truth that the moral fiber of the people had rotted away. The principles of godliness were eliminated from their way of life. So too goes America! We have largely forgotten our responsibility to our youth, and godliness is largely eliminated from our way of life. IS THERE NO WAY OUT? J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, said recently, "The Sunday school is not only an important arm of the church and its life but is also instrumental in materially reducing the army of youthful offenders and delinquents. The Sunday school offers much to the young people of America."

If we look at it purely from a patriotic standpoint, we dare not longer delay in the matter of BUILDING BIGGER AND BETTER BRETHREN SUNDAY SCHOOLS. But we have a greater motive. The Sunday school is the greatest evangelistic force in the Brethren Church. No alert pastor or layman can ignore the tremendous potential open to our church through our Sunday schools. When we relegate the Sunday school to an unimportant place in our planning or in our work, we deliberately limit our Bible-teaching

ministry and block the best avenue we have for sound and consistent growth in our church.

TRULY THIS IS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL'S HOUR! Not to give it right place in our total church life is to be disobedient to the command of Christ, and to neglect the greatest opportunity God has given us.

VIEWING OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

It would be wonderful to get a composite picture of all of our Sunday schools across the country on any given Sunday. Think of it, approximately 25,000 people! But really now, don't you think the time



has come for us to begin to double that number? We could do it quickly if all of us would put our shoulders to the wheel, and begin to "Reach the Unreached!"

The Listie Brethren Church is surely doing their part, as is evidenced by the picture [Herald, May 29] of the new Sunday school started just eight weeks ago in Reading, Pa., about seven miles distant from Listie. Easter Sunday they reached a new high of 85 in the Reading school, while the Listie Sunday school saw 220 folks jammed into their building.

Your national director had the privilege recently of holding a series of workers' conferences in the Southeast District, while engaged in evangelistic meetings with Rev. William Howard in the Clearbrook, Va., church. This is a church located on the south edge of Roanoke, Va., in a rural community, yet an attendance of 179 in Sunday school on Easter morning proved again that there are people everywhere. This 179 by the way was exceptionally good in light

of a measles epidemic which forced several families to be away from Sunday school. We found this school well organized, and the entire Sunday-school board enthusiastic about their visitation program to reach the entire community for Christ. We confidently expect to hear the report that this school has passed the 200 mark before many weeks. Two fine workers' conferences in the church proved the desire on the part of pastor, superintendent, and people to do their best for the Lord.

While in the southeast, we were likewise privileged to conduct workers' conferences in Buena Vista, Va., and to view for the first time the fine new Sunday-school plant and equipment. Every department is well cared for, and new goals are being reached regularly. At Covington, Va., we found a school anxious to go forward with new plans and ideas for fully departmentalizing the school. When this is accomplished they feel confident that they will do their part toward reaching the community for Christ and enlarging the ministry of the Brethren Church.

OUR SECOND NATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION

Have you ever been to a national Sunday school convention? You haven't? Then join with us for our Second National Sunday School Convention to be held at Winona Lake, Ind., August 22-23, 1954. Sessions are being planned beginning with the Sunday school hour on Sunday morning, right on through the day, and then all day Monday. This just precedes our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, and will give you plenty of time to enjoy a real vacation, and at the same time learn how to do a better job for your Sunday school. Your Sunday school should see to it that your pastor and your Sunday-school superintendent are present, and as many teachers and officers as you can possibly persuade to be with you. There will be workshops, inspirational messages, discussion of future plans for our schools, and real Christian fellowship for all.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE SECOND NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION!

RICHES UNLIMITED

By MRS. ROBERT MILLER
Roanoke, Va.

"You have nine children? Whee! It—it must be quite wonderful. But how do you ever manage? Everything seems to be under control and the children are so well-behaved."

I smiled grimly. The speaker was a religious census-taker. We had never met before, but it was obvious to us that our visitor's ideas on large families had fast "metamorphosed" as she sat in our livingroom. Little did she know she had missed a fracas by less than five minutes. I had just spanked two little bottoms and meted out sterner discipline to an older child when Mrs. Hench put in her appearance. And, for a wonder, no one told her what had happened—not even Sharon, the family reporter.

"You are kind to say such nice things about our family," I said. "Their good behavior is no accident, however, nor is it constant. Rearing a family, especially a large one, is no picnic. It is work—rigorous, but rewarding. I wouldn't exchange places with anyone I know who has a smaller family. There is only one desire and need which we all share—a larger house. We are bursting the seams now."

"This isn't your home?"

"No, it is the parsonage. When it was built the congregation never anticipated so many occupants for under its roof."

"So your husband is a preacher? That would add to your behavior responsibilities I can see. How long have you been married?"

"It will soon be 19 years. We often say—half-fun, whole-earnest—that all we have to show for our years of marriage is 10 place settings of sterling silver and 9 children."

"I think you are rich. You have what money can't buy."

"We are rich. Bank accounts, stocks and bonds all have to be left when we leave this life. But we have an investment in life, and by God's grace this investment will go on with us."

"May I have your names and the children's ages?"

"Bob, Jr., will be 18 in June. Bill is 15; David, 13; Dorotheann, 10; Sharon, 8; Paul Kent, 6; Althea, 4; Ardyth, 2; Mark Fremont, 3 months."

"Some of the children are old enough to help you. Do you do all your own work?"

"We have our ironing done by a woman who comes once a week. Otherwise we do everything. I bake whole-wheat bread and cinnamon rolls at least once a week. Dorotheann is fast learning to help me in the baking of cakes and cookies. She can also roll and cut the cinnamon rolls. Each child, from the oldest to 2-year-old Ardyth, has a job to do which is his own responsibility. We have 10 beds in daily use and each child makes his own bed with varying degrees of efficiency—the older children helping the younger."

"Do you wash for all those beds?"

"Yes. Once a week each bed is stripped, and we all have a change of face towel and wash cloth twice a week."

"That's work," our visitor insisted.

"It is," I answered. "But whenever I'm tempted to complain about the volume of work I find myself thanking the Lord that we can be clean. And I do have an automatic washer, which lightens the load. My husband and I have always believed in putting our money in work-helping devices rather than fine furniture. He contends that I need the work-savers now, not when the family is grown and gone."

"How many of your children are members of the church?"

"Six—down to Paul Kent. And with no undue pressure on our part. We have prayed and God has answered by helping them see and appropriate true values of lasting worth."

"Do you have family prayers?"

"No, we have family worship," Paul Kent exploded. He had been bursting to get a word in on this conversation.

"We read Scripture and pray together each day," I explained. "All who can read take part, from Daddy on down. From the time the smallest child can lisp a prayer he does so during family devotions, and the prayers start with the wee ones and Daddy closes."

"That doesn't sound very complicated," Mrs. Hench commented.

"There is no need to be profound or complicated. We want the children to early learn their dependence upon God the Father, and to enjoy the deep pleasure of fellowship with Him."

"Do your children ever object to helping?"

"Yes, Paul Kent does," Sharon interjected eagerly. "He hates to dry dishes."

"Speak for yourself, Sir John. I've never seen you hilarious at dish time, missy. Will you please take Ardyth and play with her in your room? I'll call you when it is time to set the table for dinner."

"Oh that again! Why do I always have to set the table? I wish I didn't live here."

"Does that answer your question?" I laughingly inquired.

"I think so! I'm glad I've had the privilege of witnessing Sharon's reaction. It was most spontaneous. I must not detain you longer, Mrs. Miller. This glimpse into the heart of a large family has been a heart-warming experience—one I shall not soon forget. I have only two children and often think I have more than my share of work. But it pales into insignificance in light of your responsibilities. Yet I think I almost envy you. I suppose as a preacher's wife there are many demands on you beside your home duties."

"Just enough to keep me interested—and interesting, I hope. It was a pleasure to have you visit us, Mrs. Hench. Don't worry about having detained me. Whenever anyone drops in and I have to stop work, I relax while we converse. You've really done me a favor. Come again."

As I prepared dinner I thought over the conversation. Mrs. Hench was a lady who recognized true riches, yet it was obvious she had the material possessions which could buy and sell me. We are RICH in love, in shared experiences of a soul-stirring nature, in family fun, in planning with and for each other. And best of all we are rich in the warmth and knowledge that we belong not only to each other, but to God our Father, who has promised to "supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). He has never failed and never will. My heart raised a prayer of praise and a song of thanksgiving for all His bounty on my worthless head. And I prayed anew: "Lord, make me a worthy steward of the riches you have placed in my trust."

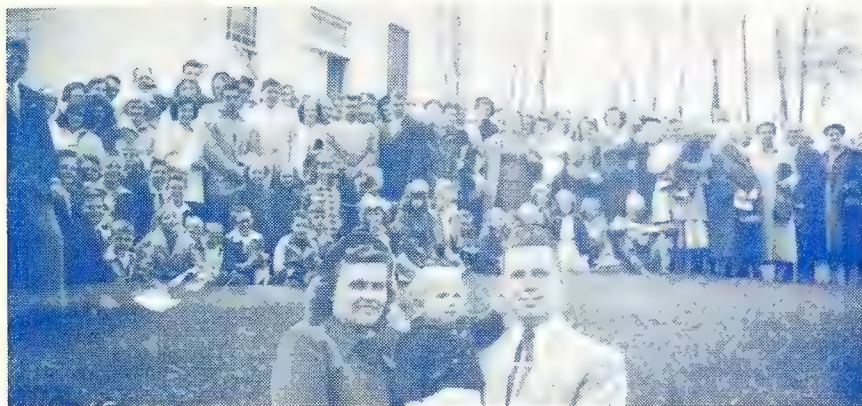
South Gate, Calif.

Our two-week evangelistic campaign with Bro. Bill Smith concluded with the Easter morning service, April 18. The Lord really blessed us during those special meetings and there were three first-time decisions for salvation, and 26 rededications registered. There was a good average attendance throughout the weeknights and great crowds on Sundays. We are looking forward to Brother Smith's visit to the west coast next year; by that time we shall be settled down in a larger building and have greater facilities to boost the meetings.

"Glorious Dawning" was the theme of the annual youth spring banquet held April 17. Evangelist Bill Smith was the speaker of the evening to a good crowd of young people amid a display of gorgeous, yet appropriate decorations.

Recent missionary speakers were

FOLK AT LAKE ODESSA, MICH., POSE FOR CAMERA



Pictured above is the congregation of the Grace Brethren Church, Lake Odessa, Mich., Rev. Robert Griffith, pastor. The Griffith family is shown in the foreground. This picture was taken during the recent meeting with Crusade Team One. Many pictured above took stands for Christ.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sumey and Miss Mary Beth Munn, our own missionaries home on furlough from Africa. The Brethren Christian High School had the morning service recently, with Principal Albert Flory telling us about the school and future plans, and the boys' quartet and girls' trio of the student body sang several wonderful numbers.—*Bruce Derwing, correspondent.*

WATERLOO BOY WINS AWARD



Donald Swartzell, of our Waterloo, Iowa, BBC, learned 500 Bible verses in the past few months, and by doing so earned a beautiful new zipper Bible, seven other Christian books, and a free trip to a week of summer camp. Club Chief Clyde Stitt is shown making the award to Donald. Several other boys in the club began work on the same goal, but Donald was the only one who stuck with it until completed. The award is made by the Iowa Rural Bible Crusade, of which Mr. Vernon Schrock, also of our Waterloo church, is the head.

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Roanoke, Va.			
Wash. Heights	May 30-June 20.	Carl Miller.....	Crusade Team 1.
Everett, Pa.....	June 1-20.....	H. Lingenfelter...	Crusade Team 2.
Inglewood, Calif..	June 6-13.....	Glenn O'Neal.....	George Peek.
Mansfield, Ohio..	June 20-July 2..	Gene Witzky.....	Lester Pifer.
Glendale, Calif...	June 21-27.....	Keith Altig.....	Norman Nelson.

CONGREGATION AT ALTO, MICHIGAN



Pictured above is the congregation of the Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich. Rev. Earl Funderburg, pastor, is at left in dark suit. Picture was taken during recent meeting with Crusade Team One.

The greatest thing a man can do for his heavenly Father is to be kind to some of His other children.—*Henry Drummond.*

BOYS OF HARRISBURG CHURCH ENJOY CAMPOUT



The Boys Club of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church in Harrisburg, Pa., began their summer program with an overnight camping trip to the farm of Mr. Alva Sauflay, a member of the church. The boys were taught to pitch a tent, and do their own cooking. Pastor Conard Sandy conducted a campfire service.

The following boys made the trip: Leon Sauflay, Fred Brightbill, Bill Wells, Robert Lutz, Robert Larson, Knute Larson, Bernard Heiss, Luke Kauffman, George Bollyard, Jack Bollyard, Charles Stoner, Cary Engle (latter two not shown in the picture). Counselors were Alva

Sauflay, Earl Cassel, Howard Woodhead, and Allen Zook.

Plenty of ballplaying and a usual amount of horseplay kept things lively for the campout!

SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION RISES

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A CHRISTIAN IN BIG BUSINESS, by Richard Ellsworth Day. Moody Press, 1954 (Third Printing). Cloth. 317 pp. \$3.50.

The book is a biography of Henry Parsons Crowell. Mr. Crowell was a Yankee businessman whose forbears were American pioneers. To speak that name of Henry P. Crowell is to introduce such firms as Quaker Oats Company, the Perfection Stove Company, the Wyoming Hereford Ranch, and the Moody Bible Institute. However, the purpose of the book is not to present the man that made these companies, but to present the man himself and how God made him a Christian statesman. The secret of the spiritual heart of this man is traced to the family altar of his forbears. A biography you will sincerely appreciate and enjoy.

A COMMENTARY ON THE PAULINE EPISTLES, by Charles B. Williams. Moody Press, 1953. Cloth. 507 pp. Price, \$5.95.

This book is a commentary on the Pauline Epistles and written by an author whose knowledge of the original language is brought to play in this exegetical treatment. The book was completed just before the author's death and is the result of a lifetime of study. This book is recommended to ministers and laymen alike as a book containing profound and practical material for study.

THE HOLY SPIRIT, by John F. Walvoord. Van Kampen Press, 1954. Cloth. 275 pp. Price, \$3.50.

The author has compiled a very valuable and comprehensive book on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. The book is the outgrowth of lectures on Pneumatology in systematic theology. This book is especially valuable to ministers who desire to make an analytical study of this subject.

DANIEL AND THE LATTER DAYS, by Robert Culver. Fleming H. Revell Company, 1954. Cloth. 221 pp. Price, \$2.50.

The author makes a strong defense of the premillennial return of the Lord Jesus Christ, as opposed to the amillennial and postmillennial views. Basing his argument on the whole field of eschatology, the author draws conclusive arguments to substantiate his claim.

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Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



America—the Land of Promise?

After traveling in excess of 17,000 miles and visiting more than a dozen countries abroad, one would actually think that America is the land of promise. This conception seems to be a universal one in foreign lands. American tourists are looked upon as virtual millionaires and usually the prices charged are proportionate with such a conception. This idea has no doubt been fostered by many Americans who have spent money lavishly while abroad and also by the huge financial grants from our Government.

An American who goes abroad and extends his travels into oriental nations is certain to return to his native land with a new appreciation of his freedom and the very much higher standard of living he enjoys. America is so far ahead of the other nations of the earth in practically every respect that in many instances there is no comparison. So, to some extent at least, America does become a land of promise to those who have an opportunity to compare her with other nations.

The U. S. citizen is the universally accepted traveling man. Americans are everywhere. The millions of American dollars which have been carried from our nation to other sections of the earth by tourists are inestimable. Our strong influence has been felt all around the world. Landing at airports one always sees U. S. Air Force planes. American instructors are teaching jet pilotage and other aspects of defense and military preparation. In the nation of Greece, as an illustration, there is a United States Commission which enters into each realm of life. A private conversation with one of the officers of this commission revealed the amazing extent of this assistance from our nation. Greeks are of the opinion that this commission's work has saved Greece, at least temporarily, from the Communists.

Two things seem certain. America is looked upon by most foreign nations as a source of supplies of all kinds. Again, it is very clear that isolationism in this day and under the present international economy is impossible.

We are happy to be back on U. S. soil again after having had many never-to-be-forgotten experiences. The prayers of our many friends are deeply appreciated.

Heralding Home Missions

The word "herald" is a wonderful word when applied to the Lord's service. Thus when connected with the word "brethren" and "missionary" it becomes very meaningful. The Brethren Missionary Herald carries forth the message of the entire National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. It also heralds the challenges and records the victories of individual organizations.

There is no accurate way of actually computing the effectiveness of the Herald in Brethren home-mission work. Some things we do know. Brethren churches have come into existence largely as a result of education received through the Herald. Offerings have been increased as people have received news of home-mission victories and new opportunities to build churches are

made known. New churches have been encouraged to support our entire fellowship program in missions and education as the Herald carries information and news into the homes each week.

As you are prospered by the Lord to support the Brethren Missionary Herald during its offering period in June and July you are assisting each agency of our church and enlarging our over-all potential for Christ.

This Is Not the Way We Heard It!

A clipping taken from a recent western newspaper says, "A minister who has preached in Hollywood for 12 years scoffs at reports of the film colony's sinfulness. Presbyterian Rev. Louis H. Evans, speaking on a Religious Emphasis Week program at Oklahoma A. and M. College, declared: 'Hollywood has more spiritual zip than any place I know.'"

It is statements such as this which delude undiscerning people and make Satan's work a thousand times easier. If Hollywood has spiritual "zip" this editor does not know what spirituality is.

Discretion

During our recent home-mission workshops in California and Indiana the word "discretion" came to the front many times as being an essential in proper and successful church administration.

One of our home-mission pastors recently sent us a "definition" of "discretion" which throws some light on the subject—discretion is something that comes to a man when he is too old to benefit by it.

All too frequently and tragically this is true in Christian service.

Twelve times Old Testament writers use the words "discreet," "discreetly," or "discretion." These words means variously, "to be intelligent or to have understanding," also "taste," "sense," "judgment." To the young man the writer of Proverbs says, "Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee" (2:11). "My son . . . keep sound wisdom and discretion" (3:21). "The discretion of a man deferreth his anger" (19:11). The word "discreet" is used once in the New Testament by Paul to Titus, "The aged women . . . that they may teach the young women . . . to be discreet" (2:3-5).

How is this highly emphasized characteristic secured? Are we born with it? Possibly to some extent when it comes to good judgment or common sense. But this type of discretion does not fully describe what the Bible talks about. Through Isaiah the divine revelation comes, "For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him" (28:26). James speaks of the same general thing when he invites men to seek wisdom from God who giveth liberally and upbraideth not (1:5).

It seems that the church may suddenly find itself in a state of relative peace should God's desire be attained in this matter. Many problems arise from failure to possess and exercise this divine provision.

BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS PRESENTS HARRISBURG CHURCH TO NFBC

THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN PRESENTING TO THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES ANOTHER PROGRESSIVE SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCH. THE MELROSE GARDENS BRETHREN CHURCH OF HARRISBURG, PA., BEGAN IN 1949. SINCE THEN ITS HISTORY HAS BEEN ONE OF MARVELOUS GROWTH AND SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE IN THAT FINE COMMUNITY. IN FIVE YEARS IT HAS GROWN INTO A HEALTHY MATURE CHURCH UNDER THE CAPABLE LEADERSHIP OF REV. RUSSELL WEBER AND MORE RECENTLY UNDER REV. CONARD SANDY.

WE REALIZE THAT THIS STEP OF FAITH IS AN-

OTHER MILESTONE IN THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK. OUR PEOPLE AT HARRISBURG NEED MUCH COMMENDATION FOR THEIR SACRIFICIAL SPIRIT IN GIVING OF TIME AND LABOR. WE CERTAINLY PRAISE THE LORD FOR THEIR FAITHFULNESS AND COURAGE.

HERE AGAIN IS CONCLUSIVE PROOF THAT OUR HOME-MISSION DOLLARS PAY RICH DIVIDENDS. SURELY ALL GLORY AND HONOR GO TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WHO MADE THIS CHURCH A REALITY. PRAY FOR HOME MISSIONS REGULARLY THAT WE MAY HAVE MANY MORE SUCH CHURCHES TO PRESENT TO THE NFBC IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

The Melrose Gardens Brethren Church of Harrisburg

By Pastor Conard Sandy

"There are only six fundamental, true-to-the-Bible churches in the city of Harrisburg," said a local businessman to the writer a few weeks ago. "Since I am leaving my church, which no longer holds to the great doctrines of the Word of God and is affiliated with the National and World Council of Churches, I have visited each one of the six and know what they believe and preach. I am 'shopping around' for a new church home for myself and my family where we can hear the whole Word of God."

THE NEED

This gentleman then proceeded to show why he could not accept two of the six—one because it held the "pentecostal holiness" view, and the other because "it is not straight on the doctrine of the security of the saints in Christ Jesus." Thus he was left with only four possibilities from which to select a church home.

Think of it—only four churches that preach the whole Word of God in a city of 89,000 people and in a metropolitan area of twice that many people. Indeed, the capital city of the Keystone State is urgently in need of the Gospel as preached by the Brethren Church. For this reason the members of the Melrose Gardens Brethren congregation rejoice that the Brethren Church, as a denomination, was led of the Lord to establish a local church here in May 1949. Already our church is as large as either of the other three fundamental churches of the city, according to the testimony of the above-quoted businessman

THE CHURCH

This congregation is now composed of 109 members who came from at least seven denominational back-

grounds in addition to those who had no previous church connection. Though coming from so many backgrounds, yet the members are molded together in unity with the sole desire to be led of the Holy Spirit in doing the work which the Lord Jesus Christ had committed unto us until He comes for His church.

From its very beginning five years ago this church has taken an active part in the promotion of the various denominational works and projects, increasing its offerings to each phase of the work each year. This congregation believes in the unity and functions of the local church and also in its place in the denominational program both at home and abroad.

THE RESPONSE

The young people of the congregation are responding to God's call for service in His church. Six young men and women have taken or are taking training in Bible institutes; five young men are currently enrolled in college courses and are looking forward to seminary training in anticipation of full-time service for the Saviour and Lord of the church. One young man, Jesse Gingrich, a college graduate and former Grace Theological Seminary student, was a member of Brethren Crusade Team One until called into the service of the country. Two men of the congregation have been ordained to the ministry of the Gospel and have gone forth to serve in the Brethren Church: Bro. Ulysses Gingrich, who is helping to establish the Brethren testimony in York; and Bro. Nathan Meyer, who is pastor of the Leesburg, Ind., Brethren Church. This is a total of 14 people who have gone forth to serve or at present are in training for service—all from this five-year-old congregation.

Since the present pastor came to the field September

4, 1953, the congregation has reduced its indebtedness by \$4,300; invested liberally in the improvement of the local church property, consisting of a large plot of ground, a beautiful first-unit church building, and a very commodious, well-located parsonage; and has increased its giving to both home and foreign missions.

THE TRIBUTE

Tribute must be paid to Pastor Russell H. Weber, now of Hagerstown, Md., who was the first pastor here and who served the church for more than four years. He and his family, along with the original 13 members, were used of the Lord of the church to lay well the foundation for the Brethren testimony in the city of Harrisburg. Also tribute must be given to the Brethren Home Missions Council which, under the direction of Dr. L. L. Grubb, was led to begin and support a church here. These combined efforts have produced a growing church and into their labors we have entered, rejoicing in the wisdom and providence of our eternal and all-wise God.

A CHURCH FOR THE FAMILY

By R. Earl Cassel

(Brother Cassel is a Bible-school teacher and helper with the music.)

It seems that God in His perfect wisdom has seen fit to bless those people who worship Him as a family unit. His Word teaches us to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). Though salvation is an individual matter, yet there seems to be a very special blessing for those who accept the Lord Jesus as a family and who worship Him as a complete unit.

Being rural people, we have learned to work our farm together and to enjoy our simple pleasures as a family. So naturally when we were led to join in fellowship with the Brethren people we also made this decision with our children. Now the six of us together enjoy the preaching and the teaching of the Gospel we receive at the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church of Harrisburg.

Our children are taking an active part in the program of the church. They have learned the wonderful truth of God's grace and we are delighted in the fact that in school or wherever they are they tell other young people about it.

Indeed we have found the Brethren Church a place for the entire family and we praise our all-wise Father for planting such a church in our midst and in leading us to it.

BEGINNINGS IN HARRISBURG

By A. Rollin Sandy

(Brother Sandy is a charter member, vice moderator, deacon, trustee, Bible-school teacher, and brother-in-the-flesh of the pastor.)

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him" (Psa. 34:8).

The Brethren work in Harrisburg had a humble, but glorious beginning—humble because we first met in a Coca-Cola building, later in a dingy and otherwise worldly used auditorium, and still later in a small, hot

YWCA auditorium; but glorious because the Lord had His hand on the work from the beginning.

Rev. Russell H. Weber and Rev. L. L. Grubb came to Harrisburg early in 1949 under the direction of the Brethren Home Missions Council and made contacts with the fine cooperation of Rev. Ulysses Gingrich. It was evident the Lord was leading toward the starting of a Brethren church. About the first of April, Brother Weber and his family moved here to begin a much-needed fundamental work. On May 31 we organized the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church with 13 members, six of whom were members of the Weber family, and only 2 of the other 7 were wage earners.

We had many problems that seemed to have no solutions, but Pastor Weber encouraged us. He seemed to have more faith than some of us and the Lord provided the answers.

There had been steady growth from the beginning and quite a number have gone forth from our midst to serve the Lord. We are looking forward to yet greater things in Christ Jesus. I speak for myself and for other members of our church in saying we are thankful for what the Brethren Home Missions Council has done in Harrisburg and we would urge all Brethren to support the council by prayer and gifts that many more Brethren churches can be started throughout this needy land.

A CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP

By Jeremiah M. Kauffman

(Brother Kauffman is chairman of the deacon board and a Bible-school teacher.)

"Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (I John 1:3b).

I and my family have been members of the Brethren Church less than two and one-half years. Having severed our relationship with a denomination that does not believe in the keeping power of the Lord Jesus nor in the rapture of the church, but which believes in the universal fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, we were led of the Holy Spirit to unite with the saints at the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church.

When we became members Pastor Russell H. Weber was shepherding the flock and we experienced many blessings in answer to prayer. Souls are being saved, some are turning from modernistic churches, and lives are being presented to Christ Jesus for His service, with some young people in special preparation.

In September 1953 the church gave a unanimous call to Bro. Conard Sandy to fill the vacancy created by Pastor Weber's resignation to assume the pastorate of the Hagerstown, Md., church. Since the coming of Pastor Sandy we have a continuation of the rich fellowship in the Word and with the Lord Jesus Christ.

One thing that causes me to rejoice is the fact that no matter who enters our pulpit—pastors, missionaries, laymen, or professors from our seminary—we have a wonderful oneness of fellowship in the Lord Jesus. Also we have visiting believers attending our services who join with us in praising the Lord for His innumerable blessings.

We praise the Lord for the Brethren Home Missions Council and God's people everywhere who have made possible the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church. Pray for us that we will continue to make Christ Jesus known in Harrisburg, our capital city.



Upper left: Mr. Samuel Grubb, Sunday-school secretary, and Mr. Allen Zook, Sunday-school superintendent, standing by the register showing the May 16 and 23 attendances. Upper right: Conard K. Sandy, pastor. Center: A parking lot full of cars reflects growth. Lower left: A new \$500 bulletin board erected by the men of the church. Lower right: Rev. Russell H. Weber and family. These accounted for 6 of the original 13 members of the church.

AUXILIARIES AT WORK

By Allen Zook

(Brother Zook is Bible-school superintendent, boys club chief, and head usher.)

"The Lord is good!" When I think back over the past five years and His blessing on our church, I want to emphasize that "the Lord is good."

We have some fine organizations and auxiliaries within the church that are doing an excellent job for the Lord.

For the women we have the Women's Missionary Council and the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, both of which have monthly meetings and follow the suggestions set forth by the national organizations.

For the men we have a laymen's fellowship, the newest organization in the church. The men have attended one district rally and will have been, by the time this is read, hosts of the district fellowship. The men have undertaken to beautify and care for the church property—adding to the parking lot, sowing grass seed on the leveled church grounds, and soon expect to add sidewalks.

For the young people we have an active Brethren Youth Fellowship, a Brethren Children's Fellowship, and a Brethren Boys Club. The BYF recently conducted a youth Bible conference under the leadership of Pastor Mark Malles, of Altoona, Pa. The boys recently had an overnight camping trip.

Our Sunday school is truly a Bible school, with 144 people enrolled and an average attendance of 102 during the first quarter of 1954. The Bible school is sponsoring a vacation Bible school June 14-25, and recently bought a beautiful outdoor bulletin board for the church.

We praise the Lord for His many blessings upon us and we ask all Brethren to continue to pray for us.

FIRST FIVE NAVAHOS BAPTIZED



(Left to right) Grace Trujillo, Lee Trujillo, Jones Largo, Stella Largo, and Mary Hoseasa.

The baptismal service for these five Navaho Indians was another first in the events of the Brethren Navaho Mission work. Rev. Evan Adams, mission superintendent, conducted the service on May 6, 1954, and it took place near Farmington, N. Mex., in the San Juan River.

PARKERSBURG LOOKS TO THE FUTURE



The members of the Grace Brethren Church of Parkersburg, W. Va., are shown here looking to the future for a new church home of their own. At the present time they are meeting in one of the city buildings. The pastor, Lester Smitley, and Mr. Lester Lockhart look over the future site for their new church building.

SAVED TO SERVE

By Curtis Stroman

(Brother Stroman is an orphan boy who was recently saved at Melrose Gardens and has since publicly offered himself to the service of the Lord.)

When I was 11 years old my Christian mother was taken to her reward and when I was in the 11th grade my father passed away.

Upon my graduation from high school, May 25, 1953, I received a scholarship to Hershey Junior College. This was a wonderful experience for me, for my beloved parents wanted me to have a college education. In this college I met Charles Stoner, a Christian and member of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church. Charles invited me to go with him one night to help in a contest being sponsored by the BYF. Following the BYF program I sat with Charles in the church service.

During the sermon I was restless, because I knew I did not belong to the Lord. When the invitation was given I knew the Holy Spirit was convicting me, but I did not step forward. After the benediction, Bro. Jeremiah Kauffman asked me if I were a Christian. I answered in the negative. As he talked with me I opened

my heart to the Saviour. Now I have Christ's abundant life and am a member of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church.

Following the pastor's message one Sunday I publicly presented myself to the Lord for full-time service as He may lead. I plan to finish my college training and then enter the seminary for further preparation.

I rejoice in the Lord that I have been "saved, saved to tell others of the Man of Galilee." Already I have been used of the Lord in relating the Gospel story to others, and it is a great privilege to serve Him.

OTHER BIBLE BELIEVERS LOOK AT US

By Thomas W. Sweatman, Jr.

(Brother Sweatman is a director of the Harrisburg School of the Bible, which school met this past year in the building of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church. He is a friend of the church.)

First, let us consider what we mean by a Bible believer. To us, as a Christian family, we acknowledge we are sinners; that God in His great love for us sent His only begotten Son to shed His blood and to take our place on the cross of Calvary. Thus a Bible believer is one who is saved by the merit of the Saviour and who trusts Him for everything.

A second step is necessary, namely: we must acknowledge the resurrection of the Saviour Jesus as found in John 14:19c—"Because I live, ye shall live also."

Also we must believe in the blessed hope—the great and glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Scriptures tell us (I Cor. 3:2), "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

From this point in our Christian lives, when other Bible believers look at us, there must be a proper balance between living for Christ and witnessing for Him. As long as we live in the flesh we are in a spiritual warfare. Our goal must be to ward off the fiery darts of the wicked one and to seek the wisdom of God which is pure, peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated. We need a true Bible church to help us in this warfare.

As we look through the telescope of the Scriptures we can say as a family that we find these truths in the pastor and people of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church.

A CHURCH OF THE FAITH

or

WHY I AM WITH THE BRETHREN CHURCH

By G. C. Saufley

(Brother Saufley is a Bible-school teacher, assistant treasurer, and assistant music director.)

Some years ago it became evident to me that some ministers were preaching and teaching *the Gospel* and some were preaching and teaching *a gospel*. This was true of ministers of the same denomination and even in the same congregation (where I then attended).

After much prayer and meditation in the Word of God I decided this difference could be explained only by the truth expressed in Isaiah 8:20—"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Consideration

PORTLAND PREPARATION FOR EASTER



The Easter choir shown here stands beside a new pulpit completed by the carpenters on Saturday noon prior to Easter Sunday. Vernon J. Harris immediately went to work and added the finish the same day. While the pastor was finishing the pulpit, the choir loft was being decorated by Mr. Maynard Williams, display man for Sears. For Sunday school 173 were present to witness the work of these men and were further rewarded with three people joining the membership.

of this condition made me realize that sooner or later I would have to make a change, because the Book clearly says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (II Cor. 6:14). The time came when I obeyed the 17th verse of this chapter and came out, like Abraham of old, not knowing where I was going for a church home.

I "shopped around" for awhile and considered rather seriously a strong independent church of the community. But the Lord led me, with most of my family, to the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, where we found a congregation that preaches the Word of God and practices the God-given ordinances.

We continue to trust Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will, and we are looking forward



The architect's drawing of the finished York church is presented here with an inset of the building as it looks at the present time (May 25).

to the day when we can say with Jacob, "With my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands" (Gen. 32:10).

THRUST INTO THE HARVEST

By Rev. Nathan Meyer

(Pastor, Leesburg (Ind.) Brethren Church.)

The Lord has a place and a task for each one of His children. To determine His will is oftentimes difficult, but in this for me it was easy. I was thrust into the harvest.

Having been decommissioned by men, I was recommissioned by the Lord—and promoted, too. I determined to wait upon Him. Surely He would show me where He wanted me to serve. I had not long to wait—one week to be exact. A telephone call from a certain Rev. Russell Weber, pastor of a certain Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, invited me to teach the adult Bible class in his church the following Sunday morning.

"On one condition," was my answer.

"What's that?" the pastor inquired.

"I want to teach the Bible just as it is written, with no strings attached," was my reply.

Across those 25 miles of telephone wire came the words, "That's the way we like it."

And they did. They literally feasted on the wonderful Word. What sweet fellowship we enjoyed! Then the Lord called me with an irresistible urge to go to Grace Seminary. Even before school started He prompted the good people of nearby Leesburg, Ind., to call me to labor in His vineyard there.

The Lord of the Harvest has exacted many prayers, many tears, and much labor. But He has also given a bountiful harvest. With my cup running over with praise to Him who doeth all things well, I have been permitted to help bring in the sheaves. It has been my privilege to watch the Lord triple the Sunday school and double the membership. We have rejoiced with the angels as the Lord, in spite of ourselves, has during the last seven months saved more than two dozen souls, including my own two children. Praise the Lord! As the people in the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church would say, "The Lord is good!"

DENVER, COLORADO, GROWS IN NEW BUILDING



The eight classes shown here are meeting in the basement of the new Denver church, which has been occupied only one year. They are, in the column on the left, primary boys, Mrs. Dorothy Hall, teacher (not pictured); junior girls, Mrs. Mary Davis, teacher; beginners, Mrs. Beverly Retalia and Miss Alvina Friesen, teachers; and junior hi girls, Mrs. Marjorie Friesen, teacher. Right column: another beginners class, Mrs. Rosella Ediger and Mrs. Betty Dirks, teachers; junior boys, Jerry Losli, teacher; adult class, Mr. Russell West, teacher; and primary girls, Mrs. Shirley Epp, teacher.



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NEW TROY, MICH. The Michigan district youth rally was held here on June 12. The banquet was held in the New Troy High School. Rev. Richard Jackson was host pastor.

CANTON, OHIO. A Brethren men's rally will be held here June 20 at 3:30 p. m. (DST) at the First Brethren Church. Rev. Ralph Colburn, national youth director, will be the speaker. Rev. John Dilling will be host pastor.

LISTIE, PA. As of May 30, 24 had been received into the Listie Brethren Church in the last three weeks. Rev. John Burns is pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Grace Brethren Church honored their high school graduates with a banquet May 31. Rev. James Dixon, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C., was the speaker. Rev. Russell Weber is pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. A special ground-breaking service was conducted May 31 as a start for the new Brethren High School building being erected by the First Brethren Church. Dr. Charles Mayes is pastor.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO. Rev. Clair Brubaker was ordained to the Christian ministry on June 6 at a special service conducted in Hillwood Fellowship Chapel. Elders of the Northern Ohio District Fellowship participated in the service. Rev. Brubaker is a member of the Grace Brethren Church here, of which Rev. Richard Burch is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. The fourth anniversary of the Patterson Park

Brethren Church was observed on June 6. Rev. Lester Pifer was the guest speaker. Rev. C. S. Zimmerman is pastor.

CLEAR LAKE, IOWA. The Iowa District youth camp will convene here July 19-25. Young people planning to attend should see their pastor at once.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (E/P). In almost every category, crime increased during 1953 in this city. The Los Angeles Police Department reports 6.8% more auto thefts, 22.9% more burglaries, 16.7% more aggravated assaults, 15.2% more robberies, and 1.2% more murders during 1953 than in 1952. Arrests involving juveniles increased 52.7% during the same period.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The First Brethren Church was honored by being named "church of the month" in the June issue (p. 25) of The King's Business, official publication of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Recognition included a full-page writeup, giving a history of the work, together with a picture of the church and of Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor. Congratulations! Seven Brethren churches have been started by this church since its birth in 1913.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH. In a special recognition of the graduating high school seniors the Lake Odessa Brethren Church held a hayride and a fagot service on June 5. Rev. Ralph Colburn was the speaker. Rev. Robert Griffith is pastor.

ALTOONA, PA. The best attended communion service in the history of the Grace Brethren Church (Juniata) was held May 2. Rev. J. Ward Tressler is pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH. The View Ridge Brethren Church celebrated its first birthday on June 6. In this short time the Sunday school has risen to over 50 in attendance. During this period more than 250 different persons have worshiped with this church, indicative of the fact that contact has been made with the community. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

SPECIAL. The Missionary Herald is appreciative of news forwarded to this office by pastors and reporters. We seek to discern between news of local interest and that which will be of interest to the brotherhood. Send in each week your bulletins and postal cards with news briefs of "national interest." Thank you.



Kittanning, Pa.

The Brethren Evangelistic Crusade Team Two concluded a three-weeks meeting here May 30. During these meetings 56 people presented themselves for restoration or dedication. Twenty-six came for salvation. In addition to the 20 family altars already established, 22 families signified desire to establish theirs. The average attendance during the campaign was 172. The offering given to the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade was \$1,150. Ages of those coming for salvation varied from 10 to 71. Thirteen were baptized during the meetings, 11 were taken into membership. Seven decisions were received previous to these meetings.

Much of the credit for the success of these meetings should be given to Rev. Gordon Bracker, former pastor. The present pastor was only on the field less than six weeks before the arrival of the team.—Wm. H. Schaffer, pastor.

Ozark, Mich.

The two weeks, May 10-23, of spiritual awakening and blessings passed so quickly that we scarcely realized that it was time for Crusade Team One to leave until they were gone. It was a real pleasure to work with each member of the team and to enjoy the preaching of Evangelist R. Paul Miller, and the fine music.

Evidence of God's blessing is told in the fact that this church with 15 members saw 30 public decisions for Christ. Twenty-five of these were first-time confessions. Of the first-time decisions, 9 were adults, 7 high school age, and 9 younger than high school.

Crusade Team One was a real encouragement to our people.—Rev. W. Paul Lovegrove, pastor.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. The Northwest Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene here July 5-8. Rev. Harold Painter will be host pastor.

God's Challenge for Fathers . . .



The Bible presents no greater challenge to fathers than the words spoken by Joshua when he said, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The passage was directed toward a people whom God had blessed abundantly in the past; however, in spite of this they were beginning to grow cold and indifferent toward the Lord God, even to the extent of worshiping the gods of the people among whom they dwelt.

Joshua's challenge to Israel has a special significance to American fathers today. For truly we are a people whom God has blessed in a marvelous way; but as Israel of old, we are forgetting the God our fathers served and are growing cold toward our heavenly benefactor. Yea, can it not be said that we too are worshiping and serving others' gods? Gods of materialism and gods of pleasure have usurped the place of worship rightfully belonging only to the Lord. In the face of mounting unbelief and idolatry, therefore, Joshua as a father and head of his household made a decision.

The Determination of Joshua

Notice his resolution, "But as for me." The word "but" seems to act as a pivot by which Joshua takes his stand in the face of Israel's trend toward idolatry. He is saying, in effect, "If you people want to continue worshiping and serving idols, that is your affair, *but* that will not be my course nor that of my family." Would to God we had, in America today, more men of Joshua's caliber, who are willing to take a stand in the face of this present trend away

from God. Fathers! Choose with Joshua this day whom you will serve. It is popular to avoid church services on Sunday morning and to let one's family run the streets and grow up as pagans, but it need not be so with you and your house.

The Example of Joshua

It is then interesting to note his next phrase, "And my house." This reveals that in taking his stand Joshua spoke not only for himself but also for his family. Joshua was not only in theory but also in reality the head of his house. How often

dies are in Sunday school and church every Sunday morning. It is your responsibility, Dad! Fathers, I challenge you to accept and carry out your spiritual responsibility as head of your house.

The little word "we" tells us that Joshua did not insist upon his children's taking one spiritual course and he another. If Joshua were alive today, he would not send the kiddies to Sunday school while he played a round of golf. No, Joshua said "We will serve the Lord." Father, are you willing, with Joshua, to lead by practice and by precept the spiritual affairs of your household?

The Decision of Joshua

By Curtis Mitchell
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mothers today must attempt to run the household because the father is not interested enough to accept his God-ordained privilege and responsibility. As head of his household Joshua shouldered the responsibility of the spiritual course his family was to take.

Father, you are definitely responsible for the religious training of your family. Are you prepared to do it? Are you willing to do it? It should not be Mother who insists on, and leads in, the family devotions in your household. It should not be Mother who sees to it that the kid-

Lastly, notice the definiteness of Joshua's decision, "We will serve the Lord." He does not say that we *might*, or we will *try*, but with the determination of a truly great general and father he said, "We *will* serve the Lord." Joshua set his face like a flint; he was determined in his course of action. May God raise up more men of Joshua's fiber in this day when America is drifting away from the harbor of God's favor.

A study of the remainder of the passage reveals that all Israel followed the example of Joshua, and because one father took a determined stand, regardless of what anyone else thought or did, a whole nation turned anew to the God of their fathers. Christian fathers, will you, as head of your household, take the same determined stand that Joshua took? Will you say as Joshua did 3,500 years ago, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"?

DURING the past few years we have heard and read much about the problem of juvenile delinquency. It seems that most everyone has something to say concerning the situation, but there are not many that are willing to do anything about it. As a consequence, we find that the situation is growing steadily worse instead of better. The average age of persons who have been arrested for crimes is steadily making its way downward, until today we have a good share of the misdemeanors being committed by mere children.

Why is this? Is it the fault of the children? Or does the fault lie with the parents of these children? I am of the opinion that the delinquency has been on the part of the parents, and more specifically on the part of the fathers in our families. Unless the father takes his rightful place as the head of the house and assumes the responsibility which is his in the training of the children, the future of our country is very dark indeed.

First of all, it must be admitted that we as fathers are delinquent in discipline—delinquent in disciplining ourselves to forego some of the things which we want to do in order to have the time and energy to spend with our children. Too often the head of the house is only seen by the children at mealtime or at bedtime. Perhaps the things that take up our time are all right in themselves, but we must be careful to make provision for time to be spent with our family as well as being careful to provide food, clothing, and shelter.

However, this is not the only manner in which we as fathers are delinquent in discipline. We are often delinquent in administering discipline to our children when it is needed. I am firmly convinced that a large share of our juvenile problems are traceable to the laxity of discipline in the home and in the school as a result of present-day philosophies of child rearing. Proverbs 13:24 tells us that "he that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." Unless a child is taught to give due respect to authority in the home, he will have no respect for it outside the home. We are only fooling ourselves if we think that we love our children and do not teach them the things which are necessary to their future well-being. It is time that we begin once again to "apply

the board of education to the seat of knowledge."

But discipline alone is not the answer. We as fathers are also delinquent in our devotions. Particularly are we delinquent in our devotions with the family. We do not spend time at the close of each day, or at some other time which is convenient, with our family around the Word of God. We do not give our children an opportunity to share their trials and tribulations with us and the Lord in prayer. We need the family altar in the home, not only to draw us close to God, but



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also to draw us closer to one another. It is only as we as fathers are brought face to face with the problems of our children as they are growing up that we are able to advise them and to give them the direction which they need.

The value of time spent in family devotions is inestimable. Many are the testimonies of the saints as to the influence which was exerted upon them by the time of devotion spent in the home when they were children. We are exhorted in Ephesians 6:4, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring

them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." This is written directly to "ye fathers." Most of us try to shift the responsibility for the religious training to the Sunday school or to our wives, but according to this passage of God's Word it is *our* responsibility. We do not have to be great students of the Word or great Bible expositors in order to do this. The mere fact that our children realize that we are putting our dependence upon the Lord for the strength and wisdom to meet the duties of this life is an example which will live in their memories all of their lives. On the other hand, if our children never hear us read God's Word or pray, they will come to the conclusion that it is not necessary for them either.

Of course our delinquency in the matter of devotions depends upon our delinquency of dedication. If we as professing Christians have dedicated ourselves and our lives to the will of God, we will not have too big a problem with our devotions. However, I am afraid that most of us will have to admit that we are delinquent in this matter also. We have not completely yielded ourselves unto the Lord. Perhaps we have professed to do it, but the fact remains that we have continued to hang on to various corners of our lives which have not been released unto Him.

We as fathers, therefore, need to examine ourselves carefully in the light of the Word of God to see whether or not we are contributing to the delinquency of the younger generation. May the Lord help us to be fathers who are pleasing unto Him, and who are contributing to the spiritual and social welfare of our children.

DELINQUENT FATHERS

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SONS

—AND— OF THE BIBLE

DADS

One of God's greatest blessings to a boy is that of giving him a Christian father to counsel him, guide him, correct him, love him, spiritually lead him, be an example to him, and be his pal.

One of God's greatest blessings to a father is that of having a son who will come to him for counsel and advice, honor him, return his love, show wisdom and obedience, and in return be Dad's best pal.

It is only natural that our Bible would give to us a great variety of lessons from fathers and sons. In some cases they are lessons to be heeded and in other cases examples of what to avoid.

ABRAHAM

Abraham is the example of a dad whose son had implicit trust in him. He was not a perfect man—the Bible records his mistakes, but nothing can give a greater testimony of the fact that he was an ideal father than the fact of his son's trust in him. Abraham had come from a home that was not ideal, and God had called him out from the influence of his home and his land. God's great promises to him were wrapped up in his son Isaac. One hardly has to relate the severe test to which God subjected him in the offering of his son as a sacrifice. There is nothing in the story more charming than the implicit trust which Isaac showed in his father. No rebellion, but only submission. It was a case of where "if Dad approves it, it has to be all right." This boy, Isaac, later became a dad, and from his life comes our second lesson.

ISAAC

Isaac was a dad who disobeyed the Lord, and reaped what he sowed. It is to be hoped that your home does not show the deceitfulness and distortion which Isaac's did. If it does, you ought to be warned that you are headed for a downfall. This should not have been true in Isaac's home because he had had good training. God had spoken even before his sons were born, and said,

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"The elder shall serve the younger." Isaac had his own preference, and was not willing to accept God's will in the matter. He knowingly and deliberately disobeyed the Lord. Mrs. Isaac knew God's will also and was anxious that it be followed, but instead of discussing the matter with her husband, felt that she must help the Lord out by the means of the flesh—by deceit and scheming. This never pays. Esau was willing to accept what his father offered even though he knew it was against God's directive will; and perhaps he had never hunted venison with more zeal. Jacob was willing to fit into the scheme of deceit, and to try to outwit his father. As a result, this was a distorted home. Surely Isaac must have been stricken with grief as he realized his younger son had to stay in hiding and his older son had murder in his heart. Reconciliation did not come until long after the father's death. Young Jacob lived to be a father, and to regret his sin as a boy.

JACOB

Jacob is the example of what can happen to a dad whose supreme interest is in himself. In that Jacob was nurtured and pampered in selfishness, God had to teach him many lessons before he was very usable. Some of these he had to learn the hard way. He must have been humiliated and saddened when he learned that his sons indulged in the same kind of scheming as their dad, and that they were just as successful in it. His heart must have bled when he finally learned that his own sons would sell their younger brother, and by skilled deception convince him, the father, that he had been killed by some wild animal.

It is too bad Jacob had to return

to Bethel; he should have been living there all the time. Had he kept his family away from sinful Shechem he perhaps would have saved the virtue of his daughter, and his boys would have been reared with an altar of God instead of in a life of wandering and sin.

FATHERLY EXAMPLES

Noah was a dad who had the joy of seeing his sons follow his example and share his faith. Dad was not a popular fellow among the gang. It was not the easy thing for these boys to make their stand for God. The only influence they received for good had to come from the home. Father Noah had lived a life of such a radiant testimony that they saw the worth of it, and stood as firm as a rock.

On the other hand, *Lot was a father whose sons-in-law saw that his religion was not worth much to him.* He had abused it so much in the time of prosperity, that they did not respect it in the time of extreme danger.

For the Christian worker, there is the account of *Eli, a dad who was so busy tending to the things of the Lord that he neglected the spiritual welfare of his boys.* Probably we would be more correct to say that he so underestimated the responsibility of being a father that he made a failure as a father even though he appeared to do an acceptable job in his spiritual office. The Bible records the verdict with the words, "They hearkened not unto the voice of their father" (I Sam. 2:25).

If you are a dad who is making a failure of the business of being a father, whether it be complete or partial, this is the time to draw the line and change your course. Remember, dad, there is no one that can help you like the heavenly Father, the one with whom you must file your report.

If you are a son or daughter who has been in rebellion with your father, why not have reconciliation on "Father's Day"?

THE FATHER'S WILL

*There's a wide-eyed little fellow who believes you're always right,
And his ears are always open, and he watches day and night.
You are setting an example every day in all you do
For the little boy who's waiting to grow up to be like you.*

In this modern day of space ships, rocket planes, and atomic power, and little boys with their great plans for the future, what groundwork is being laid in their hearts concerning the will of the Father?

Many times we are prone to have such great ambitions for our children that our plans overshadow the will of the Father. A father once asked his son what he would like to be when he grew up. The response came, "To tell the dark-skinned boys and girls about Jesus." "But," said the father, "no one will ever hear of what you have done if you are hidden in the jungles of Africa." With much enthusiasm came the answer, "Oh, but my heavenly Father will."

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). An earthly father has a responsibility he can never dismiss, though he may try. Some day he must stand before God and give an account as to why that one who was given to him did not hear of God's will and plan. Oh, that we might want to do the Father's will. Even Christ said in John 6:38, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." This was always His desire, to do the Father's will. There was never any conflict of opinions between the Father and the Son, and to even think of a will apart from the Father seems inconceivable.

Before His earthly ministry began the Word tells us in Proverbs 8:31, "Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men," while he was having the pleasure of the immediate presence of His Father, the thoughts of the work He was to do was enjoyment to Him. Psalm 40:8 says, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." In His early life when Mary and Joseph found Him in the temple He answered them, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Twelve years old and yet only the will of the Father interested Him. Our fleshly nature at this tender age would have us try to assert

our wills and naturally they would not coincide with the Father's will. How He delighted always to do all those things which would please the Father.

The Father willed the plan of salvation, but He did not do it. It was Jesus who did it and then placed the offering at the feet of His well-pleased Father. The very fact that He will not cast the sinner out, as we read in John 6:37, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," is because He came down out of heaven to do the Father's will. The Father made the will and Christ



"TO DO THY WILL"

became the executor of that will. This will was remarkable and outstanding with never one thought of doing otherwise. It is no small matter that Christ could say, "It is finished." Man was given the opportunity to accept this executed will and in so doing to become a child of the Father and from henceforth to desire to know the will of our Father in everything.

If we could sing with the songwriter, "My stubborn will at last hath yielded." If God's will was man's will little boys and girls would

not be playing with toys patterned after weapons of war and not talking of going to the moon, but instead would be looking after those things which would draw them into a right relationship with God. Detention homes, industrial schools, reformatories, and penitentiaries are filled to capacity today because fathers do not know the will of the Father concerning salvation, and, much worse, that they do not want to know His will.

These are tremendous days of divers things in divers places and yet man would blindly go on in his own ignorant way. The Father's will is so plain in the plan of salvation that even a tiny tot can accept it. Everything that ever has been, is now, or ever will be, revolves around that plan. Do we find joy in that plan; have we applied it?

Our blessed Lord could say His meat and drink was to do the Father's will. If we are not like the Lord in this, in the work we supposedly do for Him, the work will all be for naught. Where there is no sincere heart work and a desire to do the Father's will, we still have not yielded our will to Him. He can only work out through us as we permit Him to. Paul, throughout his fruitful ministry, reaped the blessings because his one desire was to know the will of God—"that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2b).

As fathers, the way in which we train and teach our children concerning the heavenly Father will count through all eternity. Many a wayward boy has come into the fold simply because of the Word being taught at a tender age before the world had a claim on him. To accomplish this, the very small tot must have the seed planted in his heart so that he will grow up desiring to be in His will at all times, even if it means going to far-off places to tell the glorious story of redemption. What a reward shall be theirs in doing the Father's will, which first of all was carried out in the person of His Son, our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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SANCTIFICATION

A PAST EXPERIENCE

(SECOND IN A SERIES)

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Findlay, Ohio

"... the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith."

and the world will regard you no longer as being one of its own. By His blood you have been "sanctified" from the world unto God. You now belong to Him; you are "an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession" (I Pet. 2:9, ASV).

Having set forth in a previous article the introduction to the great theme of the believer's sanctification, we turn now to the intimate study of the Word of God to discern the full teaching concerning this doctrine. Considering our former statement (June 12 issue), "God has set in process a formula at Calvary for every believer which becomes effective at conversion," let us look at this past experience of sanctification.

That sanctification is first of all an experience which every Christian has enjoyed can be proved by turning to several passages of Scripture. In I Corinthians 1:2, Paul addresses his epistle to the church in Corinth and elaborates upon the point that those in the church are those who are "sanctified in Christ Jesus" and are "called saints." He further includes into this group "all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ." This would surely indicate that each and every individual calling upon Jesus Christ for salvation is called a saint and has been sanctified. Adding to this passage, in the same epistle (6:11), Paul again makes reference to the Corinthians as those who are "washed" (cleansed by the blood of Christ), "sanctified," and "justified in the name of the Lord Jesus." It follows that those who have been to Christ for cleansing and have been justified by His blood have likewise been sanctified.

The fact that these things are true, one immediately comprehends that there is a sanctifying effect in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. That

this sanctification comes upon all who come under the cleansing of Calvary's flow, it is understandable that the blood of Christ is the agent. The writer of the Book of Hebrews declares: "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (13:12).

One cannot come beneath the crimson flow of Calvary and resume his former status in life. He becomes stained with that precious blood and as a result he becomes separate from the world. In Galatians 6:14, the apostle asserts that by the cross the world has been crucified unto Him and He unto the world. It was on the cross that Jesus Christ was "set apart" from the men of the world, and it is because of our relationship to Him and to that cross that we, too, have become "set apart" or sanctified from a worldly throng with worldly ideals and worldly motives. Let the world know that you have been to Calvary

God making us His own possession, He then so equips us that our character will be in keeping with our ownership. Being His child, He gives us that which is necessary that we might appear to be His child. Because we HAVE BEEN sanctified He imparts unto us a perfect holiness. In Hebrews 10:14 God has put it this way: "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified" [italics ours]. Let it be understood that this holiness is not a personal holiness. God does the work and not the individual. There is a personal holiness which will be referred to later, but this is Christ's holiness which is conferred upon the believer the moment he says "yes" to the Spirit of God. It is a perfect holiness because the Lord Jesus Christ was perfectly holy, and just as He is holy, we become holy!

It is because we enjoy His righteousness as our possession that our lives can issue forth in righteous living as the sanctifying process continues as a present process. Calvary is not only the basis of our salvation, but it is also the only basis upon which a personal life of holiness can be built. What Christ did for you and me on Calvary we cannot add to—not even one bit. He has saved us through the cleansing by the blood, after which He justifies and sanctifies us. Thus it is that we bring our behavior into a conformance with our position in Christ Jesus. This will be the burden of the next article, "Sanctification—a Present Process."



PSALM 24

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A SONG OF SATISFACTION SHOUT OF VICTORY

After the sorrow and suffering of Psalm 22, depicting the sacrifice of Calvary; and after the service and shepherding of Psalm 23, depicting Christ's priestly ministry; there follows the eternal sovereignty of the Lord Jesus Christ in His messianic kingdom as set forth in Psalm 24. The sweet singer of Israel bounds from one pinnacle of truth to another in these three psalms, finally reaching the grand consummation toward which all creation moves, the final and complete victory of Christ.

The *theme* of the psalm is sounded at its very outset. It is the earth and its fullness with all who dwell therein (vs. 2). By the very nature of this statement, the psalmist is intimating what was apparent to him and to all the people of God, and for that matter, to the people of the world, that the earth and its fullness together with the great mass of its people are subject to the Lord. It appears that usurpers have taken over what belongs to the Lord, or else it never belonged to the Lord. But appearances are deceitful. What seems to be true today will not necessarily persist forever. Therefore in the face of present-day appearances, the psalmist asserts the underlying and fundamental fact that "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."

Three reasons are then cited why this fundamental affirmation is made. The first is a fact of the past. The earth is the Lord's by *the sovereign right of creation*. "For he hath

founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods" (vs. 2).

The second is now a fact, but when the psalmist wrote it was yet to be fulfilled. The earth is the Lord's by *the sacrificial right of Calvary*. The hill of the Lord is the place of government and authority, as Psalm 2:6 declares. The Father has already by decree set His Son upon that hill. His right to that hill however is moral. He has clean hands and a pure heart. He has not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing and righteousness from the Father (vss. 3-5). How like the words of Psalm 45:6-8 and Philippians 2:5-11. Since He humbled himself unto death, God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

There is also a third reason why the earth is the Lord's. It is by *the subjugating right of His coming in glory*. This right is still future, even to us. Yet the faith of the psalmist

spanned the centuries to beho'd Him in His revelation glory when all enemies will be destroyed by the conquering Messiah (vss. 7-10).

By identification with the Messiah, there will be a *generation of people* who will also ascend with Him into the hill of the Lord. The perfect fulfillment of verses 3-5 are in the Messiah himself. But in verse 5 it is clear that a grant of blessing is made to the Messiah, and then in verse 6 it is dispensed to those who seek the face of Jacob, Israel, ultimately the One who came through the loins of Jacob, the great Messiah. This begins with the saints of the Old Testament, expands into the saints of the church, and finally all those who find salvation in Christ.

The *triumph* is reached in the concluding verses of the psalm when the Messiah advances to the hill of the Lord. A company of saints heralding his approach send forth the cry of victory and demand entrance for the King (vs. 7). Another company challenge His right (vs. 8a), but the first company echoes back His claim (vs. 8b). Again this is repeated, indicating finally that the conquering Messiah is the Lord of hosts, the King of glory. He now enters in to possess His possessions along with the redeemed forever more. Then shall sorrow and sighing flee away, and the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. The fundamental fact will then be realized, that "the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof."



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The four pictures on this cover were taken at the 1954 Seminary Graduation Services. The picture at the top shows Dr. Herrmann G. Brounlin delivering the Commencement address. Second shows the Senior Class. Next, the student body is shown marching to the commencement services. In the bottom picture President Alva J. McClain presents a graduate with his diploma while other members of the faculty (at right) assist in the service.





EDITORIALS

By Vice President Paul R. Bauman

A Pathetic Letter From a Prominent Pastor

Recently the editor received a letter from the pastor of a prominent eastern church of another denomination. This pastor is a true shepherd and is therefore concerned for the spiritual welfare of the young people who are seeking further training after high school and college. He writes:

"It is a real burden on my heart to behold fine young men who have been turned to some of the most questionable schools in the world when it comes to preparing for Bible ministry. It is my earnest desire to acquaint our young men with Grace Seminary because we hold it in highest esteem, and would rejoice to know that our young people should be attracted to its halls. Our interest is aroused because one of the fine young men was attracted to — College in —, a radical holiness institution, and when he came to me about the matter of ordination it was necessary to speak plainly to him . . . and after spending some three or four hours with him here in my study his heart was heavy about the matter. Yet he would not turn from this institution and to a school where the Word is taught in all its purity. This is my reason for appealing to you. . . . At present we have four fine young men training in various institutions, and none of them is noted for its faithfulness to the doctrinal content of Holy Writ. Please consider us for a week that the Lord's purpose in training His selected ones might be fulfilled as we challenge hearts with the appeal of trustworthy schools."

We praise God for such pastors and for the confidence they have in the training given young men and women at Grace College and Seminary. May God grant that all of us may be awakened to the serious responsibility which is ours, especially during these summer months, in counseling with young people as they face decisions that will change the whole course of their lives. Let us be sure that we point in the right direction!

Grace Trumpeters in Highway Accident

Many of our brethren have been praying for the summer ministry of the Grace Trumpeters and the seminary vice president. Inasmuch as it is generally known that we experienced an accident while en route to southern California, we believe our brethren who are praying for us should know more of the details than it was possible to give in the preliminary announcement.

First, let it be said that the accident was in no way due to carelessness or recklessness. We believe that is one reason why the Lord was gracious and spared the entire group from serious injury or death. The six occupants of the car were Trumpeters Edwin Cashman, Alva Steffler, and Eddie Smith; Accompanist David Halvorsen; your editor, and his son, Paul.

The accident occurred shortly after 11 o'clock on Monday evening, May 31, near Santa Fe, N. Mex. We were driving at night because of a pressing schedule. It was fenced range country, but suddenly without warning, three horses walked up onto the road in front of us, completely obstructing our way. Had they been standing on the highway it would have been possible to see them in time to stop. But in this case there was nothing for the driver to do but hit one of the horses or go off the highway. He chose to do the latter, and the wisdom of this quick decision was confirmed by the highway patrolman who investigated the accident, the driver of the wrecker, and the insurance adjustor. During the past month in that area there were four such accidents, and two people were killed when the animals were thrown up over the hood of the car and through the windshield.

When our car went off the graded side of the highway it rolled over one and a half times and came to rest upside down with all occupants still inside. In the darkness there were a few seconds of ominous silence and then we began to call roll. What a relief it was to have every man answer to his name! Then we began the task of unscrambling ourselves and crawling out. Once outside, the silence was again broken by Eddie Smith, who let out a voluminous, "Praise the Lord!" All joined in the chorus, and while one of us went in to Santa Fe with a passing motorist to get a tow car, the rest gathered in front of the car for a time of Bible reading and praise.

It is not surprising that your editor should have a sore back and chest, for when the car came to rest he was on his neck and shoulders with two men on top of him, one of whom was Eddie Cashman! Eddie Smith was also on the right side, but in the rear seat, and he too was painfully bruised by ending up on the bottom of the pile. The two of us went to the hospital at Santa Fe for a checkup and were more than glad to remain there for two days of X-rays and rest.

As for the car, the underpart and sides were not damaged greatly, but the top was crushed down to about half its height, and all who saw the car agreed that it was only through the goodness and providential care of the Lord that we were spared. Although there are some aching muscles, we are happy to be alive, and time will take care of the aches and pains. We are all grateful for the prayers that made our escape possible and for the privilege of coming on to southern California that we might have a ministry among the churches of the Southwest.

We have been most graciously received here. A car was immediately supplied by Bro. W. F. McPheeters, a

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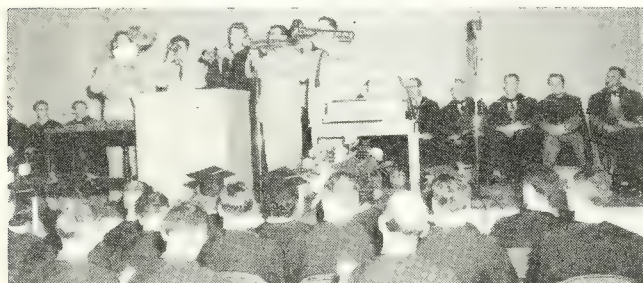
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The activities of the 17th annual commencement at Grace Theological Seminary came to a successful conclusion with the graduation exercises on Friday evening, May 28, at 7:30 o'clock. An overflow crowd of about 700 people were present in the lower auditorium of the seminary building to witness the interesting proceedings.

The academic procession formed on the upper two floors of the building and marched to the scene of the service to the strains of martial music played by Ira D. Halvorsen, Jr., a member of the middler class. The procession included all the students of the school, with the graduates of the seminary and college marching in their academic regalia to places reserved for them on the platform and in the front rows of the auditorium.

GRADUATION SERVICE

The invocation was offered by Rev. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, editor and business manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company and an alumnus of the school. This was followed by a brass quintet composed of men of



Brass ensemble at Graduation Service.

the seminary and college. The director of music, Donald Ogden, led the congregation in the spirited singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Seldom is better congregational singing heard than was rendered upon this occasion. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. Paul E. Dick, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Winchester, Va., who had a representative from his church in the graduating class. The Grace Trumpeters, composed of Edwin Cashman, Edward Smith, and Alva Steffler, then gave a magnificent rendition of the "Hallelujah Chorus."

The annual announcements were made by Dr. William A. Ogden, president of the seminary board of trustees, who announced plans for the expansion of the work of the school during its 18th session beginning next fall, especially in relation to the collegiate division. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean of the seminary, added to these announcements by speaking of the new departments and courses which are to be instituted next year, and President Alva J. McClain, who presided throughout the service, made the happy announcement that, through a gift from a friend of the school, a new Baldwin Concert Organ will be installed in the chapel before the next session begins. The evening prayer was offered by Rev. Gerald V. Smelser, superintendent of the Hebrew Christian Mission of Cleveland, Ohio. This was followed by the appearance of the large seminary and college choir, which sang a beautiful number entitled, "Praise the Lord, O Zion."

Dr. McClain then introduced Rev. Herrmann G. Braunlin, pastor of the Hawthorne Gospel Church of Hawthorne, N. J., who presented the graduation address on the subject, "The Temptations of Jesus," in which he showed how the present-day minister of the Gospel is often tempted as Jesus was and how he needs to resist those temptations in the same way that Jesus did, even by the power of the living Word of God. Immediately following the address, Edward Smith, president of the college senior class, presented to the school a check for \$125 for the purchase of much-needed magazine racks for the library. Then John Strom, president of the seminary senior class, announced their class gift, which was an A. B. Dick modern electric duplicating machine. This machine had actually been presented to the school last October in a chapel service to meet an existing need in the busy central office. Dr. James Boyer responded to these gifts on behalf of the faculty and administration.

Dr. Hoyt then announced the honor students in the seminary as follows: those awarded the honor of *cum laude* were John R. Strom, Leonard Meznar, Earle E. Peer, and Jesse D. Humbert; those awarded the *magna cum laude* were John A. Mitchell and Donald J. Tschetter. As these students remained standing, Prof. John Rea spoke in recognition of these honors.

DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES

The presentation of candidates for diplomas and degrees was made by Dr. Hoyt, after which the conferring of the latter took place under the direction of President McClain, assisted by Vice President Paul R. Bauman and Registrar Homer A. Kent. Those receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree from the college were Barbara E. Boatright, Guy R. Boatright, Roland C. Crosby, Laura E. Humbert, Harriet Hutchings, Earle E. Peer, Edward E. Smith, Harold J. Westing, and Edisene M. Whitcomb. This was the first regular graduating class from the college since the institution last fall of the four-year college curriculum and thus marked a significant advance in our educational program.

Next appear the names of those who received diplomas and degrees in the graduate or seminary division. Audrey M. Byers, Rosella Cochran, Ruth I. Hall, and Ross E. King received the Bachelor of Christian Education degree. Thomas J. Craghead, William C. Crist, William A. Ernest, and William E. Johnson received the theological diploma. The following men received the Bachelor of Theology degree: Arthur H. Arrington,



Senior Class officers.



Rev. H. W. Koontz receives honorary D. D. degree.

Lawrence Bratton, Jr., Bill A. Burk, Arthur E. Gordon, Herman H. Hein, Jr., Irvin B. Miller, and John A. Mitchell.

Those receiving the Bachelor of Divinity degree were: J. Keith Altig (in absentia), Francis M. Brill, Vernon H. Buller, Carl H. Burch, Roy J. Clark, William M. Halliburton, Lewis C. Hohenstein (in absentia), Charles M. Horne, Jesse D. Humbert, Russell W. Irwin, Warren D. Jacobs, Leonard Meznar, Donald E. Ogden, Earle E. Peer, Warren E. Purdy, John W. Reed, Clinton D. Risser, John R. Strom, Donald J. Tschetter, and Gene E. Witzky.

ADVANCED DEGREES

There were three students who received the Master of Theology degree, namely: George E. Cone, Jr., William R. Foster, and John Rea.

There were four men who by reason of long and distinguished service for the Lord in their several fields were awarded the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, two men each from outside the Brethren Church and within the latter church. The two men who were so honored from outside the Brethren Church were Herrmann G. Braunlin, the graduation speaker, and Donald B. Fullerton, for 23 years director of the Evangelical Fellowship on the campus of Princeton University, and who has been responsible for sending several young men to Grace Seminary. Dr. Hoyt and Prof. John C. Whitcomb read the citations for these two men respectively. The two men within the Brethren Church who were honored were Herman W. Koontz, pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, and Bernard N. Schneider, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio. Dr. Homer A. Kent and Prof. Ralph W. Gilbert read the citations for these two men. Each of the men who received the honorary degree gave a word of appreciation following its reception.

As has been customary for many years, the graduation service closed with the singing of the hymn, "O Jesus, I



Rev. Bernard Schneider receives honorary D. D. degree.

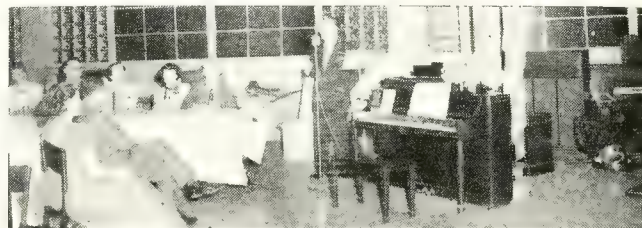
Have Promised," after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Russell I. Humbert, the father of a member of the graduating class. The recessional then took place and the graduates went to the social lounge, where they were greeted by their many friends.

PREGRADUATION ACTIVITIES

The days leading up to the climactic graduation service were busy ones, filled with all sorts of activity, to say nothing of preparation for and taking of examinations! They were introduced by the College Banquet, held on Friday evening, May 14, at the M. and M. Cafe in North Webster. It was a delightful occasion, carefully prepared and executed, and climaxed by an inspiring address by Rev. Norman Cook, missionary now on furlough from Formosa. On the following evening, Saturday the 15th, the Seminary Women's Fellowship spon-



Seminary Four sings at Seminary Banquet.



Rev. John Balyo speaking at Seminary Banquet.

sored an entertaining circus in the lower auditorium of the seminary building which provided fun, fellowship, and food for the large group which attended.

Since for the first time we had a regular college commencement with nine persons taking degrees, an entire chapel service on Friday morning, May 21, was devoted to a recognition of this class. During the course of the service each member gave a brief testimony. The Lord's presence was experienced at this time in a very precious way.

The Middler-Senior Banquet was held the evening of the same day at the Eskimo Inn in Winona. The spacious banquet hall was crowded and beautifully decorated, a luscious meal was served, and a splendid program was enjoyed under the direction of the master of ceremonies, Nathan Meyer. The banqueters were thrilled with the message of the evening, which was delivered by Rev. John Balyo, pastor of the Huff Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, an alumnus of the school.

The annual seminary Class Day service was held in the lower auditorium of the seminary in conjunction with the Sunday morning service of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, on May 23. The president of the class, John Strom, presided and the entire service was in charge of the members of the graduating class who ap-

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TEXT—John 7:37-39 (ASV). "Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified."

The outline of this message is suggested in verse 38:

- I. Faith in the Saviour: "He that believeth on me."
- II. Fidelity to the Scriptures: "As the scripture hath said."
- III. Fullness of the Spirit: "From within him shall flow rivers of living water."

Baccalaureate addresses I have been listening to since my youth have had as their theme the saving of the world from its dire calamity by the going forth of a new crop of graduates into the troubled waters of world disorder. Strangely, however, the world still needs to be saved. It is reported that in a recent address to the British House of Commons, Sir Winston Churchill closed his message with these solemn words: "We are all nations standing at this hour in human history before the portals of supreme catastrophe or of measureless reward. My faith is that in God's mercy we will choose aright."

But we will never learn to choose aright until we have learned to live aright, and we will only learn to live aright when we learn to give God preeminence in our hearts, in our homes, and in the thrones of our governments. Biblical faith in God has been, and must ever be, the bulwark and strength of our nation. The graduates of this class not only must defend these bulwarks against avowed infidelity, but also against those who should, with them, be their defenders. A cross section of what I mean may be comprehended in this quotation from one who takes the responsibility of speaking for his church:

"In our denomination what you call the faith of our fathers is approaching *total extinction*. Of course, a few of the old ministers still cling to the Bible. But among the young men, the real leaders of our denomination today, I do not know a single one who believes in miracles, in answers to prayer, in what you call the new birth, in the return of Christ, or in any of the things that you classify as fundamentals. The triumph over fundamentalism was accomplished much quicker than we had at first thought possible. Not only have the fundamentalists been routed, but their doctrine is dying out so fast that hardly a trace is left."

Now, my friends, this conclusion is not correct. It is evident that the writer is living within the sphere of his own way of thinking and is totally unaware of the great and rising wave of revival and a return to the faith of the Bible that is sweeping across the land and around the world. But that you graduates may know the kind of opposition you must face, I want you to note that the author just quoted has revealed that the program of modernism has been deliberately planned and cunningly and diabolically executed. The statement, "much quicker than we had at first thought possible," is a declaration of war, and war to the finish. If fundamentalism has gone, or will go, we have returned to the age of philosophy, and have rejected all revelation, and the quest for truth is an open field. The truth in matters spiritual and

eternal can only come into the human understanding by revelation. The man who has a message for our world believes the revelation God has given, and is ready to proclaim it to the world.

In the 116th Psalm we read: "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I believe, therefore have I spoken." This is the spirit of all the prophets. Paul, in II Corinthians 4, makes a defense of the Gospel of grace and concludes: "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."

Faith is the fountain of the message. It springs up in the heart and flows out to reach the hearts of others. Our Saviour said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." When God chose to speak to Israel He selected a man, and said to that man, "Open thy mouth and eat that I give thee"—eat this roll, and go speak to the house of Israel. The message must find its identity with the life of the messenger. He must believe it before his hearers will be stirred and convicted. "If you would make me weep there must be tears in your own eyes."

The controversy over Jesus Christ is not new. In the first verse of John 7 we read that the Jews sought to kill Him, and in verse 5, "neither did his brethren believe in him." Today there are some who claim to be His friends, His brethren, who deny His virgin birth, His virtuous life, His vicarious suffering, His victorious resurrection, and His visible return—thus do His "brethren" seek to kill Him.

I. FAITH IN THE SAVIOUR.

On the last day, "the great day" of the Feast of Tabernacles, the priest has taken a golden pitcher, holding about one quart, and has gone to the pool of Siloam. Now this pool was filled with water drawn through a conduit from a spring outside the city. The waters of this spring filled the pool, and the overflow filled a second pool below the first, and again the overflow emptied into the valley of the Kidron and flowed toward the sea. These facts should be remembered in the application of the scenes of our text. When the golden vessel is filled, the priest leads a procession back to the temple area and meets other priests who are laying the pieces of the morning sacrifice on the great altar. Ascending the approach to the altar the priest poured the water from his golden pitcher into a silver funnel that fed into a small conduit beneath the altar, and thence was carried away. It was at this point of the pouring of the water that Jesus "stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink."

The act of pouring out the water was a confession of hope deferred, of their dream of the Messiah's coming unfulfilled, and that the time of the pouring out of the Spirit had not yet come. Actually, it confessed the barrenness of a purely formal religion. Seven days of religious celebration had passed and Jesus knew the emptiness in their hearts. In His very presence they demonstrated their unbelief in Him; and in their blind unbelief He offers himself as the only satisfying portion for human souls.

The faith Jesus demanded was complete faith in himself, the Christ of the Bible. We are constantly being offered some new artist's conception of the person of

Christ, but the tragedy is that there is just as often a new theological conception of the Christ—a Christ whose picture is not found in the Bible, but is wholly the product of the fertile mind of those who have rejected the true Christ. But a day of judgment is coming in which the modernist will learn—too late—that Jesus Christ is the virgin-born Son of God, that their universalism is false, that their unitarianism is a devil's lie, and that only those who have been born again will enter into heaven at last.

II. FIDELITY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

We have reached a new low among churchmen in our day, a low in which, by comparison, the avowed infidelity of Tom Paine and Bob Ingersoll is to be preferred. The Roman church has exalted the virgin mother as the "Queen of Heaven," and as the "Mother of God," while the modernist makes the same person a bad woman, and speculates unblushingly that her Son was probably the son of a mercenary German soldier, who was encamped at that time in the area of Nazareth. Both views are wrong because both views are un-Biblical.

The Roman church advertises widely that "the Bible is a Catholic Book." It further states that the infallibility of the church is the guarantee of the infallibility of the Bible. This is not true. It does not even start in the direction of truth. The church is never infallible except in the degree in which it is in complete harmony with the Holy Scriptures. True faith in Christ must flow from the fountain of revelation, the Word of God. The only Saviour for men is the Christ of the Bible. Believe in Him and preach Him as the only hope for sinners.

III. FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT—"From within him shall flow rivers of living water."

The purpose of Christ's "cry" is found in these words. He is saying that the fountain is sufficient to slake the thirst of those who truly believe on Him, and that there will be an overflow from his satisfied life that will reach and bless the barren waste around him. Without the fullness of the Spirit the prophet dies, although the preacher may live on. There is no more tragic condition, nor fruitless service, than a man, even a man with full academic training, attempting to minister in the power of the flesh. But Jesus promised power for an overflow of blessing, after the Holy Ghost would be given. At that time the Holy Ghost had not yet been given, "because that Jesus was not yet glorified." It is true, as I remember hearing Dr. Talbot say, that "wherever Christ is not glorified, the Holy Spirit is not yet given."

This is not the time nor the place for a study of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. We simply call attention to the fact that history records the truth of our Lord's words. The Book of Acts is an unbroken record of the issuing forth of the living waters through human channels. Peter was the channel to the Jews in Acts 2, and to the gentiles in Acts 10. Paul comes into this relationship to Christ through faith and opens a new fountain that turns the cities of Asia and Europe upside down—that found expression in 13 or 14 books of the New Testament, and will bless and refresh the church eternally.

David Livingstone suffered the loss of his dear wife in Africa, and after burying her in the heart of that dark land, knelt at her grave and prayed, and dedicated himself anew to heal this "open sore of the world." From that grave he went north, south, east, west, each time returning to the grave of Mary, and there praying. In

the words of Dr. Cortland Meyers, Livingstone literally laid a cross on Africa! The streams of living waters continue to flow today through scores and hundreds of missionaries to that land. We could tell a parallel story of James Gribble and 33 years of effective Brethren testimony in French Equatorial Africa.

I think that every believer should be responsible for starting at least one new river (Jesus promised rivers—plural). History gives us Paul, preacher, writer, missionary, statesman; Luther, reformer, organizer, teacher, poet. These and countless others vindicate the promise of Christ through men who have the fullness of the Spirit.

For a personal illustration, my own father was such a preacher, and he gave the church two preacher sons and four preacher grandsons. To me God has given two preacher sons; and out of my ministry Paul Eiselstein, Jack Green, and, at least in part, seven other ministers and ministerial students, and some 700 souls saved and added to the church. The point is, graduates, that the stream grows and expands, because it is God's work. In Ezekiel 47 the prophet first sees water coming over the threshold of the door of the holy sanctuary. Outside the wall he finds that this spring has become a stream reaching to his ankles; 1,000 cubits down the stream it is up to his knees, while another 1,000 cubits brings him to a depth that reaches his waist. Measuring another 1,000 cubits the water is a great stream over which he cannot pass, but in which a man must swim. This stream, says Ezekiel, runs through the east country and through the desert and on to the sea, and when it reaches the sea, the waters of the sea are healed, and all along the banks of the stream are growing fruit trees and all manner of beautiful things.

If I am told that this is a picture of a millennial scene, I answer that it is also a parable of the blessing of God through Spirit-filled men who have a Scriptural faith in the Christ of the Bible. This stream begins at the throne of God; it increases in size and influence as it progresses. If "the sea" is in the Scriptures a reference to humanity, how wonderful to note that this stream "heals these waters." Brethren, let us not be deterred by the modernists. Let us ever maintain our faith in the Saviour, our fidelity to the Scriptures, and believe Christ for the fullness of the Spirit. "He that believeth on me, as the scriptures hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water."

GRACE SEMINARY GIFTS FOR MAY 1954

Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ..	\$3.00	Phoenix, Ariz.	\$25.50
Ankentytown, Ohio ...	23.85	Portis, Kans.	75.75
Artesia, Calif.	32.05	Portland, Oreg.	12.00
Buena Vista, Va.	3.00	Rittman, Ohio	15.00
Clay City, Ind.	11.00	San Diego, Calif.	65.05
Cleveland, Ohio	34.50	Sidney, Ind.	10.00
Dallas Center, Iowa ...	2.00	Summit Mills, Pa.	8.50
Dayton, Ohio (First) ...	226.35	Sunnyside, Wash.	124.00
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riv.) ..	29.00	Temple City, Calif.	25.00
Hagerstown, Md.	231.96	Uniontown, Pa.	31.25
Kittanning, Pa.	5.00	Waynesboro, Pa.	46.00
Lake Odessa, Mich. ...	7.00	Winchester, Va.	32.00
La Verne, Calif.	659.61	Winona Lake, Ind.	100.00
Leamersville, Pa.	46.00	Yellow Creek, Pa.	18.00
Leon, Iowa	5.00	Non-Brethren	280.00
Limestone, Tenn.	5.00		
Long Beach, Calif. (1) ..	13.00	Total: General Fund. .	3,561.70
Long Beach, Calif. (2) ..	237.50		
Los Angeles, Calif. (1) ..	31.00	Gifts Designated for Special Projects	
Mansfield, Ohio (1st) ..	864.00		
Mansfield, Ohio (2d) ..	38.35		
Martinsburg, Pa.	2.00	College Senior Class ..	\$125.00
Middlebranch, Ohio ...	6.00	National WMC	2,502.13
Mundy's Corner, Pa. ...	8.00	Winona Lake, Ind.	157.46
New Troy, Mich.	19.00	Non-Brethren	180.00
Norwalk, Calif.	121.48		
Peru, Ind.	9.00	Total for Special Projects	2,964.59
Philadelphia, Pa. (1st) ..	20.00		

SENIOR CLASS DAY SERMON

By Earle E. Peer, Vice President of the Student Body

I am glad that early in life I learned to appreciate the wise counsel and the advice of those who were older than I. Especially has this been true since I have become a Christian. I enjoy the fellowship and helpful suggestions of experienced men of God. As my classmates and I stand upon the threshold of a life of service for our Lord, I believe each of us realizes perhaps more than ever before in all of our Christian experience our need of wisdom, counsel, and encouragement from experienced servants of Christ.

I know of no Scripture in all of the Word of God that will challenge the heart of a young man who anticipates serving Christ like the second epistle of Paul to Timothy. I want to call to your attention three phrases in chapter 1. The first phrase is found in verse 6—"stir up"; the second in verse 8—"be not . . . ashamed"; the third in verse 13—"hold fast: Stir up the gift of God which is in thee; be not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord; hold fast the form of sound words.

For two years Paul has been a prisoner under guard in his own hired house; however, during this time he was at liberty to preach the Gospel. With the burning of Rome in A. D. 64, Nero, who was thought to have set fire to the city, attempted to shift the blame upon the Christians. Nero issued a decree making Christians enemies of Rome and demanding their execution. At this time Paul was arrested again and confined to the Mamertine dungeon. From this dungeon Paul wrote this epistle to his son in the faith, Timothy.

Just before we consider the three phrases already mentioned, I want to point out something from Paul's greeting: "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God." Paul does not lay aside his apostolic authority but rather uses it to strengthen his greeting to Timothy. Paul, a man vested with authority, takes the young man Timothy to his heart. The captain stoops down to embrace the private. Paul speaks further of his love for Timothy, of Timothy's tears, and of his godly heritage.

Notice please in verse 6a: "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance." The counsel thus introduced is expressed as putting in remembrance. Paul does not authoritatively command or demand this thing of Timothy. Rather, he says, "Timothy, I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God." The two words "stir up" are translated from a verb which means "to fan a flame." The present infinitive says, "fan and keep on fanning into a live flame."

Right here at this point Timothy is accused, by some men, of letting his love and his gift "cool off" until they were only as a cold ember. This condition calls forth the words of rebuke from the apostle to stir up again, to rekindle, to fan into a flame the gift of God. I cannot agree with such a theory. I do not believe these words of Paul are words of rebuke. Paul is not saying, "Make the flame burn hotter than ever before." Timothy is as zealous and as ardent as Paul can wish him to be; Paul is only asking that he continue so. Up to this time Timothy's responsibilities had consisted only in those duties that rested upon him in the church. However, now Rome was frowning upon this work; Rome was executing Christians and bringing Paul to martyrdom. Soon, instead of only being Paul's assistant, Timothy was to be Paul's successor. In the light of these circumstances,

Paul writes to Timothy, "Fan and keep on fanning into a flame the gift of God, which is in thee." We might well ask the question, "What is the gift of God Paul mentions in this verse?" I believe this is the same gift Paul speaks of in I Timothy 4:14, namely: Timothy's ability to teach and preach the Gospel. Nero may outlaw Christianity; he may kill the followers of Jesus Christ, but in spite of all that, Timothy must keep on fanning the fire; he must keep on fearlessly preaching the Gospel of the grace of God.

There is special force in this exhortation to Timothy, but yet this principle applies to every Christian. You and I as Christians have received of the Lord some particular gift. It is necessary for you and me to be continually at the business of "stirring up" the gift of God; we must be continually "fanning the flame." If the gift bestowed upon us by our Lord be neglected; if we fail to exercise these gifts they will cease to be just as surely as an untended fire dies down to cold ashes. We are all alike in this respect. An unused muscle atrophies, an unused gift will sooner or later disappear. The truth of this ought to strike home to our hearts. Either we exercise our spiritual muscles; either we stir up the gift of God, or that gift will fade away from disuse into nothing.



Earle Peer delivering Class Day address.

In verse 8 Paul exhorts Timothy: "Timothy, be not ashamed." This phrase seems to be the key phrase of this chapter. These words call to our minds Paul's words to the church at Rome: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Paul is not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God unto salvation; it is the dynamite of God. The Gospel is the only power in God's universe that can blast a sinner loose from his sin.

Here again I believe that many commentators are unjust in their criticism of Timothy because they misunderstand the speech of Paul. Timothy is accused of growing slack in the execution of his office because he had become timid on account of the Roman persecution, and had consequently become ashamed of the testimony of the Lord. I believe that a closer examination of the text refutes the theory that Timothy's faith had failed. Dr. White, in the Expositor's Greek Testament, points out that the aorist subjunctive forbids the supposition that Timothy had actually done what Paul warns him against doing. The answer to Paul's exhortation, "Be



Don Ogden leads singing at Class Day Service.

not ashamed," is not "I will quit it," but, "I never once will be ashamed."

Timothy, "be not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner; but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel according to the power of God." If we are going to be faithful followers of our blessed Lord, we are going to be partakers of the afflictions of the Gospel, as well. We may not bear affliction in the same manner in which Paul did, but if we take our stand for Jesus Christ, we can also expect to suffer for His sake and to bear His reproach (II Tim. 3:12). Let us never forget it! The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ is an offense. You preach the cross of Christ and the efficacious work He accomplished there by the shedding of His blood, and the world will hate you for it, as they hated Paul. The world hated our Lord and finally nailed Him to a cross; don't expect the world to love you.

This brings us to the third phrase as it is found in verse 13: "Hold fast"—"hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." The word rendered "form" in this verse is the same word found in I Timothy 1:16, where Paul speaks of his conversion as a "pattern" to them which should hereafter believe. The ASV correctly translates the word as "pattern"; hold fast the pattern of sound words.

Paul is passing on to Timothy a pattern of sound words which is to be held fast. This pattern is not to be tampered with or changed! I believe right here we have a strong argument for the verbal inspiration of the Word of God. The very words, the form, and the pattern of the Scriptures are given to us by God, and this pattern must be held fast. Timothy must not depart from this pattern of sound words because to deviate from this means a stepping from truth into falsehood. This is exactly the path which modernism has followed. Our modernistic preachers have discovered that the pattern of sound words of which Paul speaks is outworn and outdated. They tell us we must have new ways of teaching old truths, but you will discover that the "new methods" of teaching have been emptied of the "old truths" of the Word of God. I contend that these men have departed from the pattern of sound words; they have departed from "the faith."

If you have an ASV you will notice that the marginal reading for sound words is "healthful words," which is a better translation. The Word of God is a pattern of healthful words. All other words are diseased and full of infection; they are like the words of Hymanaeus and Philetus in 2:17, "their word will eat as doth a canker [or a gangrene]." Depart from the message of this Book and you no longer have health-giving words but rather words full of poison. These healing words are to be found only in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our modernist friends with their bloodless and Christless message can never get a sinner into heaven; neither

can they produce a pure moral life. They manufacture a kind of morality; they may clear up a skin rash on the surface, but they are helpless and powerless to reach the gnawing disease of sin that is destroying the vitals. Before you can bring health to a sin-sick soul you must deal with the guilt, the stain, the penalty, and the practice of sin. There is one—and only one—way in which the festering sore of sin can be healed and that is by hearing and receiving the healthful words of the Gospel (Rom. 10:17).

Members of the senior class, student body, and faculty, and all my Christian friends here this morning, may the challenge of God's Word grip our hearts. Let us fan and keep on fanning the gift of God; let us never once be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord; let us hold fast the pattern of healthful words; let us go out from this place determined by God's help to teach and to preach the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to men and women, to boys and girls who are dying from the cancerous disease of sin.

1954 COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

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peared in their academic regalia. The message of the day was preached by Earle E. Peer, who is vice president of the student body. He preached from II Timothy, chapter 1.

The baccalaureate service was conducted on the evening of Class Day and in the same place with about 500 local and visiting folk in attendance. The sermon of the occasion was delivered by Dr. William A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., as well as president of the seminary board of trustees. He emphasized some of the things which are essential to an abundant and overflowing Christian life. The entire seminary and college student body was present for this occasion.

A special communion service was held in the newly decorated lounge on the evening of Wednesday, May 26, for all the graduates and their families. It was a blessed occasion, a fitting conclusion to the work of a busy year and to the experiences of the graduates in all their years in this school.

Thus we see the curtain fall upon another year at Grace Seminary and College. We see another group of young men and women going forth to more active service for the Lord. We have reason to thank God and take courage. Let us pray especially for the new graduates that each one may find the place of God's own choosing for his life.



Communion service—senior classes and faculty.

WITNESSING MY WAY TO ALASKA

By Norman B. Rohrer

Students of Grace Seminary are not idle during the summer months. Many are active in various parts of the country in summer pastorates, child evangelism, or other kinds of evangelistic work. Just as the school-term closed, the plans of Norman Rohrer, a middler in the seminary, came to our attention. We thought our readers would not only be interested in knowing something of his plans, but that many will join in praying for the Lord's blessing and direction upon his summer ministry.—P. R. B.

It takes a lot of living to understand properly that "the just shall live by faith," and extensive travel is a good way to start.

Every summer, while enrolled in Wheaton College, I've proved the efficiency of faith in God by traveling to 10 foreign countries on a few traveler's cheques. I believe that as long as you maintain an aggressive witness, and can put up with the meanest accommodations and meals, if necessary, God will let you see what's "over the hill."

I've hitch-hiked and ridden freights through 40 States, Central America, Europe, Canada, and the British West Indies, playing my trombone in gospel meetings and working closely with missionaries. This summer, in God's will, it's Alaska for work with Child Evangelism Fellowship in Juneau, and with Peter Deyneka in a servicemen's center in Kodiak. I'm financing the trip by writing feature articles and stories for the wide-open Sunday-school market. Already I've been able to line up dozens of interesting people from here to Seattle who qualify for a feature. In Alaska there should be many more.

Inasmuch as I've just completed my first year at Grace Seminary, I have been aided by President McClain and the faculty in scheduling meetings all along the way to the "Land of the Midnight Sun."

This is the first summer I've had the luxury of a car. I took out all the seats of my '41 Plymouth, installed a bucket seat behind the wheel, and built a bed along the right side. Friends have been very kind. An orchard

man in Plymouth, Ind., gave me the lumber for the bed, four extra tires, a keg for shaving water, and a gas lantern. Dr. Bauman, vice president of the seminary, handed me a small G. I. stove, a portable refrigerator, a desert cooler ventilation system, two bumper bags for cool water, and a gallon thermos jug. Relatives back in Lancaster, Pa., have promised to pray, so I'm all set to start what I trust will be a fruitful summer.

I hope this report on my current trip will inflame other young men, not yet blessed with family responsibilities, to see the world with God. Make contacts with missionaries, pack your Bible, nylon clothes, a couple of bug bombs, and travelers' cheques, and start out. As long as you're willing to work, and not sponge off missionaries, can eat plain food, and sleep outdoors, God will help you to spread His message of salvation, fill your photo album and your diary. There is nothing more educational and thrilling than meeting people in every walk of life, seeing their country, learning their language, and telling them the Good News that brings lasting peace and joy and hope, in Christ.

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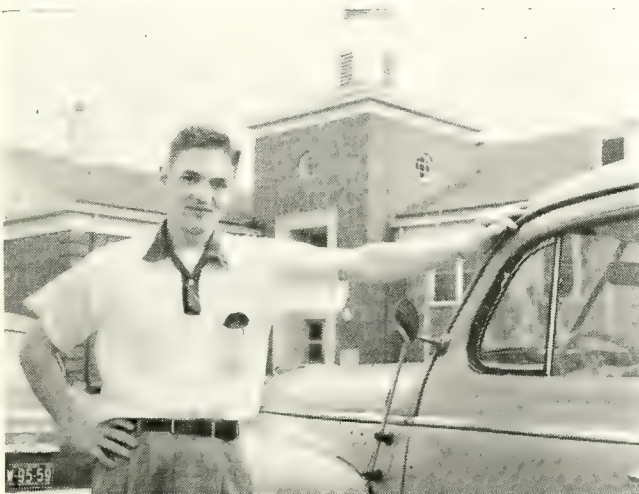
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used-car dealer in Long Beach. Mr. and Mrs. McPheeters and Mr. and Mrs. John Suiter (also of Long Beach) have been most kind in taking us into their homes. The California conference provided a liberal offering for the team's expenses. Many have invited us in for meals, and all the men agree that the western hospitality can't be beaten.

Pray especially for the young people in the West who are facing important decisions concerning their schooling. Several have already decided to enter Grace next September. Pray for other young people all over America who face such decisions. The Trumpeters and I will also appreciate your prayers as we head eastward shortly after July 1 and minister in the East.

Phonograph Records Spared for You?

Strange things sometimes happen in an accident. Sometimes it is hard to believe that such events are anything but providential. The following is a good example. On top of the car in which the Trumpeters were traveling was a large overhead box containing, among other items, a considerable amount of school literature and 100 phonograph records. These records contained several numbers played by the trumpet trio in their concerts. When the men were finally able to get to this box they began to examine its contents with some misgivings. Especially was this true of the "record department." To our amazement we found that not one record had been broken! This leads us to believe that there are many people over the country in whose homes these records should be placed. If you would like to have one of them, send \$1.25 to Grace Theological Seminary at Winona Lake, Ind., and one will be mailed to you postpaid.



Norman B. Rohrer



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ALTOONA, PA. The East Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene here July 26-29 at the First Brethren Church. Rev. Mark Malles will be host pastor.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. The new address of Rev. Richard Grant, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, is 2502 A Ave. NE. His phone number is 3-7751. Please change annual.

GARWIN, IOWA. The Iowa District Conference of Brethren Churches is being held at the Carlton Brethren Church June 24-26. Rev. R. Paul Miller, Jr., is host pastor.

LEON, IOWA. Serving as interim pastor of the Leon Brethren Church is Prof. John Whitcomb, of Grace Seminary. Brother Whitcomb assumed the pastoral duties June 20 for the summer months.

BERNE, IND. The Indiana Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene here July 6-8. Rev. Ord Gehman will be host pastor.

YAKIMA, WASH. Rev. Russell Williams, pastor-elect of the First Brethren Church, Cheyenne, Wyo., will conclude his present pastorate here on June 20, and move to his new field of labor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Youth for Christ International will convene here July 4-18.

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL. The 7th World Congress on Evangelism will convene here Apr. 17-24, 1955. James Savage has been named congress director.

MUSKEGON, MICH. "Youth for Christ Week" will be held July 26-Aug. 1 at the Maranatha Bible Conference Grounds. Speakers listed are Dr. Robert Cook, Dr. J. Vernon McGee, James Savage, and Jack Will as musician.

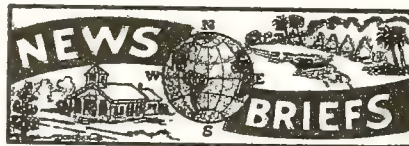
GLENDALE, CALIF. Special speakers listed to speak in the First Brethren Church during the pastor's

vacation are: June 21, Rev. Norman Nelson; July 4, Rev. Arthur Carey; Aug. 1, Dr. Louis Talbot; and Aug. 29, Rev. Gerald Stanton. Rev. Keith Altig is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Plan to attend the annual Sunday School Rally Aug. 22-23, which will be under the direction of Rev. Harold Etling and the National Sunday School Board. For new ideas for your Sunday school all superintendents, teachers, and workers should not miss this opportunity.

DAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Lester Pifer was guest speaker at the anniversary day service of the Patterson Park Brethren Church on June 6. Rev. C. S. Zimmerman is pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Dr. William Mierop, president of Philadelphia Bible Institute, was guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church on June 13. Rev. Russell Weber is pastor.



WINONA LAKE, IND. The fifth annual summer conference of Moody Bible Institute will be held here July 18-25. A roster of 16 outstanding speakers will be on the weeklong program. This conference is under the direction of the Moody Alumni Association.

COVINGTON, OHIO. Rev. James Young, pastor of the First Brethren Church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon May 23 for the Covington High School graduates.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN. Mr. Dean Risser, recent graduate from Grace Seminary, and a member of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, was licensed to the Christian ministry May 23 and has become the pastor of the Johnson City Brethren Church.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Dr. Herman Hoyt, dean of Grace Seminary, concludes a six-day Bible conference on June 27 at the First Brethren Church. Dr. W. A. Ogden is pastor. Bro. Clarence Miller recently concluded a 15-year service to the Lord as moderator of the First Brethren Church. At his request, his name was omitted from the ballot this year.

COMPTON, CALIF. Rev. George Richardson is serving as interim pastor at the First Brethren Church.

CEDAR LAKE, IND. The National Sunday School Conference will convene here Sept. 3-6.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (E/P). Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said at a press conference that there were no plans to resume relations between the United States and the Vatican.

ALTOONA, PA. The midweek prayer service at the First Brethren Church has shown a marked increase. The attendance has averaged near 75 the last several weeks. Rev. Mark Malles is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. America's Town Meeting of the Air broadcast originated from the Billy Sunday Tabernacle on June 22. It was carried over the NBC network.

PORTIS, KANS. Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Garner celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on May 20. Mr. and Mrs. Garner are 92 and 83, respectively.

NEW TROY, MICH. The Michigan district youth rally was held here June 11-12. Dr. R. D. Barnard was the speaker. Rev. Richard Jackson was host pastor.

CLAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., pastor of the First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio, was guest speaker here June 6 at the First Brethren Church. Rev. Clair Brickel is pastor.

DAYTON, TENN. Dr. Alva J. McClain, president of Grace Seminary, delivered the baccalaureate sermon here June 6 at Bryan University.

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Mansfield, Ohio..	June 20-July 2..	Gene Witzky.....	Lester Pifer.
Glendale, Calif...	June 21-27.....	Keith Altig.....	Norman Nelson.
Tracy, Calif.....	June 23-25.....	Wm. Clough.....	Phil Kerr.
Parkersburg, W. Va.	June 27-July 11.	Lester Smitley...	Crusade Team 2.
Taos, N. Mex....	June 27-July 18.	Sam Horney.....	Crusade Team 1.
Cleveland, Ohio..	July 13-Aug. 1..	Russell Ward.....	Crusade Team 2.

Dustbowl Christians

A STUDY OF JOEL

"May we ask you to move . . . to leave those comfortable chairs . . . and come with us . . ." Thus begins one of the nation's truly *different* radio programs, "Unshackled," produced by the Pacific Garden Mission of Chicago. Now . . . may I ask you to do the same . . . to leave those comfortable chairs . . . and come with me . . . *not* to the heart of Chicago . . . to the street of forgotten men . . . *but* to the dustbowl area of our western United States TODAY! Look upon the fields, once abundant with the finest wheat . . . now "the harvest of the field is perished" (Joel 1:11).

JOEL 1

For an accurate description of the conditions of the dust- and wind-racked land, read the first chapter of the Book of Joel. Here, in describing the dustbowl condition of his own day, Joel presents such conditions as have been repeated from time to time over the years in a multitude of places. Of course, Joel, as a prophet, was describing a *spiritual* condition as well as a geographic condition. The hearts of Judah were as barren as their lands.

Friend, lay down your Bible and ponder for just a moment. Is this the condition of your own spiritual life? Has the "abundant fruit" of God's blessing which once filled your life "dried up"? Has the appalling famine of spiritual benediction, caused by the plague of locusts of discouragement, followed by a prolonged drought of the water of God's Word or the refreshing of purposeful prayer, devastated your once fruitful abundant life? Has the "wine" of the leading of the Holy Spirit been "cut off from your mouth"? Has the "palmerworm" of distrust, the "locust" of doubt, the "cankerworm" of disinterest, and the "caterpillar" of delay eaten away the very heart of your spiritual life, close communion with Christ? If you find your need to be thus described, let us seek God's answer to the need.

JOEL 2

The answer is to be found in the same Old Testament book, Joel. "Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your

heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil" (Joel 2:12-13).

The instructions to Judah were fivefold. Turning (repentance), fasting, weeping, mourning, rending (of heart), and turning (unto the Lord).

The instructions to us are the same:

Turning (repentance). If you have accurately evaluated *yourself* as you pondered Joel chapter 1, then you are probably carrying out this part of God's remedy . . . right now! You are loathing the emptiness of your spiritual life and longing for the life

By Rev. Thomas Inman

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
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of abundance which you once knew. Repent. Make a complete "about face." Do it now!

Fasting. How little we see of this today, but how very much it is needed! It almost seems to have become a lost art. Christ's instructions on the subject are to be found in Matthew 6:17-18. "But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." Fasting may be done as a religious exercise; but how much better when it is the result of the lack of desire for food upon the realization of our own dire need *spiritually*. Are you *that* burdened over the lack of "fruit" in your life?

Weeping. Dry eyes may well be an indication of barren hearts. How long has it been since you have shed tears over your sins of omission as well as commission? Years? Let the tears flow! Now!

Mourning. Mourning seems to express a contrition of heart over an

extended period of time. May this burden for your own spiritual need not be a passing thing, but may it linger until the blessings of God are renewed.

Rending (of heart). Pass beyond any superficial expression of sorrow for sin and reach the place where the heart fairly bursts. Bearing your sin rent the heart of the Lord Jesus. "Reproach hath broken my heart" (Psa. 69:20).

Turning (to the Lord). "Turn your eyes upon Jesus." Replace the emptiness of heart with the Lord's fullness through prayer, Bible study, meeting with the saints, etc.

The reward is most promising. The Lord's promised blessings are twofold: First, a restoration of wasted years for, as He speaks to Judah, He says that He "will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten" (Joel 2:25). "I will make it up to you," are God's words. Second, He promises both temporal mercies (Joel 2:18-27) and spiritual blessings (Joel 2:28-32). The promise to Judah was Pentecost (Joel 2:28-29; see Acts 2). Do not expect a second Pentecost nor even the baptism of the Holy Spirit (which every believer has, according to I Corinthians 12:13); but do expect NEW spiritual blessings.

JOEL 3

God pours out blessing upon blessing to those who desire them and seek them His way. Joel the third chapter is God's revelation of His blessing upon His people in their great regathering—first, from Babylon and, later, from among the gentile nations. He tells of the judgment of the nations after the battle of Armageddon (Joel 3:2-7). He prophesies the everlasting kingdom (Joel 3:20). Most wonderfully, Joel's "dustbowl" will be the center of power and Christ will establish His rule as Sovereign—His role as Saviour completed (Joel 3:17).

For you, beyond those blessings which shall immediately fill your life, are the great future blessings to be had while abiding in the very presence of the Lord *forever*! There shall be showers of blessing" in the dustbowl!

Sanctification - - -

A PRESENT PROCESS

(THIRD OF A SERIES)

Just as God's Word has been so decisive in setting forth sanctification as having been an experience which has been past, it clearly speaks of this same sanctification as something which He continues to perform in the believers' lives day by day. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). When Christian people refer to sanctification as only an "experience" they are missing one of the greatest truths which God has for us as relating to our day-by-day Christian life. An experience IS the basis of Christian living—the experience of salvation or "the new birth" is the experience of which we are speaking. In a former article we sought to establish the fact that with this primary experience of all Chris-

tian peoples, God also sets into operation the sanctifying process. But the process is by no means completed in a moment, nor in a day or a year, but rather in a lifetime.

To the Christian, God gives several admonitions or commandments, as relating to his conduct to the Word of God. The Christian is to "study," "read," "take heed unto," and "let dwell within" him the Word of God. One might ask for what purpose? Having accepted Christ as Saviour and having the assurance of eternal life, of what value is there for the Christian to spend further time in the Word? Basically, there is but one, and the furtherance of our sanctification depends upon it. In John 17:17 Jesus prays, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." In Ephesians 5:26, the apostle, in speaking of the church, writes, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word."

God uses His own precious Word to cause men to see their sinful ways, even after becoming Christians, and seeing their sin, He shows to them once again the blood of His dear Son. The child of God cannot look upon his own sin with one eye and the blood of Christ with the other eye and still be the same. The Christian's heart cries out in shame, and pleads for cleansing. But this is all negative and God always supplies the positive as well as accompanying the negative. It is not enough that we be cleansed, but we must need be more like Him, so that



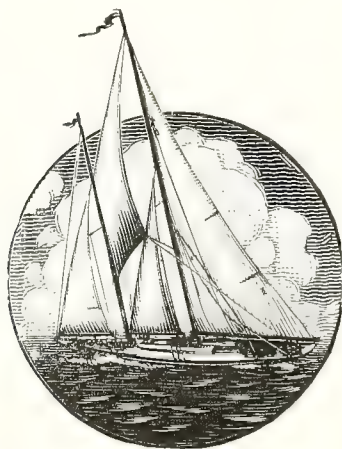
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we will not succumb to the same sin in the future.

Again, to be more like Him, we need the Word of God. Paul tells the Corinthians, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (II Cor. 3:18). This "glass" is the Word of God, for what else reveals to us the "glory of the Lord"? This "beholding" of the Word of God continues the process of our sanctification and results in the control of our fleshly appetites and lusts (I Thess. 4:2-7), our fitness for God's service (John 17:17-18; II Tim. 2:21), and our fellowship with Christ (John 13:8). Are not these the goals of the modern-day "second-work of grace, sanctifying experience" spoken of by so many? And yet, these come alone by constant study and application of the Word of God upon the individual's heart and life.

Why has the church become weak, faltering, and incompetent to successfully carry out the great plan and program of God? Why are individual Christians stumbling around, unhappy and defeated? Brethren, we need to return to the Word of God—not in our classrooms, for the Word of God is still there; not in our pulpits and churches, for the Word of God is still there; but rather in our hearts, for here it is lacking. Bickering, complaining, faultfinding—these are the results of a lack of the sanctifying process. Let us become more like Him in love, in tenderness, in understanding, and let us do it by applying the Word of God to our own individual selves and by weighing each thing which we say and do upon the basis of the revealed Word of God.



MOMENTS on the MOUNT

"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple" (Psa. 27:4).

As Christ came down from the Mount of Transfiguration to the level of the multitude, so in the 27th Psalm we find David on the mount of spiritual blessing (vss. 1-6) and then confronting life's trials (vss. 7-12).

The transition between these two main sections of the psalm is evident. In Verse 6 David says that he will *sing* praises unto the Lord, whereas in verse 7 it is his *cry* that he is talking about.

Since the moments spent in the reading of these words are to be "Moments on the Mount," let's think together of David's experiences on the mount of spiritual blessing. That will strengthen us for life's trials.

The Believer's Confidence

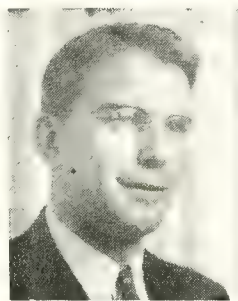
The firm foundation for David's confidence, as expressed in verses 1-3, is *his personal relationship with the Lord*. "The Lord," says David, "is my light and my salvation." It is one thing to be able to say that



ONE THING IS NECESSARY

By

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God is light. It is infinitely more to be able to say—God is *my* light. Though the blind man may know considerably about the shining of the sun, it doesn't shine for him—it gives him no light.

The personal knowledge of the Lord produces *wonderful fruit*. It gives confidence that nothing or no one else can possibly give. David could ask these questions—"whom shall I fear?" and "of whom shall I be afraid?" These questions are their own answer. And they are asked here with the purpose of expressing the truth that was written many centuries afterwards by the Apostle Paul, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31). David was able to say, "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Therefore, he could also say, "Whom shall I fear?"

The Believer's Supreme Desire

Martha was troubled about many things, but Mary chose that good part; that is, *the one thing that is necessary*. What was it for Mary? To be seated at the feet of Jesus and hear His Word (Luke 10:39). Thus,

too, David desired just one thing of the Lord. It was to have continual communion with Him. How many of us desire just one thing of the Lord? Or are we troubled about many things along life's highway? If so, the Lord rebukes us as He did Martha.

And why is it so very important to be at Jesus' feet to have fellowship with Him? Because *this blessing includes all the rest*. That's what David says in verses 5 and 6. First, the Lord will *protect* such a believer in the time of trouble. Communion with Him gives spiritual strength for the day of trouble. Next, the Lord will *exalt* the one who gives time to have fellowship with Him. Thus He did to Mary and thus He'll do to us. The one who humbles himself in the secret place will be exalted openly. And finally, the Lord *gives a song* to the heart that lives in constant fellowship with his Lord. Here in Argentina there is a magazine that is entitled "The Soul That Sings." Juan Varetto, a great Baptist preacher who recently went home to be with the Lord, pointed out that the soul that really sings is the soul redeemed by the blood of Christ—the soul dedicated to Him.

Let us desire one thing of the Lord—continual communion with Him.



OUR MODERATOR SPEAKS

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GOD'S MARCHING ORDERS FOR HIS CHURCH

"And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:46-49).

Other correlated passages related to this teaching indicate emphatically that our blessed Lord charged His original faithful followers with a serious commission—which we believe was to be continued until Christ returns. In Acts 1:11 we note that the time arrived when the servants of Christ were to turn from "stargazing" to "labor in His vineyard." "Occupy till I come" is a command that has never been revoked.

Christ's farewell injunction to His followers is well designated the *Great Commission*. It should be seriously considered by His servants as His marching orders for His church. It is *great* in its origin, being given by the King of kings and Lord of Lords. It is *great* in its importance as it has to do with the eternal destiny of immortal souls (Mark 16:15-16). It is *great* in its scope embracing all men, and it is *great* in its simplicity.

The Great Commission constitutes the supreme business of the church on earth—the work which Christ set for the Christians to accomplish in this age, the evangelization of the world. It is a work in which all Christians, young and old, educated or uneducated, rich or poor, can engage, and this command is *binding* upon every Christian. What a difference to the cause of Christendom it would make if each Christian obeyed the command of his Commander! The marching orders from the Great Captain are clear, concise, specific—GO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

First we are commanded to "Go."

Every Christian should go and can go. Many and varied are the methods of going. Don't be discouraged if the door is closed for you to go to Africa or China. There is a colored bootblack or a Chinese laundry just around the corner from where you live. And this could be multiplied a thousand times.

In the second place one might ask, "How shall we go?" The most effective witnessing yet known is by word of mouth to those around us and by the silent witnessing of a godly life. Several times recently I have been impressed from several Scriptures that God's servants are to take heed to *thyselves* and to the *doctrine*. To be strict and orthodox in doctrine and lax in living is nothing short of pathetic and detrimental. How well it has been said, "The world may not read the Bible bound in leather but it will read the Bible bound in *skin*." Then too we should go with our money—perhaps to send a substitute if we are kept at home. How often Christ is calling on His servants to *pray*, which is another way we can go. In this, as in many aspects, Christ set the perfect example.

Furthermore, Christ commands us to *preach*. We read in Acts 8:4, "They that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." Not that they all became what we now call "preachers," "or-

dained elders," having a localized pulpit and congregation, but simply that these early Christians, the laymen in the church (for we read in verse 1 that the apostles remained in Jerusalem) went about preaching the Word. If saved people today (Christians) would be constantly telling the Good News about their salvation, what it has done for them and what it could do for others, there is absolutely no calculating what the results would reveal.

Finally, Christ commands us to preach the *Gospel*. We are left in no doubt as to what to preach. It is by the foolishness of preaching and not preaching foolishness that conviction of sin will be accomplished. I may be censured for this next observation, but I have never been convinced that Christ would place His stamp of approval upon the modern tendency of substituting almost anything else but the Gospel in many of our churches. I often wonder what would be the emotional reaction of Christ if He could be visibly seen standing before the average church service as He did prior to cleansing the temple. We who have received the Gospel possess the only medicine which can cure, the sin-sick souls in all parts of the world. The King's business requires haste. The time is short. "O for a man to rise within me that the man I now am may cease to be."



Rev. J. L. Gingrich
Moderator

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HOW

DID JEPHTHAH FULFILL HIS VOW?

In Judges 11:30-40 we have the account of Jephthah and his vow to God. The practice of making vows appears in the religious history of all races that are in any degree civilized. A vow is a promise made to God to do or to give something in the future; most commonly for success in an undertaking, or for delivery from danger.

When Jephthah went forth to battle against the Ammonites he "vowed a vow unto the Lord, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands, then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the Lord's, and I will offer it up for a burnt-offering." God gave him victory and upon returning, his daughter, an only child, came forth from the house.

Opinions are sharply divided as to the way Jephthah's vow was fulfilled. Some say she was put to death; others that she was put in the temple for the rest of her physical life, as a virgin, for service to Jehovah; again it is said that Jephthah redeemed his vow with money; and, of course, the modernists say the text is corrupt and that it was changed to make a fascinating story.

After much research I have accepted the view that she was to remain a virgin and be dedicated to Jehovah's service, for several reasons.

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Jephthah knew that it would not be an animal that would come forth, for animals were not kept in the house, and animals were always sacrificed in great numbers.

In verse 40 the Hebrew word translated "lament" does not mean sorrow, but rather carries the idea "to praise" or "to celebrate." Reasonably speaking, if she were slain there would be no occasion for celebration or praise.

The *Mischna*, or tradition of the Jews, is pointedly against the human sacrifice interpretation, but there was the use of women serving in the temple. The offering of women for service such as that of Samuel in the tabernacle was a custom in Israel from the time the tabernacle was made until Israel's last temple. In the New Testament Anna was found in the temple "serving" God (Luke 2:37). Upon this evidence the possibility may clearly be seen for Jephthah's daughter to go to the temple to serve the rest of her natural life.

If she had been vowed to be a human sacrifice, she could have been redeemed for 30 pieces of silver (Lev. 27:2-4). Jephthah's action was accepted of God as honorable (Heb. 11:32; Judg. 11:40), indicating that he had not violated any doctrinal matter.

The Ammonites were the very ones that God warned of human sacrifice, and were the enemies of Jephthah. Therefore, it seems unlikely that Jephthah would commit the same sin of human sacrifice.

In Judges 11:29 we read of the experience of the Spirit of the Lord coming upon Jephthah. It was for the purpose of defeating God's enemies. If the Spirit was directing Jephthah for this purpose, I believe He would guide him from so great a sin as human sacrifice.

The fact that she was an only child and that Jephthah had attempted to set up a royal house, gives reason for great emotion and sorrow on his part. If she was to



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remain a virgin this was the end of Jephthah's plans and desires.

If she was to be slain it seems she would have remained at home for the two months instead of going into the mountains to see friends. Perhaps only the parents could visit her at the temple, thus she wanted to see her friends before leaving home.

There is absolutely nothing in the passage that says he slaughtered his daughter.

Even the example of Abraham gives proof that God does not desire human sacrifice, but faithfulness, and that God alone will supply the sacrifice.

Giving evidence that Jephthah had not fulfilled his vow against His holy will, God has listed Jephthah among the heroes of the faith in Hebrews 11:32.

With this logical reasoning opposed to the human sacrifice view, we must ultimately come to the conclusion that Jephthah fulfilled his vow by dedicating his daughter as a virgin to serve Jehovah in the temple the rest of her days.

The following is printed at the request of the Board of Evangelism:

CRUSADE TEAM TWO

The following letter was received from the present members of Brethren Evangelistic Team Two:

Everett, Penna.
June 2, 1954.

Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, Pres.,
The Board of Evangelism of the Brethren Church,
350 Morgantown Street,
Uniontown, Penna.

Dear Brother Landrum:

"Inasmuch as our ministry under the Board of Evangelism cannot be as effective as we believe God, the Holy Spirit, would have it to be, we hereby submit our resignation as Team Two of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, effective August 31, 1954.

Yours for souls,

(Signed) Walter A. Lepp, evangelist.

(Signed) Charles Bergerson, pianist.

(Signed) Frank Coffin, song leader.

Copies sent to all Board members.

This resignation was not asked for by the Board of Evangelism. We feel that we have had a great year, and that the work is going well. The Lord has blessed both Teams and many souls have been won for the Lord.

The Board of Evangelism has done everything possible in the way of praying, working, and giving to put this team in the field, and to keep them supplied through the first year, which is always the hardest year, especially financially. We have furnished this Team with everything they have asked for whenever finances have been available. In fact, your Board of Evangelism has spent hundreds of dollars more on Team Two than they have brought in in offerings. This we expected to do, since the first year is one in which certain expenditures must be made that will not need to be made in succeeding years. We do not know what more we could have done.

After prayerful consideration, the Board of Evangelism has voted (by poll vote) to accept the resignation. We do not fully understand why it must be this way, but we do feel that our God is leading. We believe God led the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to establish the Board of Evangelism, and we believe He is still in control, and that He has great victories ahead in the evangelism-revival work of our church. The work must go on.

Crusade Team Two will still go on. The personnel will be different, but it will still be Crusade Team Two. God already is leading in the selection of personnel to carry on as Team Two. We have bookings into 1955, which were made in good faith. As your Board of Evangelism, we stand ready to meet these engagements 100 percent, with men we feel will be satisfactory to all of you. We ask all pastors and members of these churches to give us the privilege of meeting these engagements as scheduled. Pray about it, discuss it, and let us know your reaction. May the Lord richly bless you all as you labor for Him in the great harvest field!

Yours for souls, and for REAL REVIVAL,

Board of Evangelism of the Brethren Church,
Clyde K. Landrum, president.

Psalms 32:8.

National Fellowship OF Brethren Laymen

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

Bill Schofield, a Hollywood businessman, spoke to the men of the First Brethren Church, WHITTIER, CALIF., on May 11 . . . New officers of the CONEMAUGH, PA. laymen's group are Raymond Anthony, pres.; Herbert Seigh, v. pres.; Arthur W. Ford, sec.-treas. On June 7 the men were guests of the Johnstown First Church . . . Bro. Mark Jury spoke to the FORT WAYNE, IND., men on May 18 . . . The LA VERNE, CALIF., men used their May 18 meeting night to attend a revival meeting in the vicinity . . . On June 11 the CUYA-HOGA FALLS, OHIO men heard Rev. M. L. Myers, new pastor of the Ellet church in Akron. . . OSCEOLA, IND., men met with the boys on June 8 for a Father-Son night . . . A gospel team from the Long Beach Men's Magnify had charge of the service at TEMPLE CITY, CALIF., May 9 . . . EAST DISTRICT laymen met at Harrisburg, Pa., June 12 . . . Rev. Gerald Teeter, of Martinsburg, spoke at the father-son banquet of the First Church, ALTOONA, PA., on June 3 . . . WINCHESTER, VA., men and boys held their father-son banquet on June 10 . . . 41 men were present at a fellowship rally of the INDIANA DISTRICT held at South Bend on June 4, and heard three speakers on the general theme of "The Laymen and Evangelism." . . . From the LEAMERSVILLE, PA., church bulletin of May 30: "82 men enjoyed the district banquet at Chilcoats last Saturday, 7 from our church, and heard a real challenge from Mr. Mason Cooper, president of our national laymen.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY

Board of Evangelism.....	\$119.93
General Fund	5.00
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Laymen, our year ends July 31, so don't forget to send your offering before this date.

In His service,

Walter Hoyt.

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SOUTH BEND, IND. Dr. James L. Boyer, of Grace Seminary, spoke at the Sunnymede Brethren Church on June 13.

YAKIMA, WASH. New pulpit and piano lamps were presented to the First Brethren Church here by the New Troy (Mich.) Brethren Church in memory of Rev. D. F. Eikenberry.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, wife of the pastor of the First Brethren Church was surprised with gifts following the Mother-Daughter banquet recently.

COMPTON, CALIF. The First Brethren Church cooperated in the Canvas Cathedral Crusade, led by Rev. Jesse M. Hendley, June 6-27.

BUENA VISTA, VA. Miss Clare Schwartz, missionary on furlough from Africa, was the speaker at the First Brethren Church on June 13.

FREMONT, OHIO. The Sunday school of the Grace Brethren Church gives its entire offering on the last Sunday of the month to the building fund of the church. A Sunday-school library is being planned.

WOOSTER, OHIO. On June 6 the First Brethren Church honored its high-school graduates with a special message in the morning, the young people participating in the evening service, and a special "Senior Fellowship" at the parsonage afterward.

LONDON. The London Evening News, the world's largest evening newspaper, devoted the entire front and back pages of the May 22 issue

to the Greater London Crusade, with a quarter-page picture of Evangelist Billy Graham. During the campaign more than two million people attended the services.

LIMESTONE, TENN. Rev. Harold Arrington, recent graduate from Grace Seminary, arrived here June 1 to assume his duties as pastor of the Vernon Brethren Church.

WAYNESBORO, PA. Rev. Dennis Holliday has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church, having served there four years. Any church needing a pastor may contact him at his Waynesboro address.

WHITTIER, CALIF. The Sunday school annex of the Community Brethren Church was dedicated on June 27, with Dr. Charles Mayes, of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach as the speaker.

LISTIE, PA. Young people of the Listie Brethren Church held a banquet on June 4 in honor of their high school graduates. William Johnson, recent graduate of Grace Seminary, was the speaker.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. The June 13 bulletin of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church prints the news that Bro. S. W. Link, who recently underwent eye surgery, is doing fine. Brother Link is a member of the board of the Missionary Herald Co.

SOUTH GATE, CALIF. Bro. Bill Burk, who with his wife and family are soon to leave for our mission field in Brazil, was ordained to the gospel ministry in a special service at the First Brethren Church June 13.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Commencement exercises for the third graduating class of Brethren High School were held June 17, with Dr. Paul Bauman, vice president of Grace Seminary, as speaker.

LA CRESCENTA, CALIF. The junior high group of the Mountain Brethren Church held a progressive dinner party June 12 honoring the grade-school graduates of 1954. Miss Ann Berkey was guest of honor. Mrs. Charles H. Brown was in charge of party arrangements including a swim and barbecue.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Scheduled appearances here of Mr. R. G. LeTourneau, well-known Christian businessman, were canceled when his pilot, Bob Flanigan, of Long View, Tex., was killed. Mr. Flani-

In Memoriam

Mr. H. J. Hartzler, 84, entered his heavenly home on May 18. He was a member of the First Brethren Church of Sterling, Ohio. He was the father of Mrs. Russell Barnard, of Winona Lake, Ind., and Mrs. Nelson Hall, wife of the assistant pastor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.—*Rev. J. L. Gingrich, pastor, First Brethren Church, Sterling, Ohio.*

Mrs. Elizabeth Landis, 87, departed from this life on May 17. She had accepted Christ as her Saviour on Nov. 15, 1953, and gave real evidence of faith in the Lord although she was saved only a few months.—*Rev. Nelson Hall, assistant pastor, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.*

Edgar B. Simmons, a member of the Conemaugh Brethren Church since 1932, was very suddenly promoted to glory on June 3. He died while sitting in a chair reading the evening news.—*Rev. Stanley Hauser, pastor, Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.*

Mrs. Clifford Funderburg departed from this life on Mar. 9. She had been a lifelong member of the Brethren Church. She resided in Huntington, Ind., for many years.

igan, who had been LeTourneau's pilot for 20 years, was testing the plane for the flight to Fort Wayne when the crash occurred.

UNIONTOWN, PA. A light in the vestibule of the First Brethren Church blinks red when church Improvement Fund goal was not met the previous Sunday. It blinks green when the fund goal is met.

SEATTLE, WASH. A Family Altar Class meets each Sunday evening at the View Ridge Brethren Church. On June 13 the topic discussed was "How to Conduct the Family Altar."

ALTOONA, PA. William Johnson, recent graduate from Grace Seminary, was licensed to the Gospel ministry on June 6 by the First Brethren Church here. He began his ministry as pastor of the Danville (Ohio) Brethren Church on June 13.

REMEMBER, THE PRINTED PAGE IS THE MOST ENDURING

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MEANS TO A COLLEGE PROFESSOR

The mid-twentieth century is an age of doctrinal indifference and confusion. Differences in creeds are minimized and even deplored. Such pithy expressions as "all roads eventually lead to God" and Christianity is merely "a way of life" are popular and thought to be in intellectual circles as evidence of maturity and the possession of a tolerant mind. Many of my colleagues in the profession believe that one religious belief is as worthy of acceptance as another. Their view of life is mirrored in the conversation of Alice in Wonderland to the Cheshire Puss when she asked, "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to walk from here?" Said the cat, "That de-

pends a good deal on where you want to get to." Alice answered, "I don't much care where." "Then," replied the cat, "it doesn't matter which way you walk." Alice added as an explanation, "... so long as I get somewhere." "Oh, you're sure to do that," said the cat, "if you only walk long enough."

The Bible warns, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God, for many false prophets are gone out into the world." I rejoice when I can read a spiritual publication like the Brethren Missionary Herald, which presents the unadulterated Gospel of Christ and not the current philosophies of the day or a moral

ethic which leaves out our Saviour as the only source, giver, and inspiration in my daily life.

When I drive into a filling station I don't do it just to see the fellow smile and wave at me and say hello. I don't just get the water and tires checked, and the windshield wiped. No; I want gas! So for my reading I seek fuel for the fire of faith. We vote for a political candidate whom we believe will be most apt to carry out the program we favor. A housewife purchases one make of vacuum cleaner rather than another because she believes it a better one from the standpoint of economy and performance. Such everyday decisions as to whether to pass another car, which golf club to use, or which book to read for pleasure are always made consciously or unconsciously on the basis of our beliefs.

What is true in the secular realm is equally true in the spiritual aspects of living. For a more comprehensive understanding of the way in which God's "go forth" command is being followed today, I find documentary evidence in the pages of the Herald. Therein I read about present activities in various Brethren mission fields around the world; plans about the extension of the testimony to other areas not yet touched; and the spiritual and financial needs with which I personally should be acquainted. How the responsibility for training workers in both the home and mission areas is implemented I find in the articles dealing with the physical facilities and curriculum plans at Grace Theological Seminary. For the girding of my own faith and the widening of my own spiritual understanding I find pleasure in reading scholarly monographs presented by men well-trained in Christ-centered theology. In summation, the Brethren Missionary Herald continues my educational process in those things which count not only for time but for eternity.



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METHOD OF PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

WHAT THE MISSIONARY HERALD

MEANS TO A CHRISTIAN CONTRACTOR

By Mr. C. G. Miller

In writing on a theme like the above title, I am compelled to go back in retrospection for a few years at least. Being in the contracting business for a much longer period than the Missionary Herald has been in existence, I can easily recall reading our former church paper for many years before our group was divided into two camps.

In stating what the present Missionary Herald means to me as a contractor allow me to first call to mind several un-Scriptural statements as to faith found in our former paper that placed emphasis on baptismal regeneration, different ways to be saved, and the life of Christ as an exemplary life to be followed as a ritual in order to arrive at the Father's house at the end of the road.

I can well remember writing to the late Dr. L. S. Bauman on these issues, asking if there wasn't some way to curb these articles that appeared from time to time. As a layman I was ashamed to have folk read our paper since I knew we did not believe such manmade tales. I remember vividly Dr. Bauman's answer that he also regretted very much the appearance of these articles but that it was impossible to do anything about it.

Having said this, I can now truthfully say, "It's all different now."



MR. C. G. MILLER

Brother Miller, of Waterloo, Iowa, has been a member of the Brethren Home Missions Council for many years, and served this last year as the moderator of the Iowa District Conference of Brethren Churches.

We now have a church paper that not only our own people enjoy receiving but is recognized by other fundamental church leaders as a unique paper filled with not only church news but articles written by people who know where we came from and where we are going, based on the teaching of the Word of God, and not man's philosophy of religion. As a builder, I am convinced that our Missionary Herald is based on a sound foundation, one that has been tried and found true. It also gives instructions how we can shape other stones and get them fit for this building that God is erecting through the Spirit—living stones, as Peter tells us, and Christ is the Chief Cornerstone.

Speaking of cornerstones, let me state there is a great difference from this Chief Cornerstone and the one we usually set in our modern buildings in which we put a lot of items stating where we came from and who is who, etc. In this Chief Cornerstone all identity of the past is forgiven and forgotten and we become new creatures, fit for the Mas-

ter's use, one in Him, and identified with His death, burial, and resurrection to walk in newness of life. The Lord Jesus becomes a hiding place when the storms and billows roll. We are sheltered in the Rock. We can bring all our cares to Him, for He careth for us.

This is the kind of material the Missionary Herald uses to help build, under God, the church that is founded on the Rock.

May we renew our pledge to help make the Brethren Missionary Herald the finest church paper in existence to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. By prayer, and the giving of our means we can provide new equipment and expand the printed page with good sound fundamental material that we will be able to profit by, and then pass it on to others with no apology as to its orthodoxy.

Let us herald forth the whys and wherefores of our unique message of the Brethren Church to a lost and dying world. It is later than we think! We must buy up the time left for His glory!

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OVER 20,000 ARE REACHED BY THE MISSIONARY HERALD

A MARINE CHAPLAIN

Someone has said, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." This is true in our case because, being in the Marine Corps, we are in many areas where there is no Brethren fellowship. For this reason the Missionary Herald is the link that binds us to those we have come to know and love.

Perhaps I can explain the Missionary Herald's meaning this way. Janis (Mrs. Jenkins) goes to the mailbox and as she comes back into the house she says, "The Missionary Herald has come." Immediately the Marines establish a "beachhead" on the davenport and we scan over the News Briefs. After we have seen what is happening in the churches throughout the brotherhood we then get a bird's-eye glance at the articles in that particular issue.

This doesn't give the entire picture of the Missionary Herald's reception in our home, but it does give you an idea of what happens. The true picture is as with any publication—it takes time to read it over. Thus after the children are in bed and the dishes are done we sit down and begin to read each page and each

BLESSED BY MISSIONARY HERALD

By LT. LEE JENKINS, USMC

article. Janis looks forward to the WMC issue, and of course my interest turns to the various articles and happenings in the home field and on the foreign fields. It is a little bit of the Brethren Church that has come to visit us.

Just the other night I got out all the Heralds that we have been saving since 1947. If you have saved yours, you know that there are quite a few. The reason for the sudden attention to the Heralds was the fact that Janis said that we had to make some room. Traveling and moving with the Marine Corps often causes you to rid yourselves of a lot of things you would ordinarily keep. Ours were becoming hard to handle. So I sat down and began to go through each one, saving all the articles that would help me and be a source of blessing to me.

When I was through I had a nice, well-rounded collection of articles. This will be of real benefit to me as I go overseas. There will be little room for books and seminary notes and then too you always run the chance of your gear becoming lost. For a preacher to lose his books is a first-class tragedy. *The articles that have been saved from Missionary Heralds will be my library.* They will be easy to handle and can be carried right along with me wherever I go. They are written by the best men of our church and cover every subject that is needed for a practical ministry.

Our thanks for the Missionary Herald and its value in our Brethren home. Truly it helps to bridge the oceans and countries that separate us.

CHAPLAIN LEE JENKINS

Chaplain Jenkins was born in Dayton, Ohio, December 16, 1922. At the age of 1 year he was stricken with infantile paralysis, but the Lord was gracious, and there were no after-effects. As a lad of 9 he was nearly drowned, but again God intervened, for He had work for him to do. It was about this time that young Lee accepted Christ as his Saviour in the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, under the ministry of Dr. R. D. Barnard, who was then pastor of the church.

While attending Bethany summer camp he felt the call of the Lord to full-time Christian service. Upon graduation from high school he attended Bob Jones College, Miami University (Oxford, Ohio), North Manchester College, and Grace Seminary.

During World War II he served four years with the Marine Corps, with two years service in the Pacific area overseas.

Upon completion of his seminary work he became the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Lake Odessa, Mich., where he served until he entered the service as a chaplain.



SGT. JACK SAPP AND CHAPLAIN LEE JENKINS
(Official Marine Corps Photo—2d Marine Division)

GIVE TO THIS MISSIONARY WORK THAT IS WORLDWIDE

THE MISSIONARY HERALD ARRIVES IN AFRICA

By Rev. Wayne Beaver, Bozoum, Africa

There are few readers of the Brethren Missionary Herald in the United States that realize the many and varied uses that the Herald has on the foreign field. Visiting in one native hut on our field in French Equatorial Africa, I was interested to find that the Herald makes nice wallpaper, for fastened to the mud walls were copies of the Herald of many months, with the faces of home pastors and foreign missionaries looking out from the printed page.

Time after time have native Christians opened their Sango New Testaments to show us pictures of the late Dr. L. S. Bauman which had been clipped from the Herald. Some of the more favored native Christians who have gotten their own picture in the Herald some time over the years were sure to get several copies from various missionaries.

At the Bible Institute the students find that between the pages of the Herald their lesson material can be safely filed. Some missionaries find that the natives in their area will scorn money, but will gladly swap an egg a page, especially if that issue of the Herald has lots of pictures. Many a native has received his dosage of pills from one of the mission dispensaries wrapped in part of the Missionary Herald.

However, in addition to these



Dr. O. D. Jobson (left) and Rev. Wayne Beaver.

practical uses, it is through the reading of the Herald that your missionaries are able to keep in touch with the various departments of the church. On arrival, the News Briefs are eagerly read and discussed, for everything is dropped when mail arrives. Our houseboys have never been able to understand how food will be left to grow cold on the table

while the Missionary Herald is scanned and exclamations made over various items.

Then later when there is opportunity for more careful reading (usually in the evening), the splendid articles are read and digested. As the missionary life is one of daily giving out the Word, these times of feasting on the expositions of His Word are times of real blessing made possible through the Missionary Herald being sent by railroad, boat, plane, and truck to all corners of our Brethren mission fields.

Of great importance to us as missionaries is the opportunity that we have of reaching each one of you in the homeland through the Missionary Herald with our reports telling how the Lord has been blessing and also telling of the problems and difficulties that we face for which we covet earnest prayer. We feel that through the ministry of the Herald you know more about our work of winning lost souls for Christ, and consequently more prayer has ascended to the Lord, which in turn has sustained us so many times in great need.

Now as the dark clouds of communism are spreading with ever-increasing influence over the conti-

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THE MISSIONARY HERALD ARRIVES IN BRAZIL

By Rev. Edward Miller, Macapa, Brazil

As many of you know by experience there is nothing so welcome when away from home as a letter from former classmates in school and other friends telling about recent activities in the old hometown. In many respects the Missionary Herald is actually many letters all wrapped up in one cover. As we read the reports of blessings from the churches in the homeland, reports from other foreign fields, as well as many articles of real spiritual value, it seems as though we are receiving a personal letter from the pastors and missionaries themselves. So when we receive the Missionary



Rev. Eddie Miller (left) and two natives stand on the Equator.

Herald (as many as four or five at a time) we are always eager to read all news from our home churches and everything else is put aside in order to glance through the magazine hurriedly. Then later on, usually at night, we read the Missionary Herald through from cover to cover. Needless to say, we here on the foreign field would be almost completely out of contact with the activities of our churches and boards without the Missionary Herald. Certainly this important ministry is worthy of our prayers and support and I for one greatly appreciate this magazine and would not like to do without it.

BLESSINGS ARE RECEIVED FROM MISSIONARY HERALD BY

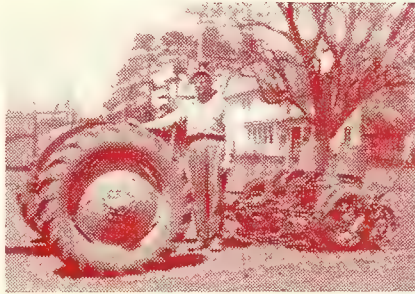
"OUT ON THE FARM"

By Mr. Ralph Grady, Waterloo, Iowa

I am very thankful for the opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the Brethren Missionary Herald in our home, and then to relate also what the ministry of the Herald means to me personally.

I praise the Lord for the Brethren denomination and its motto, "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible." And then in "farmers' terms" I praise Him for the "by-products" of our denomination, the Foreign Missionary Society, the Home Missions Council, Grace Theological Seminary, and last but not least—the Brethren Missionary Herald.

The Brethren Missionary Herald is a paper which is much looked forward to in our mail. Every week its arrival in our home is a source of real blessing. Time nor space do not permit us to tell in full our testimony for the Missionary Herald. In the past week or so that I have been thinking on this article it has caused my heart to rejoice because I have thought of blessings which I re-



Mr. Ralph Grady

ceived from its pages that I have never counted before.

The Herald gives us a well-rounded picture of our Brethren work. First, it provides us with firsthand information from our missionaries on the foreign fields—their problems, their blessings, and their ministry in general. Ofttimes their challenging messages and letters seemingly take us right to the field with them.

Secondly, through the Missionary Herald we are informed of new

home-mission fields under consideration which we can pray about. Through its pages we have a knowledge of the scope of our home-mission work, the churches and their pastors. We have had the blessed privilege of attending several national conferences and learning to know many of these pastors and home missionaries and then it seems that through the year we still have a contact with them through the Missionary Herald in the fine spiritual articles which they and other pastors so faithfully write.

The Missionary Herald unites our churches as a praying unit through the monthly prayer request page. It reports the victories both at home and on the foreign field.

In general we can say that the Missionary Herald is a "weekly" which we would not desire to be without because it is like a letter from our national work. It is a real joy at the close of the day, when the chores are finished, to sit down and read the Missionary Herald.

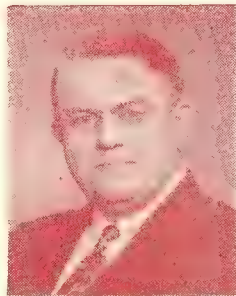
A WORTHY CHANNEL

By Dr. Russell D. Barnard

General Secretary, Foreign Missionary Society

Although we have abundance of water in the well, if we have not pipes or some arrangement for getting the water, we could die of thirst. We might have the most powerful electric generator, but without wires our houses could not be lighted. Great cities are marvels of organization, but without an effective transportation system they would be greatly hindered.

We have about 7,000 members of our Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. All of them desire our missionary news from our various fields, and we have a continual desire to contact each one of all these members, living as they do



Dr. R. D. Barnard

in all parts of the world. How can we do it? There are probably many ways, but no way so easy, so convenient, nor so effective as through

the pages of the Brethren Missionary Herald. The one foreign mission issue each month serves as an ideal channel of information.

Then of course the editor is very gracious and carries emergency, or especially urgent, items in any one of the issues. We are well pleased with the arrangement for our foreign mission publicity through this, our fine magazine. It really belongs to all of us, so we should all help in its support, and pray for those who handle these messages of God, that they shall handle them aright. Please fully support the Brethren Missionary Herald with your prayers and your gifts.

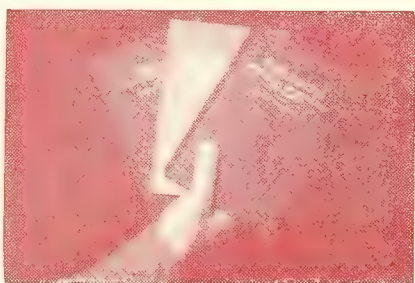
OUR MISSIONARIES ON FIELDS IN FAR-AWAY PLACES

Pictorial History of Printing A. D. 1770



Alexander Mack's Bible

It was this Bible that led him to found the Brethren Church, for he could find no existing church which practiced the things taught in this Book.



1954—254 Years Later

The presses still record our Brethren history, our Sunday-school literature, and, above this, the Gospel.

A gift from your hand will help us hand back to you a better *Missionary Herald*.



Where Brethren Printing

Home of Christopher Sower near his house was upstairs. The printing was done there.

First Sunday-School Literature

Robert Raikes started his "first" Sunday school in 1770. The Brethren had a Sunday school in Germantown, Pa. in 1738. The Bible was the textbook, but cards like this one were furnished by the Sower Press.

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Sower Bible

The edition of 1743 was the first complete Bible printed in a European language in America. The edition of 1763 was the first printed on American-made paper. The last edition, 1776, was famous because the type was made by Sower, and it was the first Bible printed from type made in America.

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100-PERCENT CHURCHES TOTAL 114

Listed below are 114 churches that subscribe 100 percent to the Missionary Herald, according to our records. The cities named have in them Brethren churches and pastors that realize the value of the Missionary Herald in their missionary work, in the reaching of prospective members, and in the spiritual edification of their membership.

As our NFBC grows, so grows the list of 100-percent churches; and so grows the work of our boards and auxiliary organizations.

If there is any error in this list, we would appreciate if contact would be made at once with the Missionary Herald office for correction. Thank you.

Akron, Ohio
 Albany, Oregon
 Alto, Michigan
 Altoona, Pennsylvania (Juniata)
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 Artesia, California
 Ashland, Ohio
 Beaumont, California
 Beaver City, Nebraska
 Bell, California
 Bellflower, California
 Berne, Indiana
 Berrien Springs, Michigan
 Buena Vista, Virginia
 Camden, Ohio
 Canton, Ohio
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 Chico, California
 Clay City, Indiana
 Clayhole, Kentucky
 Cleveland, Ohio
 Conemaugh, Pennsylvania (Conemaugh)
 Conemaugh, Pennsylvania (Pike)
 Cumberland, Maryland
 Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
 Dallas Center, Iowa
 Danville, Ohio
 Davenport, Iowa
 Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)
 Dayton, Ohio (First)
 Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)
 Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)
 Denver, Colorado
 Elkhart, Indiana
 Everett, Pennsylvania
 Fillmore, California
 Findlay, Ohio
 Flora, Indiana
 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Fremont, Ohio
 Garwin, Iowa
 Glendale, California
 Goshen, Indiana
 Hagerstown, Maryland
 Harrah, Washington
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
 Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania
 Hollins, Virginia
 Homerville, Ohio
 Hopewell, Pennsylvania
 Huntington, Indiana
 Jenners, Pennsylvania
 Johnson City, Tennessee
 Johnstown, Pennsylvania (River-side)
 Kittanning, Pennsylvania (N. Buffalo)
 Kittanning, Pennsylvania (First)
 La Crescenta, California
 Lake Odessa, Michigan

La Verne, California
 Leamersville, Pennsylvania
 Leesburg, Indiana
 Listie, Pennsylvania
 Long Beach, California (First)
 Los Angeles, California (Community)
 Martinsburg, Pennsylvania
 Martinsburg, West Virginia
 Meyersdale, Pennsylvania
 Middlebranch, Ohio
 Modesto, California (Breth. Christian Center)
 Modesto, California (La Loma)
 New Troy, Michigan
 North English, Iowa
 Norwalk, California
 Osceola, Indiana
 Ozark, Michigan
 Paramount, California
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (First)
 Phoenix, Arizona
 Pond Bank, Pennsylvania
 Portland, Oregon
 Radford, Virginia
 Riner, Virginia
 Rittman, Ohio
 Roanoke, Virginia (Clearbrook)
 Roanoke, Virginia (Ghent)
 Roanoke, Virginia (Wash. Heights)
 Salem, Oregon
 San Bernardino, California
 Seattle, Washington
 Seven Fountains, Virginia
 Sharpsville, Indiana
 Sidney, Indiana
 Sidney, Ohio
 South Bend, Indiana
 South Gate, California
 South Pasadena, California
 Spokane, Washington
 Sterling, Ohio
 Sunnyside, Washington
 Taos, New Mexico
 Temple City, California
 Tracy, California
 Troy, Ohio
 Uniontown, Pennsylvania
 Washington, D. C.
 Washington, Pennsylvania
 Waterloo, Iowa
 Waynesboro, Pennsylvania
 Wheaton, Illinois
 Whittier, California (Community)
 Whittier, California (First)
 Winchester, Virginia
 Winona Lake, Indiana
 Wooster, Ohio
 Yakima, Washington
 York, Pennsylvania

Testimonies From Herald Readers

Mrs. H. C. Tiesing
 Fresno, Calif.

"I do so enjoy the Missionary Herald, and I have found it to be very helpful in my Christian walk also. It seems sometimes as if you must know my very problems, as so often your articles deal with a problem confronting me at the very time. It is so precious that our wonderful Lord is interested in every detail of our life, and uses different ways and means to work out these details. This is to let you know of another way in which the Lord has used your inspiring Herald to bring blessing and guidance to the life of a fellow pilgrim. May the Lord continue to bless and use you for His glory."

Mrs. Ida Watson
 Mansfield, Ohio

"I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the splendid articles that appear from time to time in the Brethren Herald by the various pastors. What a day of rejoicing there will be for the true and faithful servants of God who have been giving forth the Word of Truth."

IS YOUR CHURCH LISTED AS A "100-PERCENT CHURCH"?

MY PAPER

THE MISSIONARY HERALD

By MRS. RUTH WAYMIRE

Clayton, Ohio

I have now been receiving the Missionary Herald for 10 years as a businesswoman, and it is from this viewpoint that I wish to give my testimony to my paper, the Missionary Herald—what it means to me.

When one enters the business world and must associate with all types of people, and hear of the literature that most of them read, I feel that to sit down and open the pages of our own Missionary Herald is like dwelling in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Many persons have this feeling when they enter their homes at the end of the day's work and feel the warmth and love and affection from their families. But to one living alone, the fellowship that comes from reading of the lives and activities of those who are in the field laboring for our Lord, is indeed heartwarming. It is like reading letters from loved ones throughout the world.

Many confess that the first thing they read are the News Briefs, then the news from the churches. That's

fine—so do I—but that is just the “appetizer.” Then we get into the main part of the “meal,” the meat of the Word. There is the greatest blessing. Special features such as “Under the Parsonage Roof” have a charm and heart appeal, as well as a lesson in living in a Christian home.

Dividing the issues into the four main interests of our denomination is quite excellent. With the emphasis on one at a time, our minds are concentrated upon that interest, and we can think, pray, and give more intently and wholeheartedly.

I am employed at the Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, as a mimeograph operator. There is little time or opportunity to witness save to those in my own small department, but through contacts with others I can, by my life, let them know that I have a personal acquaintance with the Lord.

I consider the Herald informative, interesting, and inspiring—I read it from cover to cover, and then pass it on to someone who does not receive it. I just can't throw them away, and they are too valuable to accumulate upon some shelf.



“I See by the Herald . . .”

On a recent visit to see some Brethren students at Iowa University, I noticed a big, beautiful, brand-new building labeled “COMMUNICATIONS.” Upon inquiry, I learned that this was where speech, journalism, advertising, radio, and other subjects related to the problem of getting a message across to others, were taught. The importance of these subjects was emphasized by the size and situation of the building.

In the course of my conversations with the students I visited at the school, the remark came up a time or two, “I see by the Herald . . .” and then some item of significance and denominational interest would be

BY REV. RALPH COLBURN
National Youth Director



discussed. And I couldn't help but remember the important part the Brethren Missionary Herald plays

among Brethren youth, especially Brethren youth who are away from home, in college, or Bible school, or seminary. It is the heart of our communications between the missionaries, pastors, educators, and leaders of the Brethren Church, and the people of the church.

Without the Missionary Herald most of us would have no reliable, speedy source of denominational news. Without the Missionary Herald many of our young people who are in schools training for Christian service would lose contact with the challenges God has given our church.

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SANCTIFICATION

One of the greatest practical truths of the Word of God is that God is able to finish that which He begins. It is true of every work of God—He is not limited by circumstances or things, as are men. Thus it is true of the believers' sanctification. Once again we turn to Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you [past sanctification] will perform it [present sanctification] until the day of Jesus Christ [future sanctification]." The Christian's growth in perfectness should be steady and forward until he stands before Christ and is fashioned in His likeness in every way. Paul's life was lived with this in mind, as he tells us in Philippians 3:12-14, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already PERFECT, but I follow after, if that I may apprehend THAT FOR WHICH ALSO I AM APPREHENDED of Christ Jesus."

That there is a future aspect to sanctification we find in reading I Thessalonians 5:23, taking it from the revised version, which reads as follows: "And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." From this we learn that this sanctification is attained at the time of the coming of Jesus Christ. There are those who would qualify this statement by saying that death brings about the same sanctification. It is true that death brings about an end to sin, but this is only negative, and as we have seen, sanctification is always a positive work as well. Only the believer standing in the presence of Christ will realize his state equal to his standing—"We

A FUTURE ATTAINMENT

(LAST OF A SERIES)

shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:2).

This truth has its effect in our present daily living. First of all, we have this confidence, that if God has designed to complete our sanctification at the time of the coming of His Son, then we may rest in His security. I Thessalonians 5:24, following after Paul's prayer for our perfect sanctification, says, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." Thus the faithfulness of God is at stake. If we are His, He will see to it that we become like Him. We then note this, that if the unhindered vision of Jesus Christ will complete our being like unto Him, it follows that we should have greater confidence of the working of the Word of God in our present sanctification. For it is in the Word of God today that we can also have an unhindered vision of the Son of God.

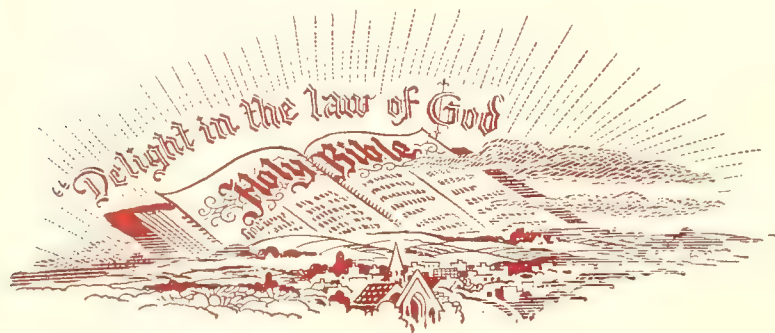
Summing up the whole matter of our sanctification, we are led to make this observation. There are so many professing Christians across this land of ours today who are seeking to excuse their indifferent, sinful, hateful manner of living with the assertion, "Well, no one is perfect and we will never be perfect until we get to heaven, so I guess

By REV. FOREST LANCE
Findlay Brethren Church
Findlay, Ohio

that I am just as good as the next person." God never intended that this should be the attitude of any of His children, and this is not the attitude of the born-again child of God. This is the admission on the part of a person who realizes that he is not coming up to the measure of his profession. The constant attitude of every Christian ought always to be this: "Although I am not perfect in my manner of life, yet by God's help and by the strength He gives to me, I shall strive to become more perfect, day by day, ever looking forward to that day when I shall be with Him and shall be like Him forevermore." As we read and study and listen to the Word of God and permit the Spirit of God to operate in our lives unhindered, we shall realize our goal.

May God give us a love for this precious doctrine in His Word, and may we have a clear understanding of it. It is so important to victorious Christian living and to a strong, energetic church, that Satan will continue to becloud the Truth with false teachings and uncertainties, seeking to keep the practical aspects of sanctification away from the hearts and the lives of God's children.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."



BEFORE us now is a subject about which very little has been written. Perhaps the varied ideas of vastly different religions, Christian and non-Christian alike, in immensely scattered regions, contradictory and disharmonious in thought and purpose, have given rise to this illiteracy so prevalent in modern minds today. But this is no reason why every Christian ought not to give thought and study to this problem and prayerfully seek the minute margin of the Word of God to which we so carefully attempt to subscribe with regard to the rest of the revelation of God.

Church membership is vastly more important than the place accorded it in fundamental church thought today. Compromise with sin in the life of those who have named the name of Christ, and the presence of those with such a life in the legislative bodies of our churches is largely if not entirely responsible for this slackness in understanding the char-

acter and responsibility of church membership.

Church Membership in a Modern World

Church membership in our modern world is a degeneracy. The writer Luke tells us in the second chapter of Acts, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." How far this is from modern methods can be seen from a quick perusal of the field of practical theology as taught by the cults, isms, and liberal groups. Today the preacher with up-to-date methods and no old-fashioned religion will solicit by mail, telephone, and house to house, or any other means at his disposal, to secure names and names only—not souls—to add to the roll of his church or to the count of his parish. His interest is almost entirely in building a sizeable organization for social and humanitarian work only.

Every Christian who is a member of a Bible-believing church ought to be thankful that the methods of his church have not degenerated that far. Yet, perhaps even in this, our thinking and methods have been somewhat influenced. Governmental regulations as to organization, charter, and incorporation, though good for us and our country, and competition with all sorts of church groups around us, may possibly cause us to spend valueless effort in securing a membership which is, after all, only a list of names in that it does not in too many cases coincide with the Lamb's book of life.

to be a standard which gives evidence of the operation of sanctification in the life. Some may say that this smacks of works. How true! After we are saved good works should be a normal outgrowth of the Christian life. This is the burden of the epistle of James.

In recognizing these truths, there has arisen, in recent years, a rather new system of church membership. It is not vastly different, but its differences are worthy of at least our brief consideration. It is being used by a very few Brethren churches. Chiefly its difference is in its twofold membership made up of fellowship and corporation members, with a covenant card to be signed each year to maintain good standing. By not signing this card, which represents a standard of Christian living established by the local church, one automatically removes himself from the privileges accompanying membership. New Christians enter the fellowship membership, and as growth in grace occurs, they fulfill the obligations of church membership and thus assume a place in the legislation and leadership of the church.

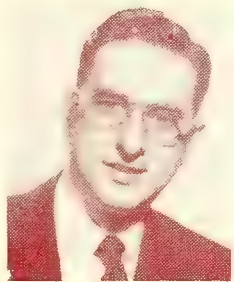
In the Great Commission we are commanded to have part in a teaching ministry. It is extremely difficult for a church to teach new Christians to turn away from sin (habits or actions so prevalent even in Christian circles today) when in the membership of the church there are those who claim to be Christians, yet whose lives are characterized with the very things we desire the Lord to take from each new Christian.

Church Membership in Challenge

In this generation church membership is in challenge to produce real, tested Christianity and stability of life essential to Christian service as never before. Rather than lower our standards and open ourselves to the onslaught of Satan, we must hold higher the standard of the church of Jesus Christ "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Church Membership in Its Organization

Keeping in mind that which has gone before, we must remember that the standard of church membership ought to be high—as high as the standard of Christian conduct itself. To fix this standard is the increasing problem of the centuries. Certainly it ought to include the truths of justification and sanctification. It ought



Rev. John Mayes

IS THE STANDARD
FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
TOO LOW?

OF WHAT VALUE IS A
NAME ON THE CHURCH ROLL?

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

BY REV. JOHN MAYES

PASTOR, PARAMOUNT BRETHREN CHURCH
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WHO IS

A great name for a prophet! It is practically a statement of faith. Nothing is known about Micah except what he himself wrote, and that is very little. Like John the Baptist, he had nothing to say of his own importance; he had someone greater to talk about. Further details include only the name of his hometown, Moresheth (about 20 miles southwest of Jerusalem), and the kings during whose reigns he prophesied, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.

The key verse of his prophesy is an enlargement on the meaning of his name. "Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy" (7:18).

The prophecy is in three parts, each a separate address. Each section follows the same general stages of reproof of sin, threat of judgment, and promise of deliverance, but the emphasis in each is different. "In the first the threatening of judgment predominates; in the second the announcement of messianic salvation; in the third the admonition to repentance under the chastening hand of the Lord, in order to participate in the promised salvation" (Keil).

The prophet is greatly distressed because of the sins of his people. He indicts them for their ill-gotten gains, "the treasures of wickedness" acquired through the use of "the scant measure," "wicked balances," and the "bag of deceitful weights." Added to this are the lying and deceitful tongue, the violence of rich men, and idolatry.

The great men of the nation have led the people into this sinful condition. "The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money." The leaders can be bribed. Money is their motive, not the glory of God. But Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." To serve mammon is to serve another god. It is the very heart of idolatry when the representatives of divine authority use their office for personal gain rather than to carry out God's will.

How soon a nation forgets that its blessings come from God! The Lord reminds them of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage, and of how

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He cared for them through the wilderness wanderings. And then He raises the question, "O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me." To bring a thousand sacrifices when they are living in sin will not please Him. "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

But in the face of all their sin and misrule, they have the effrontery to claim that they are in line with God's testimony. "Yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us" (3:11). How carefully we need to examine our own lives today lest we should be guilty of similar hypocrisy!

However much a nation may say, "Nothing can happen to us," they will find that calamity can indeed come upon them when they do not walk before God in holiness. And because of their sin, the prophet announces the judgment of God upon the nation of Israel. Upon Samaria it is to be invasion and destruction by the Assyrians; upon Judah, by the Babylonians. "I will make Samaria as an heap of the field" (1:6). "Zion for your sake [shall] be plowed as a field" (3:12).

With the prospect of these things, the prophet mourns, for there is no



BY REV. LOWELL HOYT
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JEHOVAH?

escaping them, "her wound is incurable." "I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons [jackals], and mourning as the owls [ostriches]" (1:8). Lest they be laughed to scorn, he advises them not to let their enemies, the Philistines, know that so wretched a condition exists in Israel. "Declare ye it not at Gath, weep ye not at all [there]" (1:10).

But the prophet has better things to speak of. There is a time coming when Israel shall worship God in holiness, and "walk in his paths." It will be a time of peace and plenty. "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks," and "they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree" (4:3-4).

Neither science, education, nor politics will bring this about. It will come only when He comes whose right it is to rule. The coming Judge of Israel, as the prophet sees Him dimly in the distance, is first to be smitten, and then to rule and to feed them "in the strength of the Lord." He is to come out of obscure Bethlehem, but He is the one "whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting," none other than Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God.

The prophet closes, rejoicing that "He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old" (7:19-20). Who is like Jehovah?

In thinking about what the Herald means to me, I have been made to realize it is one of the things, of spiritual significance, that I have not been grateful enough for in the past. As a family we eagerly await its arrival each week, but there are several reasons why I find it especially beneficial as a nurse.

In these times those of us in the profession find ourselves extremely busy; it is almost impossible to spend time in study and the relaxation of reading. The articles in the Herald are short and to the point as well as covering a broad scope of subjects. We never hesitate to hand the paper to a friend because we know it is true to the Word. The news items are always interesting and sometimes we even read about our own loved ones, things we might otherwise never learn.

In the nursing profession one has many opportunities to witness for the Lord. We deal with people during the most serious and eventful times of their lives. We are thrilled when we come in contact with those who love the Lord and read His Word. There are many with whom we can enjoy fellowship in talking about the things of the Lord. How our hearts are also challenged every day when we meet those who have

little knowledge and no desire for spiritual things.

We soon learn the type of person we are dealing with by the kind of

By MRS. ROBERT ASHMAN
Winona Lake, Ind.



literature they read. We hear much about comic books and their effect on our youth. It is amazing how many grown men and women are captivated by them, as well as more degrading books and magazines. Many young fathers waiting for their

children to be born spend their time engrossed in this pastime. After they have hurried away to spread the news of the little one's arrival, it is not uncommon to have them return with arms loaded with candy, flowers, and as many as a dozen or more comics for the mother. She many times reads them over and over, and conversing with her we learn that in many instances, this is as far as her reading habits go. We are so thankful that there is Christian literature available on every hand and what a responsibility is ours to acquaint these folks with Him, whom to know is life eternal. Only then will they have the desire for better things.

The Herald is also appealing because it is definitely missionary. The articles written by our missionaries are always interesting and enlightening. Reading them is next best to a personal visit. It keeps us more conscious of their need for prayer, and the prayer requests are a great convenience.

The Herald is very attractive and we enjoy all the numbers. As a mother too, I especially appreciate the Sisterhood numbers for our girls and hope we can be more diligent in the future to introduce it to those who are missing this blessing.

"I SEE BY THE HERALD . . ."

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Without the *Missionary Herald* our boys clubs, sisterhoods, and BYF's would have difficulty keeping some sort of contact with each other. Without the *Missionary Herald* the Brethren Church would hardly know of some of the encouraging and challenging things that are happening among our youth.

Yes, communications are vitally important, and the Brethren Missionary Herald is the heart of our communications system, and thus in a very real sense at the heart of all Brethren work. We of the Youth Council have felt it was so important that no Brethren young person should be without it. So we subscribe for any young person away in school that requests it. I suppose this takes from \$100 to \$200 a year

from our meager budget, but when I visit these young people in their schools, and in the course of their conversation hear some remark prefaced by "I see by the Herald . . .," then I know it is worth the investment!

THE MISSIONARY HERALD ARRIVES IN AFRICA

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ment of Africa, and as a sense of impending danger is upon us, we're thankful for the link that connects each of us on the foreign field with each of you in America, by means of the printed page our prayer requests are made known to you, and we can also know how to support your needs before the throne of grace. This is why we're supporting the Brethren Missionary Herald.

TESTIMONY OF READERS

Ruby Gregg
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Even if I am away my Missionary Herald keeps me in touch with my own Brethren people. I look forward to its coming and read it from cover to cover. I attend a fundamental church but don't feel at home like I do in a Brethren church. I miss the Brethren communion. It is such a sacred service."

Vivian and Jeff Jones
Oceanside, Calif.

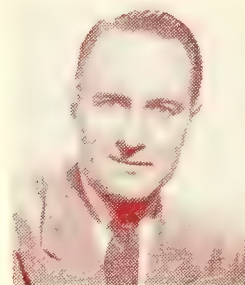
"Though we are now back in the States we still are far from a Brethren church. Therefore, the Herald still holds its place as our lifeline contact with our friends in Christ, and also the wonderful articles help us to more fully appreciate our blessed Redeemer."

Rev. Mr. Mrs. Blaine Snyder
Winona Lake, Ind.

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FIVE MINUTES WITH—

Your Herald Editor



Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum

A recent religious life survey was conducted in Tokyo, Japan, by Mr. Ken Roundhill, Inter-Varsity representative. His impartial findings are challenging so far as the work of the printed page is concerned. He discovered that out of 1,622 students from 60 different Japanese colleges, 23½ percent professed faith in Christ Jesus as a result of reading, 20 percent were influenced by friends, 7 percent by pastors, and 1 percent by missionaries. This is not to infer that the fine missionaries of the cross did not do their job, for they did. Rather, it is to show the importance of the printed page in reaching this particular class of Japanese. No doubt if the survey had been made in another sphere of society, the figures would be considerably different.

However, we dare not minimize the importance of the printed page in reaching men and women for Jesus Christ, whether it be on the foreign field or in these United States.

Mr. Roundhill concluded his report by saying, "In Japan the opportunity for the ministry of the inoffensive, persistent, unanswerable written page constitutes a most urgent challenge." God grant that the ministry of the printed page might challenge us to give to this important work of the Brethren Church.

MEET THE EDITOR

Bro. Arnold Kriegbaum will show the pictures of the production of the Missionary Herald at the following churches. If in any of these areas, you are invited and urged to attend.

July 4—South Bend, Ind.
July 7—Leesburg, Ind.
July 11—Berne, Ind.
July 18—Flora, Ind.
July 25—Clayton, Ohio
August 6-8—Cheyenne, Wyo.

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1. To assist the BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD in the publication of the Gospel by the printed page.
2. To make it possible for the BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD to consider the purchase of a small multigraph (offset printing press) on which the boards of our denomination can have printed two- and three-color posters, envelopes, letterheads, etc. The machine costs about \$2,500.
3. To supply the funds necessary to finance the printing of a history of the Brethren Church being written by Dr. Homer Kent.
4. To print more tracts similar to the three recently printed.
5. To provide capital to finance and publish more booklets written by Brethren men, similar to the two recently printed. Thousands of dollars are tied up for as much as 10 years, for these books must be stocked in quantities of 10 or 15 thousand.
6. To make it possible to incorporate more pictures in the MISSIONARY HERALD in the interest of our readers.

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—Courtesy Ministère de la France d' Outre-Mer.



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

Foreign Mission Offering

As of June 25 foreign mission offering reports had been received from 54 churches. The total reported is \$63,347.54. Last year the total for these same churches was \$62,161.74. Of course, no trustworthy estimates can be made until all the offerings have been received. However, it is a very normal conclusion from the offerings to date that we will not exceed last year's giving to foreign missions by a very large margin, if at all. We are trusting that the total will not be less than last year.

Keep praying and keep sending in your offerings as they are given through your local church. Since we are now operating on the calendar year basis, it is very necessary that all offerings accumulated in your local treasury be sent to us so that such can be entered in our books before the end of 1954. We would greatly appreciate it if this so-called "Easter Offering" might be sent in at least by the end of July. Then please send accumulated offerings once or twice between that date and the end of the year. Membership in our society in the future will be determined upon gifts received during a current calendar year as far as the voting for trustees during the next calendar year is concerned.

I'm sure that God knows our needs for His work and He is far more interested in His own work than we can ever be. We therefore thank God for all the foreign mission funds He has entrusted to us for His work. Our prayer is that we may use those funds wisely. Our desire is to thank every pastor and all those who have helped in the promotion with respect to our foreign mission work. Then too we want to thank each individual who has expressed his interest by making a gift to this work. It is God's business to reward according to the gift and the purpose prompting it.

One for One

Return Delayed

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder, missionaries on furlough from French Equatorial Africa, were to have returned to that field at the end of June, but at the last minute reports on a health problem prevented a return at this time. We are asking that the entire brotherhood join with us in prayer that there may be such complete health recovery on the part of Mrs. Snyder that they may yet return to the field this year—perhaps in October. Until national conference time Brother Snyder

will be able to accept some deputation and preaching appointments in the eastern part of the United States, providing schedules can be arranged. Please write him directly at 715 Chandler Street, Philadelphia 11, Pa.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

Burk Outfit Funds

We are very anxiously awaiting the results of Missionary Outfit Club activity in behalf of the Burks for Brazil. We now have clearance for their outfit to be shipped; we await word as to passage and the assurance that some sizeable gifts have been made toward the purchase, transportation, and customs on their outfit. Quite a few are reporting these funds at the same time as the Easter offering. This is satisfactory; our desire is that these funds may be gathered as quickly as possible. Have you made your gift? The opportunity is a present one and it is urgent.

One for One

Annuities and Bequests

Your Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church is very eager to talk with those who are interested in making some arrangement by which they may have the full profit from their possessions for their lifetime, and then foreign missions receive the benefit when their lifetime is completed. SECURITY WITH SATISFACTION expresses so well the results of annuities and bequests to Brethren institutions. Look in the tract rack at your church—you probably will find an attractive little folder in it with the above caption. Through the years Brethren people have given many thousands of dollars to non-Brethren institutions. We are asking that you think of Brethren institutions when you desire to complete an annuity or bequest.

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Critical Need in Africa

Four more missionary pastors are critically needed in Africa. To be ready to fill vacancies left by those coming home on furlough in 1955, these should leave the United States this fall. They should be approved at

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Four-Year-Old Fills Bank . . . For Missionaries . . .

"He is such a little fellow! It was about all he could do to carry that bank full of money. It contained \$8.75."

Gary Reep, age 4, attends Sunday school at Grace Chapel in Honolulu. He was the first one of that group to fill his African hut bank with a missionary offering. He brought it in a couple of weeks before Easter.

Praise the Lord, the total Easter offering from Grace Chapel totals \$242.62!



the annual meeting the latter part of August. We shall be most happy to confer with those who may feel led of the Lord to serve as missionaries in Africa. To fill this special need would require those who already have their training and could qualify as missionaries. For a more detailed discussion of this need we refer you to the article in the June 5, 1954, issue of the Herald entitled, "Africa Needs Four More Missionary Pastors by 1955." This need for missionary pastors is in addition to the need for another missionary family or individual who would qualify as a teacher in the French school in Africa.

One for One

And France Desperately Needs

—two more missionary families. One of these two families is needed immediately and the other within two years. Brother and Sister Fred Fogle are fighting alone in the battle for the establishment of a Brethren testimony in France. They need help and need it badly!

We have no way of knowing who may be interested in filling these and other foreign missionary opportunities unless you contact us. We invite your correspondence, yet we would not want any person to become a foreign missionary just because of our mentioning the need—we would want the Lord to direct the service. He does, however, use the information presented as one means of calling to definite service.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

Could Additional Families Be Sent?

We must look to the Lord who prompts the service to supply for all the needs involved. We believe additional families can be sent and should be sent, whether or not immediate offerings and funds would care for all expenses. Needs are so urgent in the various fields. We can only walk by faith and follow the Scriptural formula

for the Lord's work and workers—"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). **HE IS FAITHFUL!**

One for One

"NOT SO, LORD"

At the close of a service a much-used servant of God was approached by a young lady, a professing Christian, who had been greatly stirred.

"And why don't you yield?" inquired the preacher.

"I am afraid I would have to do two things if I did," responded the girl.

"What are they?" questioned the minister.

"I play the piano in a concert hall, and I fear I would have to give it up. I am afraid God would send me to China as a missionary," explained the inquirer.

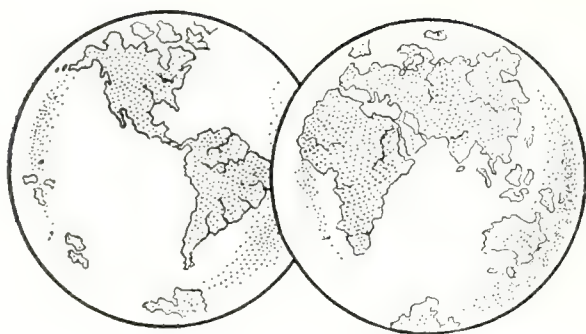
Opening his Bible at Acts 10:14, the wise preacher pointed out to the young lady the absurdity of Peter's answer. A slave never dictates. And to say, "Not so," and then add the word "Lord," was impossible.

"Now," said the minister, "I want you to cross out the two words, 'Not so,' and leave the word 'Lord'; or else cross out 'Lord' and leave 'Not so.'"

Handing her a pencil, he quietly walked away. For two hours the struggle went on. Then the preacher returned. Looking over her shoulder, he saw a tear-stained page, but the words "Not so" were crossed out. With a joyous song in her heart and with a glad light in her eye that young lady left the church. Henceforth it was to be, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

There must be obedience as well as faith.—*Harold Haackins in The Flame.*

"Prayer is the life of missions. Continual, believing prayer is the secret of vitality and fruitfulness in mission work."—*Andrew Murray.*



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NEWS

FLASHES

AFRICA—

—Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder, who expected to return from furlough during June, have been delayed in the homeland because of a health problem on the part of Mrs. Snyder.

—The regular meeting of the executive committee of the mission will be held during mid-July for the consideration of field business.

—Two new Dodge pickup trucks will be on the way to Africa during July. (These were authorized at the midyear meeting of the board.)

ARGENTINA—

—Three young people—Sara Siccardi, Horacio Bettinalio, and Hugo Di Nardo—graduates of the Bible Institute, have been taken on as national workers under the support of the national church.

—Plans are in the making for a radio program in Rio Cuarto.

—The Jack Churchill family and Mrs. Loree Sickel are planning to leave in late August for furlough in the United States.

BRAZIL—

—Praise the Lord for the new Dodge pickup truck now at Macapa. It took two years to secure permission to ship this truck from the States.

—The Bill Burk family hopes to sail for Brazil before August 1.

MEXICO—

—The Roy Howard family and Bro. Sibley Edmiston are now on an evangelistic trip into Sonora. They expect to return to the States about July 20.

—The Walter Haag family and Miss Dorothy Robinson are holding a series of vacation Bible schools down the Baja California peninsula during July and August.

FRANCE—

—The Fogles are concentrating on poster work and house-to-house visitation during the summer months when so many are on vacation.

HAWAII—

—The members and friends of Grace Chapel truly praise the Lord for their own building, a remodeled Quonset hut.

—A young serviceman, a new Christian on fire for the Lord, has won his wife and sister-in-law to Christ from Catholicism.

—Two young men desire to begin Bible school this summer to learn more about Christ and the Word.

**OUR GOAL—ONE FOR ONE
A FOREIGN MISSIONARY FOR EVERY PASTOR AT HOME**

A PICTORIAL VISIT . . .

to an African Communion Center

A SERIES OF PICTURES SHOWING A WEEK-END TRIP TO BOUHINA,
A COMMUNION CENTER UNDER THE BOZOUM STATION



Unloading the camping equipment.



*A gospel service—
Bro. Martin Garber
leading with his
guitar.*



Group at prayer.

These stronger groups are called "communion centers"; some of our districts have 20 or more of these communion centers. If the missionary pastor visits these groups only once a year, that means that half of the Sundays of a year are spent away from the station church.

In most of these villages there is a mud house where transient Europeans may spend a night. Some of the communion centers have built such houses for the use of the missionaries in itineration. Wherever he stays the missionary must carry all of his camping equipment with him.

Surrounding each of our mission stations in Africa there are hundreds of villages varying in size from 100 to 800 in population. A few have 1,000 or more, but these are rare. In the evangelization of the villages we try to build strong groups in a central village and reach out to those nearby.



*Loading up
to leave the
village.*



A villager making a mat.

Posters Pay IN FRANCE



Brother Fogle putting up a Bible poster.

(Editor's Note—Rev. Noel O. Lyons, executive secretary of Greater Europe Mission, recently shared a letter concerning the work of Bro. Fred Fogle in France with our foreign mission office. This letter, a portion of which follows, was written by Rev. David Cole, who heads up the gospel billposting ministry in France.)

Dear Brother Lyons,

We received a letter a few days ago from Fred Fogle, of Lyon. You will be interested to hear of a recent conversion there, resulting from the poster display. Our Brother Fogle delivers personally all New Testaments requested from Lyon and district. He writes, "We have one young man saved down here recently. He was reached by the posters. I made a couple of calls at his home; he came to our meetings, and now the Lord has saved him."

In another letter he writes, "About half the people attending our services were reached through the posters."

This shows what can be done if you have the right man for follow-up work.

We have a new illustrated poster. You will remember having seen the design when you were here. . . .

Thank you so much for sending the money for the printing of the 5,000 posters. We do appreciate all your work and labor of love, and pray that God will continue to give you open doors for presenting the need of Europe. . . .

Our affectionate greetings to you and to Mrs. Lyons.

Yours in Christ,

David and Pat Cole.

June 3, 1954.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

Lord, give a vision, burning within,
Of sinners dying, lost in their sin,
We've a commission, Jesus to preach,
I'll do my part, Lord, others to reach.

—*The Missionary Broadcaster.*

Ten Prayer Requests for France—

1. Pray that the Fogle family be constantly "strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man."
2. Pray that everything done in France to win souls for Christ may be done "by the effectual working of his power."
3. Pray that the Lord will send one or two workers or families to France *very soon* and that He will provide the funds.
4. Pray that the Lord will raise up a young French person to be of help in the work.
5. Pray for the three people who seem to have accepted Christ, that they might "walk in newness of life."
6. Pray for the many people who have received a witness, that God might convict them of sin and bring them to salvation.
7. Pray that the thousands of pieces of literature that have been distributed, and that will be distributed, may bear fruit for the Saviour.
8. Pray that God will send an awakening to France, that He might shake the people from their indifference towards the Gospel.
9. Pray for the public meetings held each week.
10. Pray for the visitation program.

—Submitted by Bro. Fred Fogle.

One for One

Let Your Requests Be Made Known Unto God

By Miss Estella Myers, Nzoro, Africa

It is perhaps about 5 a. m. I like the early hours of the morning to be with the Lord in praise and with His Word. This morning I am thinking of you who pray for us and with us. Oh, pray that your missionaries may have the burning fire in their hearts—the burning love. It is the love of Jesus which burns within our hearts when He talks to us, and when the Word burns in our hearts we cannot but tell it out. We are out here to set before these people the way of life and the way of death. How pleadingly our Saviour did it, "Enter ye in . . ."

We praise the Lord for the many who have accepted the Lord recently. One morning 30 lepers found joy in taking Jesus into their lives. We praise the Lord that the Moslem lepers take their places with the many other lepers to listen to the gospel story at the dispensary. May God bless the records played in the Hausa and Arabic languages during the services. We pray that the Moslems will also take Jesus as their Lord. God's Word is a hammer and can knock loudly at hearts and drive home the truth. May God's Word break the Moslem heart!

Pray for a revival among our catechists, Christian workers, and Christians. We long to see all on fire for the winning of souls. Since the natives raise cotton and have more money than in the former days, things of the earth attract them. Too many set their hearts on what they see and want to buy. God wants all of us to be good stewards of our time and money.

Pray that all Christianity may take time to be with the Lord and His Word. So many do not know how to read, or read poorly. We long that the Christians and converts not only attend the early-morning meetings but the reading classes in the evening or afternoon. I am encouraged as the women attend the 5 p. m. class to read the Gospel of John in the Pana language.

I need prayer in the work of translation. Several hours a day are spent in translating or typing what has been translated.

We need prayer for the Bible schools now in session. May the students not only learn the Word but take it into their lives. In Africa life speaks louder than words.

We do praise God for what He has done, but ask Him to finish the work in hearts and lead more to himself.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

WHAT IS NEEDED

Hudson Taylor answered the question, "What equipment does one need in order to be a missionary?" as follows: "A life yielded to God, a restful trust in Him to supply your needs, adaptability towards circumstances, steadfastness in discouragement, love for prayer and the study of God's Word, some experience and blessing in the Lord's work at home."—*China's Millions*.



Miss Myers and two helpers engaged in translation work.

NOT TRUSTWORTHY

God is often unable to give because man is not worthy to receive. A pastor was called to a home one evening to counsel with troubled parents. With much difficulty and deep emotion the father presented their great sorrow. With tears streaming down he said: "I have accumulated a business. Mother and I have now come to the years when we feel we should step out of active work and pass this business over to our son. Our son, however, is not trustworthy, and we cannot give him what we have for him." As the heart of this father was grieved that he could not give what his love prompted him to give, so the heart of God must be grieved because so often men are not trustworthy.—*Sunday School Times*.

One for One

Is my soul ready for the test,
Is my heart free from sin's arrest,
Could my life say, "This is my best,"
If He should call me now?

—Selected.

We leave the responsibility with the Great Designer, and find His service one of sweet restfulness. We have no responsibility save to follow as we are led; and we serve One who is able to design and to execute, and whose work never fails.—*J. Hudson Taylor*.



Rio Cuarto, Argentina—

"It was our joy this past Saturday (June 12) to unite Hugo Di Nardo and Francisca Diedrich in marriage. (Both are graduates of our Bible Institute.) It was a very happy occasion to see two consecrated young people united for life—and for a life of service in the Lord's vineyard. They are to go to Cabrera almost immediately to be the resident pastor there under the direction of Brother Siccardi, who has charge of all the northern part of the mission except where North American missionaries are located.

"Tonight (June 15) we are to have a prayer meeting for the entire congregation here in the center, since it is the 15th of the month. The meetings that we have had up to now have been of great blessing."—*Lynn D. Schrock.*

One for One

Bekoro, Africa—

"We spent all of March attending native conferences. We had a wonderful time at all four conferences. The Lord blessed and undertook for us in a marvelous way, as He alone is able to do. There were a few serious problems before us but He answered prayer and worked them all out to our good and His glory. We were up until 1 o'clock one night, but we praise the Lord it was worth it to get the matter straightened out. We need to pray much that the evil one may not be able to stir it up again.

"There were a few rains while we were living in our grass huts. One was rather bad, but we did have a piece of canvas over us that protected our beds. Marian (Miss Thurston) had received a shower curtain while we were out and she used that to keep out some of the running water. One day in between conferences we spent near a river in a government rest house. We enjoyed it immensely and were so thankful for a day of rest.

"At our conference the villagers got out their big drum and beer pots and had a big dance one noontime when we were trying to get a little rest. That thump-thump right outside the door was anything but pleasant. That evening they started up again, but the chief made them stop, for which we were so thankful."—*Minnie W. Kennedy.*

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

Icoraci, Brazil—

"The Lord has been wonderfully blessing the work here. I have begun to use the projector here at the church Sunday nights and in Furo on Tuesdays. Both places have been packed and the interest has been better than I expected, especially in Furo . . .

"Tonight (June 19) we have a young people's meeting

with games, devotions, and refreshments. The young people have shown an interest in this type of program and between 18 and 20 attend. With the enticements of Satan on every hand, we are praying that we will be able to keep them interested in the things of the Lord."—*Jack Zielasko.*

One for One

Bozoum, Africa—

"The Lord has again been very good to us. As you know, Harold is out at Elat, so I had to go through a recent experience alone—no, not alone, because our Lord is here, but alone because Harold is away. On Saturday night, May 22, after our supper I took the children over to Dunnings for awhile because Balzers were there. They had finished a job early and stopped for the weekend before going on home. Harold Dunning had planned on going on a bush trip for the weekend, but the Lord delayed it, so he was there too.

"A storm was coming up, so I shut all my windows before going over. After a half hour or so had passed, a big flash of lightning and a great crack of thunder hit nearby. After we got the children calmed down we looked out to see if we could see where it hit, but saw nothing. A little while later Al saw a damp spot on Dunnings' ceiling, so he decided to go check our house for leaks. He hardly got there when he called for Harold Dunning.

"The lightning had struck—we do not know exactly where, but it had traveled down the electric wiring of the bedroom, knocking a couple of holes in the wall below the mirror, and then over to our bed. When Al got there the room was filled with smoke and the mattress was smoldering. The bed covers were burned up to the top of the bed. Elsie and I hurried over as soon as we had talked to the children a little.

"How I praised the Lord that we were not in the house when the lightning struck, and praise was again sent up for directing Al over to the house at just the right time. . . . I have been told many times that God protects us both in the seen and unseen things. I have been wondering since this experience how many "unseen" things we have been protected from.

"We are all getting along fine and we are all looking forward to the day when Harold will return. We are thankful he is getting this extra training, but we'll be more thankful when it is over."—*Margaret Mason.*

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

Bassai, Africa—

"Everything is going along fine on top of Bassai hill. When we first opened the medical work there it was necessary to train some native help. (Can you imagine me doing that!) Anyway, I've been attempting to put

some of my ideas about nursing into Sango so that now we have a little something in front of our eyes. Actually, I guess it should not be called Sango—it's a dialect—all mine, of course—French, English, and Sango. And, wonder of wonders, these fellows seem to understand it! Well, believe me, I'm thankful for small favors, but this one tops them all! You know we start out with fear and trembling, then the Lord does such marvelous things before our very eyes that—well, it shames me to realize how little I trust Him and how tolerant He is in spite of it.

"We have 28 lepers coming to the dispensary at present. I had expected to see more, but the Africans don't believe in rushing things and so we learn patience, too.

"The classes with the children are a real source of blessing. I trust that they are learning of Him. We learn, too, as we prepare the lesson material and then give the material in the classroom.

"The only real problem that gets me in Africa is that one of bugs. Grace (Miss Byron) tells me the best thing I brought to Africa is my flyswatter."—*Gail Jones.*

One for One

UNDER HIS CARE

"When he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him" (John 10:4).

Remember, our sight is one thing, and His quite another; and the Lord may be close at your right hand, though, like Job, you "cannot perceive him." Did you ever venture forth at the Lord's bidding, not knowing why, nor indeed knowing anything clearly but the Lord's command; did you ever go, so doubting, anywhere, to do His will, and not find the Lord himself already there before you? Have you not gone on, wondering at the prepared way, at the shorn difficulties, at the unexpected success?

"I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air—
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care!"

—*The Evangelical Christian.*

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS IS COSTLY

"I want you to spend 15 minutes every day praying for foreign missions," said the pastor to some young people in his congregation. "But beware how you pray, for I warn you that it is a very costly experiment."

"Costly?" they asked in surprise.

"Aye, costly," he cried. "When Carey began to pray for the conversion of the world it cost him himself, and it cost those who prayed with him very much. Brainerd prayed for the dark-skinned savages, and, after two years of blessed work, it cost him his life. Be sure it is a dangerous thing to pray in earnest for this work; you will find that you cannot pray and withhold your labor, or pray and withhold your money; nay, that your very life will no longer be your own when your prayers begin to be answered."—*Latin America Evangelist.*

CAN THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND?

By Mrs. Harold Dunning, Bozoum, Africa

The last hymn of a Sunday-morning service in Africa had been announced. A blind man, seated next to the aisle, arose to make his way out of the crowded church before the throng should start to leave.

"Is there no one to help him?" the missionary asked herself. "Ah, but that is why he leaves early—he must find his way alone."

As the missionary watched the blind man's slow progress up the aisle, she noticed a young woman hurrying down the aisle back to her seat, having left the service earlier. "It is a good thing both are not blind," mused the watcher, "else there would be a head-on collision. . . . Well, why doesn't the girl move over, get out of the way? . . . Well, of all things!"

Whether the girl did not notice the man's blindness and expected him to move over, or whether she was so self-centered she just didn't even notice another person—whatever it was, the two ran smack into each other. The blind man stopped and stood still. The girl hurried on around him and found her place in order to continue on in the service. The man continued his slow progress up the aisle. Apparently the accident had been unnoticed and the blind man was allowed to continue his sightless way alone and unaided. As he went through the doorway he stumbled and nearly fell over some small children playing in the dust. Someone uttered an ejaculation at his clumsiness. The blind man sauntered off down the road out of the missionary's sight.

The pastor urged the people once more to come to Jesus *today*, the words of the song. Again the congregation took up the refrain, "*Mo ga na Jesus*," and the missionary in the back of the church continued her musing.

How many there are like this physically blinded man—spiritually blind, wandering, lost in the dense darkness of sin, on their way to hell unless someone will stop them. But no one seeks to turn them aside or show them *the way*. Occasionally they come face to face with some Christian, but he is often too intent on finding his own place in order to continue in the service begun. He has his own plan, and this abrupt stop is a rude interference with his intended progress. Well, he won't fret about a small matter; he just turns aside and goes on with his business for the Lord—or so he thinks.

Thus the blind go on, lost because no one will lead them to Christ, *the way*. There are close to 450,000 of these spiritually blind in the part of Africa for which the Brethren Church is responsible. Vast hordes of them cannot be reached with the present staff of missionaries. Hundreds are blindly rushing on to a terrible eternity without Christ. It is a time of emergency.

We need four young missionary pastors at once! You, young man, are you sure that your plan, your intention to serve Christ in the U. S. A. is the call of God? Could it not be that He is wanting your life and your service in Cubangui-Chari? Are you sure you are not one of these young men so sorely needed? May the Holy Spirit search your heart as you answer this question to the glory of God!

Africa Needs Four More Missionary Pastors by 1955

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FORT WAYNE, IND. The SMM of the Indiana District has received a 200-pound bell from an anonymous donor. This was an SMM project for the Cordillera, N. Mex., church.

CANTON, OHIO. Rev. Raymond Gingrich, Jr., preached at the First Brethren Church June 13 in the absence of Pastor John Dilling.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Three local Brethren churches, First, Community, and Norwalk, joined together in a Sunday-school workshop June 16-18 under the leadership of Rev. Harold Etling, field director of the National Brethren Sunday School Board.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. A lawnmower has been donated to the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, for which appreciation was expressed in a recent bulletin by Pastor Gene Farrell.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. Speakers at the district conference of the Northwest Fellowship of Brethren Churches included Dr. C. W. Mayes, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif.; Dr. L. L. Grubb, secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council; and Rev. Harold Etling, of the National Sunday School Board. The conference was held here on July 5-8.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Bro. Lawrence (Bud) Schatz has been engaged by the First Brethren Church as part-time assistant for the summer to Pastor W. A. Ogden. He preached at the evening service on June 20.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. Daily vacation Bible school began on June 21 at the First Brethren Church. A special feature was the missionary story told each day by Miss Mary Beth Munn, on furlough from Africa. Mrs. Earl Nelson was in charge.

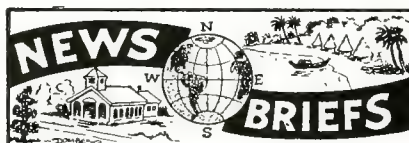
MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. The evening service on June 13 at the First Brethren Church was in charge

of a gospel team from Canton Bible Institute. Rev. Wesley Haller is pastor of the church.

NONSAN, KOREA. Pocket Testament League evangelists distributed 53,000 Gospels of John in a recent three-day campaign at the military replacement center here. In addition to the Scripture distribution, PTL reached 41,000 ROK soldiers in gospel meetings.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. On June 20 at the Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church Rev. Wayne Beaver spoke and showed pictures of the African work. Pastor L. W. Marvin gave the commencement address to the first graduating class of the Valley Christian School.

LEAMERSVILLE, PA. Men of the Leamersville Brethren Church recently spent nine nights painting the basement walls. Mr. Paul C. Snider, of Duncansville, was publicly thanked in the church bulletin for tuning, free of charge, all three pianos in the church.



ELYRIA, OHIO. The following is taken from the June 20 bulletin of Grace Brethren Church of Fremont, Ohio: "Praise God for district-mission vision by one of our new 'baby' churches in the district! Elyria has sent an offering of \$60 for district missions! . . . Elyria has had 24 members and 3 more were to come last Sunday and by now perhaps 6 or 7 more have been baptized and become members."

WINONA LAKE, IND. Requests for evangelistic meetings may be sent to Rev. Walter A. Lepp, Box 265, Winona Lake, Ind. Dates are available from September 5 on.

MODESTO, CALIF. Rev. Harold Painter, of Sunnyside, Wash., spoke at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church on June 13.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF. Rev. Leo Polman, pastor of the Temple City Brethren Church, delivered the commencement address June 10 for the Temple City Elementary School.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH. The Grace Brethren Church will be host

to the Michigan district youth rally September 17-18.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Rev. Richard McNeely has joined the staff of the First Brethren Church as assistant to the pastor in charge of youth work. He was graduated in May from Dallas Theological Seminary with a Th.M. degree.

ROANOKE, VA. New songbooks have been presented to the Washington Heights Brethren Church by the District WMC.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean of Grace Seminary, held a Bible conference in the First Brethren Church June 22-27.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Homecoming Day, July 18, at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church, will be featured by the Scoville Sisters, top musicians.

DAYTON, OHIO. Prof. Ralph W. Gilbert, of Grace Seminary, was the speaker at both services of the North Riverdale Brethren Church June 20.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Bro. Jim Sweeton, assistant pastor of the Second Brethren Church, has resigned to enter Grace Seminary next fall. The effective date was July 1, according to Pastor George Peek.

NEW TROY, MICH. Pastor Richard Jackson and his family were presented with an illuminated painting of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane by the Roy Schmaltz family.

SIDNEY, IND. Bro. John Evans, a student in Grace Seminary, has been called as pastor of the Sidney Brethren Church. He began his pastorate on June 13.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Eleven speakers, headed by Mervin Rosell, Harold John Ockenga, and Torrey M. Johnson open the 61st Annual Winona Lake Bible Conference July 25-August 1, the first of six weeks, according to J. Palmer Muntz, conference director. Completing the first-week roster of speakers are Bob Jones, Sr., Ralph L. Keiper, Sidney Correll, Paul S. James, Gilbert C. H. Bellshaw, Peter MacFarlane, and George Bolton. The Csehy Musical Messengers will be featured.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Dedication services for the new Sunday-school annex at the Community Brethren Church were held on June 27. The speaker was Dr. C. W. Mayes, pastor of the Long Beach First Brethren Church. Other ministers participating were Rev. Leo Polman, Rev. Henry Rempel, Rev. James Beatty.

We Must Advance

We have been privileged to share in four district conferences already this summer. We have listened with keen interest to the splendid reports in the various departments of our work. One thing has been evident in each of these conferences: if the Brethren Church is to accept her present opportunities both at home and abroad in the matter of new missions, then we must *advance* in the churches already established.

There are many reasons why we ought to advance, but chiefest among those reasons is the fact that Jesus gave us command to "go" to the uttermost parts of the world with the Gospel. At the present moment there are 130 million people in the United States who never attend Sunday school anywhere. **THIS IS AMERICA'S GREAT POTENTIAL MISSION FIELD.**

How shall we advance?

We must set some goals. Your National Sunday School Board has been suggesting the goal of 60,000 Sunday-school scholars by 1960! Yes, it is a tremendous goal. It means more than twice as many in Sunday school as we now have, but if we are to meet our opportunities, we dare not do anything less than this. What does this mean to your Sunday school? We must begin to set goals for every Brethren Sunday school in the nation. Let us set a goal now! "Every Sunday school advance 15 percent in enrollment and attendance in 1955."

We must plan. Merely setting a goal is not enough. If we are to meet our Sunday-school goal, we must plan and pray. Mark Twain once said, "The shortest distance from where you are to the place where you would like to be is a plan." A 15-percent increase for your Sunday school in 1955 will not just happen. Now is the time for every Sunday school to begin to make plans and careful preparation for the increase. We must plan to find those in every one of our communities that are not now in our Sunday schools. We must plan training classes for every Christian in our churches, which will be held even yet in 1954. (Write to your National Sunday School Board,

Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind., for details of the first course of training in the Brethren Worker's Training Course.)

With the planning must come prayer! It must be a vital part of our planning. We dare not run ahead of our Lord, nor yet lag behind. Ask every Christian to join in public and private prayer about our Sunday-school advance. Pray about it often. Now pray about it again. Brethren, let us advance on our knees!

Even prayer is not enough. God said to Moses, "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward," and I am sure God is speaking to the Brethren Church today. Having prayed, we need to **WORK!** If we are stirred to reach 15 percent more people for our Sunday schools in the year 1955, we must be stirred to action. We must work at the job. We must *visit*, and *visit*, and then *visit* some more.

Every pastor must take the lead and set the pace.

Every teacher and officer must join forces with the pastors in this great missionary effort.

Every pupil must invite others to join us. We must have visitation days and visitation nights, and visitation weeks set aside to "go" into the highways and seek the unreached multitudes.

SECOND NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Yes, by the time you read this page the Second National Sunday School Convention of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches will be upon us. Your Sunday School Board has been praying, planning, talking, and thinking about this convention since last August. Now we are eagerly anticipating August 22-23.

There will be messages that we are sure will give you some genuine Sunday-school enthusiasm.

There will be workshops that will bring help to you in whatever place you occupy in the Sunday school.

There will be open forums and



discussions that will enable you to share in the planning for the new year of work in your Sunday school and the Sunday schools of the nation.

There will be an opportunity for you to meet with Sunday-school workers from all over our nation, that are facing similar situations as you face, in their own Brethren church.

Every Sunday school ought to see to it that at least the pastor and superintendent of their school is present for the convention, and with them send just as many other interested Sunday-school workers as possible. Let us make this really a highlight of the Brethren Sunday-school movement.

Remember, the dates are August 22-23, 1954. The place is Grace Seminary Building, Winona Lake, Ind.

WITH YOUR DIRECTOR

As we write this page today, we are once more engaged in workshops among the churches—this time in southern California. A new Sunday school is at work in the Norwalk area of Los Angeles, where we found more than 90 people on a Sunday morning. They have a slogan all of their own, which we believe ought to be shared with other churches of our fellowship. "Every Family Win a Family" is the note upon which they hope to accept their share of the 60,000 campaign by 1960.

For these next two days we will share in workshops in San Diego. In this city, as in many of these cities, the new houses are going up so rapidly that we are made to ask again and again, "Is there no end?" But every new house means another opportunity to reach more individuals for Christ. As we see them, we are compelled to say if we have not, it is because we have failed to "ASK AND TO WORK." The next seven weeks will be spent among these churches of the West. Brethren, pray for us!

HOW TO GET

BY REV. RALPH COLBURN

National Youth Director of the
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What You Want in Life

PSALM 37

Life is a mad rush, filled with hurrying, shoving, cursing, hating, laughing, crying people, all looking for something, headed for somewhere, *wanting, reaching, grasping*. Some may not know exactly what they want, and very few know how to get what they want.

Some want riches, thinking that they will satisfy. They've never learned the lesson that Jesus stated so well in a few words: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things that he possesseth." The wise and rich man, Solomon, reminded us, "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver, nor he that loveth abundance with increase."

Some want fame, feeling that the applause and favor of men will gratify them. But fame in men's eyes, and fame in God's sight, are vastly different. The Bible teaches us that the way to get up is to get down. "Whoso exalteth himself shall be abased." "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

Some crave power, and lust after authority, thinking that that is the chief end of life. Too often they ignore the warnings of God, that "to whom much is given, of him shall much be required." The condemnation of those who misuse power is great.

Many seek after pleasure, and seek it in the ways of the world, the flesh, and the Devil. And there are pleasures in sin—but the Bible reminds us that they endure only for a season. And at best, they are small compensation for the pangs of hell.

No wonder that Solomon, commenting on these, and other things, said, "All is vanity and vexation of spirit."

The trouble is that people, without God, try for all these things in their own wisdom, and their own strength, and *they miss the way*. Greater tragedy is that many Christians make the same mistake, even when God has clearly stated HOW we can

get what we want in life. The key is in Psalm 37:4, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." *He shall give thee the desires of thine heart!* For what more can you ask?

Sure, there's a catch, a condition. God couldn't trust us with the desires of a sinful, selfish heart. So He states the condition in six words: "Delight thyself also in the Lord." Few passages in the Psalms are more frequently quoted than this, but our tongues are capable of slipping glib-



ly over the words, with little thought to the meaning.

What does it mean to delight oneself in the Lord? Have you ever noticed how a fellow in his first love just likes to be near the object of his affections? Even when he cannot be right by her side, there is a comfort

in closeness. He is delighting himself in her presence.

So it should be with the Christian—he should always seek the closeness of the Lord's presence. And you cannot delight yourself in Him without a proper relationship to His Word, and His will. He who delights himself in the Lord will strive to please his Lord in all things.

Have you ever noticed all the imperatives in the early verses of Psalm 37—"fret not," "trust," "delight," "commit," "rest," "cease from anger," and others? They're all tied together, and the heart of them all seems to be a matter of trust and love. Are these not the key to Christian living?

Maybe you have been frustrated in life, too. Maybe it seems as though you have not been able to get anywhere. What do you want most? Perhaps first, your desires will have to be changed. But when we meet God's condition, and delight ourselves in Him, and His Word, and His will, He *transforms* the desires of our hearts. Having done that, He can trust us with the fulfillment of those desires.

Ah, you say, that's just an Old Testament verse. It doesn't apply today. But wait—Jesus said almost the same thing in John 15:7: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Is this not in effect the same promise, and virtually the same condition?

God has made it simple—why try to complicate it? Do you know what you want in life? Have you been able to arrive at those desires by your methods? Some few may arrive, only to find the satisfaction and peace they expected sadly lacking. Most never arrive, and find the quest for their desires an unsatisfying search.

You can have what you want—if you are willing to pay the price. Then, what you want will also be what He wants for you. It's a simple story—*meet God's condition, and you experience God's blessing.*

LOVE—The Norm of Christian Conduct

(ROMANS 14)

By REV. JOSEPH L. GINGRICH
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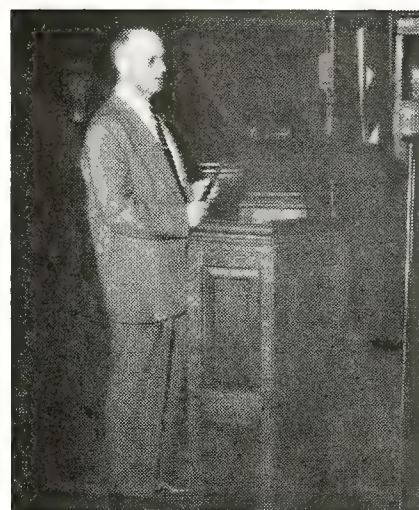
A careful perusal of Scripture will convince the student that certain fundamental principles are definitely portrayed. A more detailed study will reveal the fact that usually one outstanding chapter or portion of God's Word outlines this procedure. For example, one desiring to know what the teachings on the resurrection are would turn to I Corinthians 15. The great love chapter is found in I Corinthians 13. The "norm" referred to in our title could be thought of as the "yardstick" or "measuring-stick."

Since we Christians are obligated to intermingle as pilgrims on our way home, it goes without saying that we just must strive (if necessary) to get along together. This is accomplished with various degrees of perfection or imperfection. In Romans 14, Paul is inspired to lay down certain rules to aid Christians in being more considerate one with another. Here we will study the law of love as applied to what might be

regarded as "doubtful things" or those things without the label, "Thus saith the Word of God." By doubtful things is meant those things in which Christians are not unanimous in their answers as to what is right and what is wrong for saints to practice. There are some things which even the most liberal thinkers will unitedly agree are decidedly wrong and should be tabooed. There are other things which even the radical conservative fundamentalist may have no compunction of conscience in doing.

The pages of church history are replete with unpleasant experiences where much harsh criticism, bitterness, and hard feelings—perhaps which will forever leave a scar—resulted between Christians who do and those who do not engage in so-called questionable things.

Paul would infer that each Christian must determine for *himself*, through prayer, whether it is right or wrong for *him* to do these "doubt-



Moderator Joseph L. Gingrich

ful things." One should never pose as a self-appointed judge deciding these things for others.

Grace Saxe points out that there are three important persons to consider before making important decisions: myself, my neighbor, and my God. First—my self-gratification. Second—my neighbor's good. Third—my God's glory.

In the final analysis, one must almost conclude that very few decisions are made which are not tainted by selfishness. Many selfish souls have constant arguments with themselves and invariably decide in their own favor.

The age-long question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" apparently awaits a complete answer. We usually leave him and his eternal good out of the issue. After all, there is such a thing as "an unconscious influence" and we are responsible more than we think. For my neighbor's good—who may be weaker than I—I am willing to deny myself this pleasure.

The highest motive, "my God's glory," should be the Christian's motivating influence. I want to live Christlike, and even Christ pleased not himself (Rom. 15:3). Therefore, for the glory of God I will refrain from doing this thing.

Brethren, how do we measure up to God's standard? Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus . . . Christ prayed himself through to definite success; the disciples slept through to dismal defeat. Your moderator is definitely persuaded that the most essential need of our age is real praying for victory over self first, and then our relationship to and with our neighbor. Lord, increase our faith.

OZARK, MICH., MEETING BEARS FRUIT FOR THE LORD



Pictured above are those who made decisions for Christ at the Grace Brethren Church, Ozark, Mich., during the recent meeting with Crusade Team One. Inset (l. to r.) Robert and Shirley Lovegrove, Mrs. Paul Lovegrove, and Rev. Paul Lovegrove, pastor of the church.

ADVENTURE

THE WICKED CITY

By Ruth Samarin

Bump, bump, bump. For hours Foli had bumped along on top of the missionaries' big red truck. His usually shiny black body was brick-red with dust and his legs were stiff, but his "liver" was so excited he didn't really notice his discomforts. Several times before, his father had gone to the big city of Bangui with the missionary, but never had he been allowed to go. But today he would see the things he'd heard about from the older men. He would see three houses "sleeping" on top of each other and roads that are never dusty. Today he would see Bangui!

Even now the world around him seemed to change. The road was filled with people, all carrying loads on their heads. Some had bananas, some carried firewood, others had great round glass jars full of beer. Yes, Foli had heard that Bangui was a wicked city. There must be lots of wicked people to drink so much beer.

The truck swung around a bend and there he saw a white man's house. Then he saw two, three—why the houses went on and on as far as he could see. They passed white men on bicycles and white men walking. Foli's eyes were wide with wonder. He'd seen a few missionaries, the post commander, and some storekeepers, but never, *never* would he have believed that there were so many white men in all the world.

Suddenly he realized that they were on the road that was never dusty. How black it was, and how it shone in the sun. Then he saw it! Yes, there it was: three houses on top of each other. A woman leaned out at the very top of the house and shook out a cloth. Foli wondered if she were frightened to be up so high.

The truck stopped and Foli's father and the missionary got out of the cab. "Foli," the missionary said, "We need to shop for some black-board paint. You stay and watch the truck." Foli wondered if his "Yes, Mister," sounded as frightened as he felt. For he remembered all the tales of this dreadful city.

"They'll steal the hat off your



head," one uncle had declared. Foli wondered if it might not be a good idea to ask God to help him. So with his eyes open Foli prayed for God's protection. Then with a sigh he began to look around.

Cars and trucks rumbled by. A black man in a beautiful suit pointed the way for the people with a white stick. Long-robed traders from the north seemed to be everywhere. Everyone was wearing shoes. "Oh, my!" thought Foli as he looked at a little boy with long trousers, "his father must be a king." From his perch on the truck he could see into store windows that were full of mysterious things. There were rolls and rolls of beautiful cloth and cans of strange things white men eat. Bright patent-leather shoes shone in the sun and big white pans made Foli remember his mother, who always wanted one just like them. Foli's liver had almost forgotten the dangers of the big city when it happened!

The sky tore apart with a mighty roar that sounded like the noise of a hundred hunters' guns. Foli fell on his face, knowing he was surely very dead. He lay on the missionary's suitcase silently mourning his terrible fate. The corner of the suitcase jabbed his stomach and he squirmed in discomfort. As his discomfort increased he wondered if he might not be as dead as he thought. Timidly he looked up. Above him he could see nothing but the bright African sky. Carefully he sat up. The man in the pretty uniform was smiling at him. "That was just an airplane," he chided. "It 'falls' down the road every day at this time." The man turned back to directing traffic with his stick and Foli was glad. How ashamed he felt. Had he not prayed for God to take care of him and then he had been afraid. David of the Bible would not have been afraid, he thought.

Down the street Foli saw his father come. How straight and tall his father walked. He was never afraid. His father had preached in villages where the chief had been very angry and threatened him, but always his father had told the "affair of God" without fear. Foli wanted to be a preacher someday, too. It was time he learned to trust God about everything, he told himself. So right there on top of the big red truck, Foli bowed his head and shut his eyes and asked God to make him strong and trusting. Then Foli opened his eyes again to watch the mysteries of the big city.

PREACHER WANTED—

A colored deacon who was the leader in a congregation down south, wrote to the bishop to explain the need of a minister for the church. He concluded his appeal as follows:

Send us a Bishop to preach. If you can't send us a Bishop, send us a Sliding Elder. If you can't send a Sliding Elder, send us a Stationary Preacher. If you can't spare him, send us a Circus Rider. If you can't spare him, send us a Locust Preacher. And if you can't send a Locust Preacher, send us an Exhauster."—*Christian Victory*.

THE WRINKLE-PROOF HEART

"Miss North visited our school today, Mama. She told me I surely look like you. Everybody tells me the same thing."

Mother's dark-haired girl bubbled with the delights of just being alive. Now she put her arms around Mother.

"Do I look like you?" she insisted.

"I'm afraid so, poor dear. And I'm afraid there's nothing much we can do about it."

"Sharon does look like you, Mother, but she's prettier." This came from Dorotheann down on the floor dusting the piano legs.

"She certainly is," Mother quickly agreed, "and I'm glad you think Sharon is pretty."

Putting the finishing touches on the piano, Dorotheann straightened herself and continued: "For one

come by a bombardment of gray hairs lately she had failed to think about wrinkles. Hm-m-m, a hand mirror and not-too-close scrutiny proved Dorotheann to be very observant.

Wrinkles around her eyes; how could a mother of nine escape? But, thank God, wrinkles are not necessarily a sign of the heart's condition. Can you sing in spite of those wrinkles and furrows which are part of time's signature on you? The heart which sings because of Christ's finished work on its behalf will never grow old. Its housing may wrinkle and dry up, but the singing heart will ever be young.

"Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves [one to another] in psalms and hymns and *spiritual* songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5: 18-19).

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it . . . that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:25, 27).

Are you one of that born-again throng which makes up His church, "without spot or wrinkle"?



thing, Sharon has a *young face*. She doesn't have wrinkles like you do."

At this point Mother could restrain her laughter no longer.

"I believe it is customary for eight-year-olds to have young faces. As for wrinkles, they will come, like it or not."

"Well, I'm never going to have wrinkles when I grow up." The 10-year-old "voice of experience" had more to say on the subject.

"I'm going to exercise every day and ride a bike every day and then I'll never get wrinkles. You wouldn't either, Mother, if you'd ride a bike."

"You can say that again," Mother agreed. "If I rode a bike I'd likely break my neck and never live long enough to get wrinkles."

Now a shy smile lighted Dorotheann's face as she said: "Anyway, I love you, Mama. But Sharon is prettier."

After this, Mother found herself singing as she went about her housework: "Tis a glorious church without spot or wrinkle, washed in the blood of the Lamb."

Her daughter had announced with childish candor, "You have wrinkles." Mother had been so over-



Limestone, Tenn.

The congregation of the Vernon Brethren Church were without a pastor from November 15 until June 1. We do praise the Lord for His tender watch care over the church during this period. All regular services were held and were in charge of different individuals, groups, and organizations of the church.

On June 1, Rev. Harold Arrington, a recent graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, arrived on the field. On Friday evening, June 4, the Senior WMC sponsored a surprise reception and shower for the new pastor and his family. A large crowd was present and the occasion was mutually enjoyed by our honored guests and the congregation.

The program of the evening consisted of a welcome and introduction of members to Rev. and Mrs. Arrington, a devotional period, games, refreshments, and the opening of packages by the pastor and his wife.

The shower included a variety of food products, some household items, and also a gift of money.

Our hearts are already warmed toward our pastor and family. And we are trusting that the Lord may be glorified as pastor and people unitedly serve Him.

Special activities just ahead are a communion service and DVBS. The mother-daughter banquet was held on Tuesday evening, June 8, with the largest attendance on record.—*Lelia Arnold, recording secretary.*

PURIFY THE SPRINGS

It is a good thing to remove the means of gratifying an evil appetite; but how much better it is to remove the appetite itself! It is a good thing to save men from frequenting dangerous resorts by furnishing safe places of recreation and entertainment, but far better is it to implant within the man such a love for all that is pure and good, that he will instinctively shun the impure and evil. Christianity aims to purify the springs of action.—*Strong.*

TESTIMONIALS

Mrs. Mary Konneck,
Mentone, Ind.

Have just started working and am enclosing \$2 from my first paycheck for which please send me the Missionary Herald. How I am looking forward to receiving that first copy once again. I have missed this real Christian magazine so much since my subscription ran out some time ago. I especially enjoy the missionary numbers, but I love them all.

Cpl. Donald Day,
Yakima, Wash.

I'm writing this to inform you that I'm due to have a new address soon. I've received about five copies of the Missionary Herald and it has been a real help and inspiration to me. The short talks from the different pastors have been a real blessing. True fellowship is very scarce here in the service and the talks have been just a little touch of home.

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3. Praise God for the way He met the financial needs of the school at the end of May, and pray definitely for these difficult summer months that needed funds may come in.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for Mrs. Roy Snyder, that she may soon be physically able to return to Africa. Pray also for the health of all of our missionary family.

2. Continue to pray that the Lord will somehow provide the four missionary pastors for Africa and the one missionary family for France as soon as possible.

3. Pray for the national youth in Argentina, especially for those graduates of the Bible Institute who are taking their places as national workers.

4. Pray much for the Fogle family in France; they are our only workers in that hard field. (See page 446 for detailed requests.)

5. Pray for the Howards, Bro. Sibley Edmiston, the Haags, and Miss Dorothy Robinson in their summer witnessing in various parts of old Mexico.

6. Pray for the work at Corral de Bustos, Argentina, now experiencing particular problems; also pray for Pastor Marshall and his family.

7. Pray for the meeting of the mission executive committee in Africa during mid-July.

8. Pray for the missionaries and national believers in Brazil as they face certain problems.

9. Pray definitely for the Bill Burk family, that they may soon leave for Brazil, where they are so badly needed.

10. Continue to pray for the depuration-visitation ministry of the missionaries on furlough and on the part of the general secretary.

WMC—

1. Pray for Pastors M. L. Myers and Wesley Haller in their new pastorates at Akron, Ohio, and Middlebranch, Ohio. Also for Neil Beery as he goes to Ankenytown, Ohio, and

Bill Johnson, who goes to Danville, Ohio.

2. Pray that all Brethren (men, women, and young folks) will *awaken* to the fact that it is impossible to please God without *faith* (Heb. 11: 6); and that our faith is only going to "increase" as we spend more time "in the secret of His presence," thus permitting God to show us through His Word His will for our lives.

3. Pray that all Christian young men in the armed forces of our country will be strong in faith and loyalty to their Heavenly Commander, regardless of circumstances.

SMM—

1. Pray that many girls may plan to attend national conference.

2. Pray for the national officers as they plan the program for conference.

3. Pray that many girls may attain the goals set before them, especially the memory goal—the Book of James or I John.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray for the decisions being made at Brethren summer camps, that they may be lasting.

2. Pray for our summer DVBS teams at Kentucky and New Mexico, that they may do a great job for the Lord.

3. Pray for our young people who are planning to enter college and seminary this year, that they may be able to manage finances and everything.

4. Pray that the financial needs of the Youth Council may be met, so that we can end the conference year "in the black."

MISSIONARY HERALD—

1. Pray that the editor's ministry in the churches as he travels in the interests of the Herald may bear fruit and that the Lord's work may be expanded as a result of the offerings received.

2. Pray for the Missionary Herald staff as they labor for the glory of the Lord.

3. Please pray for the editor-business manager as he deals with the problems encountered in such work.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE—

Pray for the future ministry of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade.

HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the home-mission pastors that have just begun their ministry in new fields (Henry Dalke at Yakima, Wash.; Earle Peer at Martinsburg, W. Va.; Dean Risser at Johnson City, Tenn.; and Russell Williams at Cheyenne, Wyo.).

2. Pray that the Lord will supply the Sunday school and vacation Bible school teachers needed to do an effective work for Him in Phoenix, Ariz.

3. Praise the Lord for making it possible for the Harrisburg church to go self-supporting, and pray that every need will be met in this step of faith.

4. Pray for the complete recovery of Miss Celina Mares, who has been having a physical problem and has recently undergone surgery. She is a missionary to her own Spanish-American people in the Taos, N. Mex., area.

5. Pray for the constant need of parsonages for our home-mission pastors. There is an acute need for one at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for Pastor Richard Grant.

GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the miraculous way in which He spared the lives of Dr. Bauman and the Grace Trum-peters on their way to California; and pray that He will use them greatly as they minister for Him and the seminary throughout the summer months in spite of the results of the accident.

2. Continue to pray for the fall student body. Pray that God will send into our college and seminary young people of strong Christian character and deep spirituality.

REAPING....

"BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP" (GALATIANS 6:4)



**GIVE TODAY AND REAP IN ETERNITY THROUGH YOUR GIFT TO
THE BRETHREN MISSIONARY HERALD**



COME YE APART FOR STUDY

By Mrs. Harold Etling

The pastor was calling in the home of one of his members. As so often happens, Mother had carefully washed and combed her little Mary, but she was not quite ready to meet the caller. In an effort to impress the pastor until her mother came, the little girl said, "I know all that is in the Bible."

"Why, Mary," interrupted Mother as she entered the room, "don't tell such tales."

"But I do," insisted Mary. "Just see if there isn't a lock of Betty's hair, Bob's graduation announcement, and Joan's wedding invitation, together with a pressed flower from her wedding."

We smile at the little girl, but are not too many of us guilty of the same attitude? We learn a few choice tidbits as "The Lord is my shepherd," "He is my rock and my salvation," and neglect to discover fresh gems of God's grace. We read so often as did two girls of our acquaintance. They had been out rather late at night and then looked one half hour for a short chapter. Their error was to *search* for rather than "search the Scripture."

It is said of the church at Berea that they "searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11). The word "search" carries the idea "that one should examine the Scriptures carefully, as when a judge examines the prisoner before him." Likewise Paul admonishes Timothy to "give attendance to reading," and then urges him to "meditate on these things." Meditation really means to think or talk about the Scriptures in order to act.

Could the word "search" help us see that the real gems of God's Word are found only by persistent and careful study? Can we realize that to "meditate" is to put into use and practice that which we have diligently searched after?

I can hear you say, "I try to study, but I just don't seem to understand. Then too, when I sit down to study I think of the dust under the bed, or the awful stack of ironing." Could we suggest that desire for study comes only from a true love for the Author of the Book? You have heard of the girl who had definitely not enjoyed the book she had just read. Soon after she spent an evening and fell in love with the young author. That night she read the book for the second time, before she went to sleep. How her attitude and appreciation of the book had changed! Shall we carry it to the spiritual realm? The Holy Spirit will illuminate and unveil truths never before fathomed and never before enjoyed,

as we really come to love the Lord Jesus, the Author of the Book.

Perhaps the next question might be, "What is the best method of study?" For the writer it is always best to first read the entire chapter or book to be studied. On a second reading she marks words or phrases that are meaningful to her. Oh yes! Definitely mark your Bible as speakers bring new truths to your mind! However, marking for one's own personal study is like picking corn right off the stalk, so much better than when it has been in market a few days. Sometimes an interesting study is to find certain words throughout the chapter, book, or the entire Bible. Other times one could seek information regarding a particular doctrine. One verse of Scripture can be critically considered in relation to another verse or its context. One cannot lay down a hard and fast rule as to the best method of study for another. The issue is, "Sisters, let us have a time and place for study."

A time and place for study? We will never "find" time. We will by careful discipline of self have to "make time" if we are to accomplish in the art of study. Some can best study in the morning. Others may wait until the baby is sleeping in the afternoon. Still others may find the evening hours their most favorable time. Whatever is the best time for you, take pencil, pad, and Bible to a place of as few distractions as possible. The very place you choose can create study atmosphere.

We have discovered that it is commanded of us to "search the scriptures," to "study to shew [ourselves] approved unto God." We have learned that real study needs the impetus of true love for the author, and that we need a method, a time, and a place for study. Let us consider the benefits of study.

A poor child from the New York slums was taken into the country for the first time. As the train got into open space where trees and grass appeared, she asked, "Teacher, is this still the United States?" How utterly beyond her conception was the breadth of the country, the vastness of its lakes and prairies, the majesty of its mountains.

Only study of His Word will give us a picture of the majesty of our God and Creator. Only through a knowledge of God himself can we understand His great character of righteousness, and His rule with justice and judgment. Only through a knowledge of God can we understand the great love of God "that he gave his only

begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Having discovered His great gift to us may we suggest that it is only through a knowledge of this gift that we may know the peace that passeth understanding. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you . . . my peace I give unto you." A knowledge of this great Saviour helps us to realize His compassion and love for men. In this day of turmoil and strife and selfishness, sisters, let us come apart to study the life of this One that we may give to a dying world the knowledge of this One who left the glories of heaven to live an exemplary life before man; who died that the world might have life eternal; who alone can supply our every need, whether it be peace, companionship, power, or comfort.

It was Abraham Lincoln who said, "I will study and get ready and perchance some day my chance will come." Let us come apart for study, in order that we may be effectual, spiritual workmen. Let us study to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

WMC Needs YOU at Winona Lake—August 23-29



The 1953-1954 WMC year will soon be coming to a close. Perhaps we should take time to think back over the past year and check on our accomplishments. Every one of us ought to be able to "take inventory" and find that we have grown mentally and spiritually during the past year. Have we been faithful in our Bible study and prayer life? Has WMC given us a deeper love for the Lord, a better knowledge of His Word, a wider vision of the mission fields of the world, a more consecrated prayer life, and a greater zeal for personal soul-winning? These are the main goals of WMC and if we aren't able to see this growth in our own lives something is missing somewhere. So much for our individual personal growth.

How about your local council? As we think back over the year, has this been a victorious year for our council? Have we seen spiritual and numerical growth? Have our members shown initiative and interest in the various meetings and projects? Are they willing to serve cheerfully on committees and programs? Have we done our best in all the local, district, and national projects? Perhaps this would be a good place to check ourselves on our national offerings.

1. Navaho Mission Project—We went "over the top" on this with more than \$2,700. No doubt every council has sent in its offering for this project long ago.

2. Grace Seminary Lounge—Again we went "over the top" and the seminary now has a beautifully furnished lounge. Come to conference and take a peek. Probably all those offerings are in by this time.

3. Foreign Missions—This offering should have been in the hands of the financial secretary by June 10. We have not yet had a report from the secretary. Perhaps your council is slow in turning in your offering. If so,

do it quickly, that this project may also be "exceedingly abundant."

4. Thank Offering for Jewish Evangelism—This is our "penny a day" offering and should have been sent to Mrs. McCall by June 10 also. We are sure that some councils have not yet sent in this offering, but we are praying that each one will realize its importance and do so immediately. Your editor considers this our *most important offering*. The Lord has commanded us to take the Gospel "to the Jew first" and also promised to bless those who have the welfare of His earthly people at heart. Our future blessing as a WMC might well hinge on our response in this particular offering. If every WMC member gave just one penny a day, this offering would amount to more than \$13,000. We know that in spite of all we have said in the Herald this year that some will not meet the challenge, but is it too much to hope that this offering will reach \$10,000? Get your offering in to the financial secretary immediately, then come to conference and help us celebrate the greatest year WMC has ever had!

5. WMC Missionary Birthday Offering—This offering should be sent in by July 10, which date will be past before you get this Herald, so if your offering is not yet in, get it into the mail quickly that we may have a complete report at national conference. Having taken up the support of a WMC missionary we must go forward with ever-increasing birthday offerings.

6. Missionary Residence Offering—This *district project* was also due by July 10. This will help keep the residence cheerful and comfortable for our furloughed missionaries.

7. Home Base Offering—Last but not least. Be faithful in this offering throughout the quarter and send it in to the secretary before September 10.

As we think back we have quite an array of accomplishments, don't we? Remember to send all funds still outstanding to our financial secretary, Mrs. Chester McCall, 3421 W. 82d Pl., Inglewood, Calif.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR MISSIONARIES

Africa—

Sylvia Fern Hill.....September 1, 1943
Miss Ruth Snyder.....September 8
Mrs. William J. Samarin.....September 19
Mrs. Charles Sumey.....September 22

Argentina—

Miss Bertha Abel.....September 12
Mark Stephen Schrock.....September 12, 1953
Rev. Lynn D. Schrock.....September 23

Brazil—

Ann Lenore Zielasko.....September 11, 1950
Jonathan Lee Teeter.....September 21, 1952

France—

Neal Lee Fogle.....September 1, 1951

Mexico—

Mrs. Walter Haag.....September 11
Sandra Rebecca Haag.....September 16, 1952

In the United States—

Mrs. Clarence Sickel.....September 10
(Due to arrive on furlough about Sept. 1.)
Mrs. Edward D. Miller.....September 18

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Women Manifesting Christ AROUND THE WORLD

PROGRESS IN KENTUCKY MISSIONS

By Rev. Lester E. Pifer

The history of our missionary work in Kentucky has been one of progress and expansion. God has blessed the joint efforts of the Brethren Home Missions Council and the missionaries in establishing two outstanding testimonies for His glory. The value of such missionary activity should not be minimized.

Many are the precious souls in the numerous tiny houses spotting the hillsides in Kentucky. Some of the finest of American young people are coming from these areas. The dividends in precious children who have been taught the simple Bible stories and the souls saved in the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are tremendous. Young lives laid on the altar for full-time

training at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and has had the finest of respect through the years as a missionary.

For years Breathitt County was known as "Bloody Breathitt" because of its political feuds. Brother Landrum fearlessly faced many dangerous situations by the grace of God. He has been known to preach when men with hatred in their hearts and liquor in their stomachs stood by with gun in hand or knife ready to kill. No one realized any more vividly than this missionary the keeping power of Christ. The Lord will not forsake His own.

A white frame tabernacle is the center of worship in Clayhole. This building has become a lighthouse for the Gospel for many in that area. The Sunday school has grown year by year. A year ago this Clayhole church placed fourth in Class D in the Christian Life Sunday School Contest. This year they placed seventh in the same division but not before they had notified the whole county of their contest with practically every means of advertising. These efforts, along with a constant teaching of the Word of God and good will of the community have given our missionaries in that area great freedom in propagating the Gospel. Brother Landrum visits three schools a week teaching seven Bible classes, reaching hundreds of boys and girls with the Gospel. Two schoolbuses and a jeep are used to transport people to and from the church. We have a comfortable parsonage near the church and a clothing room on the church property. Recently more land has been purchased for further expansion to provide needed Sunday-school facilities.

Along with Brother and Sister Landrum and their family, Elaine Polman Brenneman, Evelyn Fuqua, and Grace Grauel have served as our missionaries. The interest of the brotherhood has been great in this work which is largely dependent upon the home-mission offering. Each visitor certainly receives a liberal portion of "southern hospitality" on his arrival at the Clayhole mission.

In 1950 it was laid on the hearts of God's people to expand our missionary activity in Kentucky. The directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council gave authority to Miss Evelyn Fuqua to open a new field at Dryhill, about 50 or 60 miles to the south of Clayhole. This place is better known to Brethren folk as Hell for Certain. This designation came as an expression from a man back in the earlier days while traveling through the area. While wading in deep snow, and having extreme



Rev. and Mrs. Sewell Landrum (inset) and Clayhole, Ky., young people.

service are inestimable in value. Surely under the blessing of God we will see this ministry expanding in the future—a strong virile church in each point preaching and teaching the Word of God. This will reach many more lives dedicated to full-time service in the many avenues of endeavor afforded by the Brethren Church.

The work at Clayhole is now 15 years old. This work was started by the Brethren Home Missions Council under the leadership of Rev. Sewell Landrum. Brother Landrum was born and reared in this area, took his

difficulty in doing so, one man said, "This shore is hell, ain't it?" The other replied, "Yep, hell for sartin!"

Through the faithful witness of "Miss Evelyn," as she is spoken of in that locality, a fine testimony has been established. Miss Fuqua received her training at Biola and is well known in young people's circles in the Brethren Church for her activity and her deep devotion to the Lord's work. With the held of the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha and cooeration and "sweat equity"



Chapel at Dryhill, Ky. Evelyn Fuqua in inset.

of some faithful laymen, a nice 24 x 50-foot chapel was built for the work. Since the inception of this work the blessing of God has been upon the effort. Miss Evelyn reaches many schools in the area and has been used greatly in bringing a large number of young people to Christ.

Church services are held when possible, for there is not always a minister present. Sunday school is a "must," and is attended by 50 or 60 people a week. The prayer meeting has an average attendance of 20.

This work, as at Clayhole, is largely dependent upon others. God has laid a real burden upon our missionaries' hearts for these folk. Brethren people gave liberally to support this work, and most of all the prayers and words of encouragement of the Lord's children have been a great boon to the work. We trust that all who read this article will make a great effort to pray for our Kentucky missionary work. Pray that many more souls will be saved and that many of these fine young people who have come and are coming to Christ will find their place in His service.

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DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR AUGUST

Bible Study—"Come Ye Apart to Witness."
Mission Study—Brethren Los Angeles Jewish Mission.



STRENGTHENING THE HOME BASE

How we do praise the Lord for the way WMC has been growing. Many new councils have been organized and many new members have been added to the older councils. Growth carries with it certain responsibilities and duties. As our organization grows the amount of program material and literature provided for the councils must be increased. National officers as well as district officers who have contacts with new councils in helping them get started are constantly faced with a dearth of material to place in their hands. Some local councils have met the need by preparing cards and booklets for their own groups. The national officers would like to make the local load lighter by providing such things as booklets of instruction for the members, visitors' cards explaining the purpose of the WMC, and possibly even booklets of meeting helps and hints.

The uniform program packet has done much to bind the individual councils together into one strong unit as we serve the Lord. Additional helps would further strengthen our unity and make our Christian service even more effective.

The national officers are looking to the individual members of each local council to consider this present project, our Home Base Offering, as just as important as our other project offerings. Our future scope of blessing to foreign missions, home missions, Jewish evangelism, or Grace Seminary will be in direct proportion to the growth and development of WMC throughout the Brethren Church. This in turn will be greatly affected by the size of our Home Base Offering. *Can we count on YOU and YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL to take us "over the top" in this project also?*—Ed.



It is not too early for each one of you to be planning to attend our annual WMC conference at Winona Lake. National conference is the high point of the WMC year. At national conference our projects are decided, our goals for the next year are adopted, and many helpful hints and suggestions for making the local WMC more attractive and interesting are made. Any WMC member will find our conference sessions full of blessing and inspiration. Every local council should make a real effort to have at least one delegate at the WMC sessions. Do not forget that **EVERY DELEGATE MUST COME WITH A PROPERLY SIGNED CREDENTIAL.** Two

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Greetings, ladies! Here it is, almost time for me, your WMC Program, to make an appearance at the beginning of a new Women's Missionary Council year. I have had quite some experiences and I thought I would share them with you.

You see, I had my beginning two years ago. "Took me a long time to get around to you!" you say. Well, you are right. I have been tossed about, traveled a lot, cut and slashed, and finally concealed in an envelope and made my way to you via Uncle Sam's mail service.

In August 1952 the executive committee of the WMC conference in session at Winona Lake asked the Atlantic District to work on the monthly devotional program packets for the year 1954-55. This seems to be their general policy. So look out! Your turn as a district is

task of duplicating them, arranging the monthly program suggestions, and sending them out to the councils, begins. This is no small job. It involves cutting about 84 stencils. Ask any secretary what kind of a job this is! Then comes the proofreading work and stapling. Next, the assembling into monthly programs and addressing the 350 envelopes for *half* a year's programs. All of this takes about 30,000 pieces of paper, 700 envelopes, that many stamps, and more staples. Supplies can be counted, but time involved cannot be even estimated.

Now, as you can see, I have been involved in a lot of processes before I reach your monthly meetings. I am hoping you will appreciate me so much that you will take extra pains to produce me in the most interesting way possible to the ladies present. Try to commit some of my verses to memory. Enjoy singing my hymns and choruses. Listen closely as the members of your group give (not read) my articles. Bring your Bible to the meeting and search out my Scripture passages which are within my Bible study.

Above all, just remember the expense involved in getting me to your meeting. When the time comes to take the Home Base Offering, put in a little extra. Of course we tried putting these programs in the Herald, but who wants to go to the monthly meetings and listen to a repeat of something she has read in her own home a few weeks before? I know your meetings are much more interesting because I come to you by mail.

If all the WMC councils would increase their Home Base Offering by one dollar it would adequately take care of me as an extra expense. That amounts to about ten cents per person. I do not think I am too expensive if you only have to give a penny a month for my inspiring messages and enlightening articles.

Hoping you'll have a more enjoyable time at your meetings, and praying God to help you to a higher plane of fellowship with Him and others through my studies, I am your faithful friend,

Mrs. WMC Program.

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BIBLE READING AND TRACT CORNER

Bible reading for July—A chapter a day of your own choosing.

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Tracts of the Month

For Others—"The New Birth," by a Civil War chaplain, published by Faithful Words Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

For Ourselves—"Is It Right?" by William MacDonald, published by the Good News Publishers, Chicago, Ill.

These may be obtained in packets of 50 from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Winona Lake, Ind.

Note: The tract, "Articulate Christian," by Hugh R. Monro, advertised in this section last month, is not available.



Mrs. Mabel Hamilton preparing programs.

coming up. Begin to think now. It will help the committee in charge.

After the assignment was given, a committee from the district was appointed to work out the general outline, giving theme, Bible verses, topics, Bible studies, and mission studies, to the next conference board for its approval. Well, that took some planning. That is where I got kicked around a little. You know, when three or four women get separate ideas in separate parts of the district, it takes some shaking down before they agree to come up with something workable and worthwhile. But this desperate period did not take too long, and as the board at conference was so gracious as to approve the final draft, the big task of getting all the articles written and duplicated began.

It takes just about a year to write to 24 people, giving them their assignments and instructions. Many are busy preachers and missionaries who have to squeeze these articles into their already full schedule. Yet, just like Brethren, expressing complete unity, they come through with some wonderful Bible studies and missionary messages. Some of the studies have traveled from Argentina, Brazil, France, Africa, and from all parts of the United States.

After the articles are in to the steering committee, the

SISTERHOOD of MARY and MARTHA



BEAUTY IN FAITHFULNESS

By Althea S. Miller

Faithfulness is a part of human character which is taken very lightly today. People promise to be faithful to a job, or a person, or a principle, but if the winds of trouble, or persecution, or personality blow very hard, the promise to faithfulness is disregarded. In closing our studies for the year on "Beauty Unlimited," it is most fitting that we think on the quality of faithfulness which may or may not mark our own lives.

It is interesting to note that the Apostle Paul had something to say on the subject. In I Timothy 1:12 he said he was thankful that Jesus Christ had "counted me faithful, putting [appointing] me into the ministry [into His service]." Paul counted it a privilege and honor to be serving the Lord. Do you have that attitude? Every Christian should be glad and willing to serve Him in any work to which the Lord calls. *Never* run away from the call of the Lord. You will regret such an act not only in this life but throughout all eternity.

But I hear one of you say you have not the qualifications to be a great success in the work of the Lord. People seem to use the words "faithfulness" and "success" interchangeably. However, God does not. Nowhere in His Word do we find Him commanding His servants to be good and *successful* servants. Rather, we read His commendation to those who are good and *faithful* servants (Matt. 25:21). Not all sisterhood girls can be Dr. Gribbles or Mrs. Fosters. Not all will be called upon to lead the national SMM program. Not many will be nationally known for their Christian accomplishments or dynamic leadership. Yet every Christian girl, every SMM girl, will have to answer to God regarding her faithfulness to Him in that particular task

He asked *her* to do. And the job He asked you to do, or will yet call upon you to perform, no one else can do. If they could, He would have asked them. So if you refuse to do His bidding and be faithful in the little things, you will have hindered God's work on earth just that much.

Not only does God want you to be faithful to Him in all things, but He wants us true in our relationships to others. Any girl (or boy) who professes to love the Lord yet talks disrespectfully to and about his parents is not being faithful in all things. The Word of God is very specific in this matter of honoring "thy father and thy mother." No matter how talented you are, or how much you do in the church or SMM, you are hurting your testimony for Christ, and being unfaithful if you do not obey your parents and do your dead level best to honor them in all things. Read Ephesians 6:1 to 3 every day for at least a week as you ask God to help you obey this particular portion of His Word.

Wonderful rewards are promised to those who are faithful to Christ unto the end. Not the least of these rewards is the crown of life promised to those who are faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10). Will this crown be yours?

Never forget that God does not ask anything unreasonable, ever, of His children. So when He asks us to be beautiful in faithfulness it will be possible for us to obey Him *if we really want* to be. We have great confidence that He will always be faithful to us. In fact, He is faithful when we are not. We do not deserve His faithfulness, yet He gives it freely, always.

Peter tells us in his first epistle, chapter 4, verse 19, that God is a *faithful* Creator. I John 1:9 tells us He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. The psalmist said: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: to shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy *faithfulness* every night" (Psa. 92:1-2). The 119th Psalm says that God is faithful to His own even in the afflictions He allows them to have (vs. 75). If we believed this, we'd not complain or rebel when trials beset our paths. The 90th verse of this 119th Psalm says God's faithfulness is to all generations. He has never allowed a generation to live on this earth but what He has given evidence of His love and care for them and has shown them His salvation in some way.

The Old Testament prophet, Isaiah, said he would praise God because "thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (25:1). Even the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, who wrote Lamentations, cries out with joy: "Great is thy *faithfulness*" (3:23). With all this evidence of God's

PROGRAM GROOMING FOR AUGUST

PRAISING VOICES—Singing unto the Lord. Open by singing theme song, "Let the Beauty of Jesus," and repeating the year verse, I Chronicles 16:29.

SWEET SAVOR—Spend prayer time in the "Perfume Corner."

CLEANSSED HEARTS—Read Scripture, Matthew 25:13-40.

GLOWING LIVING—Seniors study "Beauty in Faithfulness." Middlers study "Beauty of Fidelity."

SPARKLING TALENTS—Give a special number.

BEAUTIFUL FEET—Consider "Adventures With the Bible in Brazil." Close by singing second stanza of theme song, "Let Compassion for Sinners," and repeating year's devotion benediction, Jude 24-25.

BUSINESS MEETING.

SMM BENEDICTION.

Fidelity is certainly a virtue for any Christian girl and it can really help to make a girl more beautiful. Throughout this year we have tried to point out various ways that we can make ourselves beautiful. This one is not the least of these, but is of great importance. The word "fidelity" is derived from the Latin word *fidelis*, which means "faithful." We, as Christian girls, should be faithful in every way. If we have a friend who proves unfaithful to us, we are very disillusioned in that friend. Faithfulness is an attribute that we like all our friends and loved ones to have, but do we have it as well? Many times we are told a secret in confidence, but do we remain faithful to that person and keep it to ourselves or are we anxious to pass it on? Then there are times when our companions are in circumstances that are a little embarrassing, or not just as we would have them, but are we willing to give them a word of encouragement or a friendly handclasp to show that we still love them? Let us be faithful in our human relationships.

While it is necessary that we remain faithful to those with whom we have contact in this life, it is more important that we remain faithful to God. Are we willing to speak out for our Lord when others would speak against Him? Or are we like Peter on the night of our Lord's crucifixion? When he was asked if he was a friend of the Galilean he said he was not, and even swore against Him at one time. I am sure that Peter's heart was full of remorse when he thought back to that bitter night, but it was done and he could never live that night over again to make it right. Are you ashamed of Jesus as Peter was? When your schoolmates make fun of the Lord and all the principles He has taught us in His Word, do you just mumble something that they might think you agree with them or are you willing to take your stand and speak out for Christ? In I Timothy 1:12

Paul says that he is thankful that Christ had counted him faithful. Can our Lord depend on us? When He knows He can He has special jobs for us. He called Paul into His service and he became the first foreign missionary for Christ.

We do not find in God's Word one instance when He commands us to be good and successful servants. His admonition to us is to be good and faithful servants (Matt. 25:21). If we have a job to do for the Lord—it might be just to dust the chairs in the Sunday-school room—we should do it consistently and never fail. It does not matter how big or how little the job is, if we are not faithful in it I don't believe we are pleasing God. You might have a wonderful talent, let us say, to sing. If you are not faithful in using that talent and cannot be depended upon, you are not doing as God wills. He has given you any talent that you have and He expects you to be faithful to Him with that talent (see Matt. 25:14-30). We should not use these talents or be faithful just to satisfy ourselves. There is a lot of satisfaction when we know we are being faithful to the One who is always faithful to us and never fails us. There are rewards for being faithful to our Lord. In Revelation 2:10b He says, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." What a wonderful attainment to look forward to. I trust that each sisterhood girl will hear those welcome words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

I pray that these lessons in spiritual beauty culture will not be just for this year, but that the thoughts we have tried to leave with you will remain in your young hearts and lives till you receive your crown of life. Are you more beautiful today than you were last year this time? We trust that your beauty is right now shining from your heart through your face and in everything you do.

faithfulness arrayed before us, I pray we'll have the grace to hang our heads in shame and penitence at our own faithlessness. If we are interested in true beauty as God sees it and wants us to be, then we'll start right now to be faithful to Him in all things.

Our SMM studies this past year have given us a complete beauty course. If you are not a more beautiful girl today than you were a year ago, then you have not applied the lessons to your own heart and life. Beauty of countenance, mind, form, feet, purpose, thought, wisdom, praise, adornment, friendship, gratitude, and faithfulness can only be ours through Christ Jesus and our devotion to His will for our lives. If you are beautiful according to God's spiritual standards, then you are photogenic—that is, others see the beauty of Christ in your life. Why not stop now and take stock of your reservoir of beauty and resolve by His grace to become beautiful? There is BEAUTY with possibilities UNLIMITED in Christ, and it is yours for the asking.

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (I Chron. 16:29). And "the Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace" (Num. 6:24-26).

BITS O' INFORMATION

If you have NOT received your statistical blanks from the national general secretary as yet, it is because we do not have the address of the local secretary or president. The blanks must be sent to the national president and your district secretary by July 31. Send a note to the general secretary right away so you can fill them out! We want every sisterhood to receive one, thus making possible a more accurate report at conference. Write for yours today.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

A note comes from Marie Sackett, national bandage secretary, for SMM's to either send a report or the bandages. Concerning the sizes—she has been getting them all sizes and not too solid. Let's be more careful!

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ADVENTURES WITH THE BIBLE IN BRAZIL

By Frederick C. Glass

LESSON 12

IA. Chapter 43—The Only Way Out of the Dark.

- 1b. The colporteur Machado.
 - 1c. No books sold here (p. 245, pars. 1-2).
 - 2c. A dream (p. 245, par. 3).
 - 3c. The return and its results (p. 245, pars. 4-5; p. 246).
- 2b. The colporteur Januario.
 - 1c. He canvasses a train (p. 246).
 - 2c. He has a contest with a priest (pp. 247-248).
 - 3c. He preaches and has great success selling his Bibles (p. 249).
- 3b. The colporteur Pessoa.
 - 1c. He preaches on shipboard (p. 249, par. 6).
 - 2c. A sympathetic lawyer answers him kindly (p. 250).



Hint 1. Statistical blanks are due July 31. Please send one to the district secretary and the national president. Please don't fail to do this for we need your report in making our plans for the coming year. We want one from every SMM so that we can make an accurate report. We appreciate your cooperation.

Hint 2. National SMM board meeting! All national board members do not forget that board meeting will be held Saturday, August 21, and Monday, August 23. It will start at 9 a. m. promptly and will be held in the seminary building. Let's have as many there as possible.

Hint 3. Districts, don't forget to bring to Camp Bethany a written report and a display from your district showing what you have done this past year. Let's have each district represented this year.

Hint 4. Patronesses! You are invited to attend the patroness meeting which will be held Tuesday, August 24, in the Bethany Lodge. Please come if at all possible.

IIA. Chapter 44—A Tale of Two Cities.

- 1b. The story of Manaos.
 - 1c. Its description (p. 251, pars. 1-2).
 - 2c. Pessoa's journey to Manaos (p. 251, par. 3; p. 252).
 - 3c. The work at Manaos.
 - 1d. Morning open-air meetings (p. 253, par. 2).
 - 2d. Canvassing homes and marketplaces (p. 253, par. 2).
 - 3d. Pleasant hospitality and good success (p. 253, par. 3).
- 2b. The story of Bahia.
 - 1c. Its description (p. 253, par. 4; p. 254).
 - 2c. A gospel raid on the city (p. 254, par. 1).
 - 1d. Length of time and success of the first raid.
 - 2c. Length of time and success of the second raid.

IIIA. Chapter 45—The Saddler's Daughter.

- 1b. The saddler's daughter meets the colporteur (p. 255, par. 2).
 - 1c. She urges him to stay and hold a meeting.
 - 2c. She gives her all to the work of the Gospel (p. 255, par. 3).
- 2b. She tells her friend the story of the Gospel (p. 256, par. 1).
- 3b. The story of the friend of the saddler's daughter.
 - 1c. She was turned out of her mother's house for her faith (p. 256, par. 2).
 - 2c. This fine Christian has dedicated her children to the Lord (p. 256, par. 3).
- 4b. The case of the commanding officer (p. 257, pars. 1-2).
- 5b. Colporteur Adolpho sells books.
 - 1c. Priests hinder him (p. 257, pars. 4-5).
 - 2c. A Catholic doctor tries to hinder him (p. 257, par. 5).
 - 3c. A born-again one testifies to the crowd (p. 258, par. 2).

IVA. Chapter 46—Merchant Adventurers.

- 1b. A plea for more colporteurs.
 - 1c. Such a ministry is needed (p. 259, par. 1).
 - 2c. It brought great blessing in Tyndale's day.
 - 1d. The seed was sown effectively in Britain p. 259, par. 4).
- 2b. Advice for starting such a work.
 - 1c. Training for the colporteurs (p. 260, par. 1).
 - 2c. The type of person eligible for the work (p. 260, par. 2).
 - 3c. The enterprise should be begun slowly (p. 260, par. 4).
 - 4c. The books must be sold (p. 260, par. 5).
 - 5c. The variety and kind of literature to be sold p. 260, par. 6).
 - 6c. It is urgent that the Bible be taken to the homes of the U. S. and Great Britain (p. 261).

FASHIONS IN SISTERHOOD

A Mother's Tea was given by the Junior SMM girls of Ashland, Ohio, recently. These girls have also accomplished a great deal in rolling bandages by having a night out of each month designated to rolling bandages.

An unusual local goal was suggested by the Portis, Kans., sisterhood, who heard of some Navaho children who wanted to go to summer camp. The SMM presented a Sunday-evening service in their church and the offering was used to send a Navaho girl to Midwest District camp.

The Sr. SMM of Mundy's Corner sends greetings and tells us they have had a busy year in sisterhood. There were 89 present at the mother and daughter banquet and the girls held a joint meeting with the WMC on a Sky Pilot night. The girls made candy for the boys and sent boxes of candy to young people away at school.

The presentation of a pantomime is the highlight in the Meyersdale Sr. SMM. The prepared topics in the Herald have proved helpful, and the girls are now striving to increase the enrollment.

A new sisterhood was organized in Los Angeles in February of this year. Be praying for this new group and for each one of the girls. By the way, that's in the Community Brethren Church.

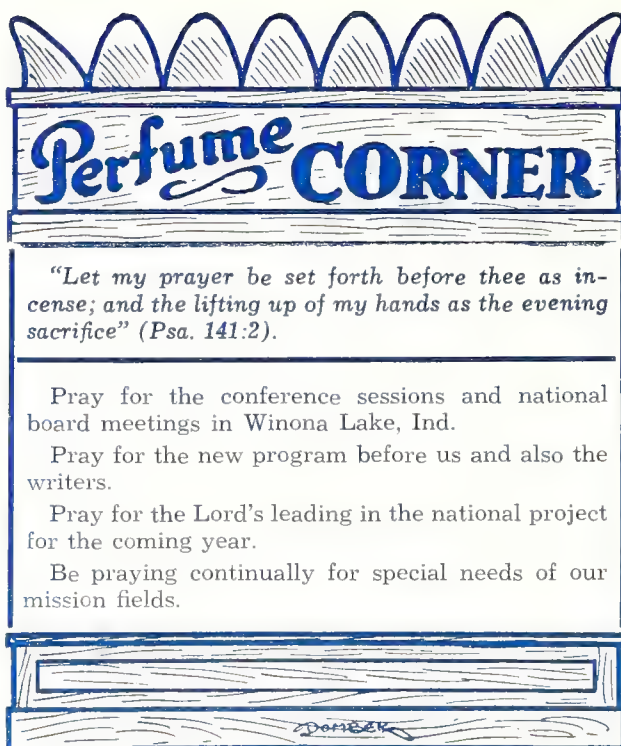
A Penny Partner Tea was held at the end of the penny parade in the Roanoke, Va., Jr. sisterhood. A special program in the church aided the girls in the national project offering. The play, "Life With the Sisterhood Girls," was presented, closing with a candlelight service. The average attendance has been 12 to 15. Two meetings are held each month—a Mary meeting for worship, and a Martha meeting for service goals.

Several things of interest have been accomplished by the Sr. SMM of Hagerstown, Md. A covered dish supper preceded one meeting, at which time names were exchanged for "heart sisters." The Junior and Senior WMC groups were invited to the April meeting and the offering received, which amounted to \$18, was used in the birthday offering.

The middler group from Akron, Ohio, send their greetings along with the notes of interest. The girls had charge of the old-folks home meeting after which popcorn balls and tracts were distributed. A birthday party for the oldest church member was held and a play, "Thanksgiving Ann," was presented near Thanksgiving time. Special music from SMM girls was rendered at their revival services not long ago.

The Norwalk, Calif., church organized a junior sisterhood recently. Already the total membership is 11. Let's be praying for these new groups.

The junior sisterhood has been organized from the senior sisterhood in the La Loma church, Modesto, Calif. Recently a bandage-rolling party was held at which our missionary, Mary Cripe, was with them. Girls from



THINK ON THESE THINGS

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years ago it was decided that no delegates would be seated in conference without a credential properly signed by the LOCAL OFFICERS. All district presidents should take note of this and be certain that your local presidents have all been properly instructed.

Having at least one member of your council in attendance at national conference is vitally important. Helping that delegate or delegates to finance their trip to conference could be considered as important as any of your local projects. A love gift from your council would, perhaps, give the delegate a greater sense of responsibility to be present at every session. She would be representing you in a special way and would feel a greater obligation to have a full report to take back to your local council. Another nice gesture would be to present her or them with a dainty little notebook in which to take notes that could become a permanent part of your local files and provide hints and suggestions for your program throughout the year.

How about your conference display? Is your district planning one district display or having each local council present its own display? Get together with the others of your district and plan your display so that each district will have a helpful and attractive part in this project.—Ed.

southern California attended a district rally which was held in the church. A mother-daughter banquet featured a trio from another church in Modesto as well as poems from girls in the local group. The speaker was Marybeth Munn. Decorations of butterflies and large spring flowers borrowed from a local department store were arranged around the room, with colors of pink, green, and white.



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LEAMERSVILLE, PA. The Leamersville Brethren Church, Rev. Robert Crees, pastor, and the Vicksburg Brethren Church, Rev. Dean Walter, pastor, closed a successful DVBS with an average attendance of 212. There were 62 decisions for Christ. Rev. Crees begins his fourth year as pastor of the Leamersville church.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The new Sunday-school order blanks have been mailed to all churches for the Oct.-Dec. quarter. Please fill out and return these blanks to the Missionary Herald for prompt, accurate service.

WAYNESBORO, PA. Rev. Conrad Sandy, pastor of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa., is the newly elected moderator of the Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches which convened here May 5-8.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. On May 31 the ground-breaking ceremony took place for the new building at the Brethren High School. The building will be 83 x 100 and will include facilities for a cafeteria, an auditorium seating 500, and six classrooms. Dr. Charles Mayes is pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Mr. William B. Coon, Jr., won a four-year scholarship to the school of his choice, awarded by the Los Angeles Times. Mr. Coon was one of five to receive this award in southern California. He is a graduate of the Brethren High School and was valedictorian of his class. He is a member of the First Brethren Church. Mr. Coon will enter Stanford University this fall to begin an engineering course.

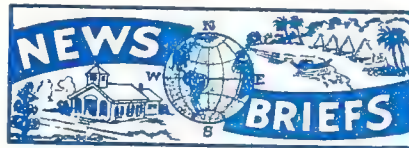
TRACY, CALIF. Rev. William Clough, pastor of the First Brethren Church, is slowly regaining his strength and has reassumed all the responsibility for his work. Mr.

Robert Cover, licensed minister, graduate of Bob Jones University, and assistant pastor to Rev. Clough, has been drafted by the U. S. Army. He had planned to enter Grace Seminary this fall.

CHEYENNE, WYO. A commission as Captain, Chaplain Corps of the Wyoming National Guard has been received by Rev. C. Wayne Croker. His new address is 39-D Meriden Rt. Cheyenne, Wyo.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Chaplain Orville Lorenz is with the U. S. Army in Korea. Approximately 500 men attend the Sunday services, and in addition to this ministry, Chaplain Lorenz carries an hour radio broadcast of the Sunday-morning service which is carried by the armed forces Korean radio network. Chaplain Wayne Flory is also located in this area.

ALTOONA, PA. The East Fellowship of Brethren Churches will convene here July 26-29. Rev. Mark Malles will be host pastor.



JOHNSON CITY, TENN. Rev. W. Carl Miller, pastor of the Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., was elected moderator of the Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches for the next year. The conference convened here June 28-30. Rev. Dean Risser was host pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Risser arrived in Johnson City on June 9. The church gave them a food and linen shower. The address of Rev. Risser is 717 Wilson Ave., and the phone number is 2306-RM. Please put in annual.

INDIO, CALIF. Mr. S. W. Link, a member of the board of trustees of the Brethren Missionary Herald, is making fine recovery from the recent removal of a deep cataract on his eye. Continue to pray for Bro. Link.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. The 17th annual convention of the Christian Business Men's Committee, International, will be held here at the Biltmore Hotel, Oct. 13-17.

WHEATON, ILL. Wendell E. Kent, son of Dr. and Mrs. Homer Kent, graduated from Wheaton Col-

lege June 14 with his B. A. degree and was numbered 5th among 14 with *summa cum laude*. Congratulations.

KEYSER, W. VA. The new address of Mr. Roy Glass, Jr., is R. R. 3, Keyser, W. Va. Brother Glass was licensed to the Christian ministry through the Atlantic District and is seeking to know the leading of the Lord with regard to future service for Him.

EVANSTON, ILL. Miss Ava Schnittjer, dean of women and assistant professor in speech and English at Grace College, is doing graduate study this summer at Northwestern University.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) President Eisenhower, signing House Joint Resolution 243 to add the words "under God" to the pledge of allegiance to the flag, said the change reaffirmed "the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future."

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (RNS). There is no place in medicine for the atheist or the materialist, the president of the American Medical Association said in an address here. Dr. Edward J. McCormish, of Toledo, Ohio, said, "Medicine is a priestly calling and its followers must have due regard for the soul as well as the body."

KANSAS CITY, MO. An insurance executive here has contributed more than a million dollars to the Self-Realization Fellowship of All Religions, a thriving cult in Los Angeles. Founded in 1925, it now has over 100 churches in 14 countries. This false religion substitutes many teachings satanically aimed at the nullification of the Gospel.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (USIA). A new warning to Soviet youth to obliterate religious beliefs from their minds demonstrates the hollowness of current Red efforts to woo religious groups abroad, the U. S. Information Agency declares. *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, the official Soviet youth newspaper, calls on the 18 million members of the Communist youth organization, Komsomol, to actively combat any religious ideology "by means of scientific atheistic propaganda. (Ed. Some seek to do this in our schools in the United States.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. Walter Wilson was the speaker at the Winona Lake Brethren Church at the morning service June 27.

MOMENTS on the MOUNT

This is a psalm of praise to our God, a psalm that shows the great power of God and gives us confidence in His ability to accomplish His work here upon the earth by the power of His Word, in the hands of His people, by His Spirit. We are to praise Him and give unto Him glory due His name; worship Him in the beauty of His holiness. We must always praise Him because of His great power which He has manifested in the universe, but most of all that this great power can be manifested by His Spirit through each of us who know Him as Saviour and Lord. And then, we must praise Him for His presence in watching over us at all times from His place in glory.

I. PRAISE AND WORSHIP BELONG TO HIM ONLY (vss. 1-2).

Nowhere in God's Word do we find man being praised or getting any glory for anything good that is accomplished. The Word of God from Genesis to Revelation speaks only of the downward trend of man and has no praise for him whatsoever.

When we see good—it is God. Many times we look upon something good that has been accomplished in God's work and before we realize it we are giving man the praise. Good can only be accomplished by God through His Spirit. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." So to Him should all (not part of) the glory be given.

Many times God is not able to use us and bless us as He would like because of this very sin of stealing glory which belongs to Him. This can be done by our receiving the glory to ourselves or by giving it to others when it should be given to God.

"Give unto the Lord." What are we to give? "The glory due unto his name." What glory is due unto His name? Isaiah tells us that "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." We who know the Lord use this verse quite often in our dealing with the unsaved, to show them that their own righteousness will never

PSALM 29

By Rev. Homer Lingenfelter, Pastor
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save them from the penalty of sin. But I wonder if we ever stop to realize that the old nature which we had before we were saved remains with us after we are saved and anything done by this old nature is still just as filthy in God's sight as that done by an unsaved person. Therefore let us be reminded, and may we never forget, that it makes no difference who we are, all good that is accomplished through any of us is not really us but Him who is in us. So everything good that is accomplished is due to the glory of His name.

We should be able to express ourselves in this manner: "If you see anything good in me—that is Christ; give Him the glory. If you see anything evil in me—that is me; pray that God might be able to take me out of the way that His righteousness might be manifested through me, that glory will come to His name."

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Christians at Philippi, tells of his desire to magnify Christ in his life, or by his death. Not that Paul himself might be seen, but that Christ might be glorified in his life.

II. THE MIGHT OF OUR LORD (vss. 3-9).

In these verses we are to see the mighty power of the Almighty. As we look out over the wonderful creation of God and we see the lightning flash across the sky, and hear

the great roar of the thunder, do we ever stop to estimate the great power of our God and give praise to His name

The voice that is mentioned in this psalm is the same voice spoken of in Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discern-er of the thoughts and intents of the heart" Isn't it strange when we who say we believe God's Word and realize God's work is to be done His way (that is, by His Word, through His Spirit) that we then try so many ways to accomplish God's work. All that is accomplished is some outward manifestation which pleases the lust of our old nature but not the Spirit of God. So nothing eternal is accomplished unless it is done by His Spirit through His Word. God's work and His Word should never be separated.

Let us never take God's work out of His mighty hands and try to accomplish it through our own strength, but let us realize if anything lasting is accomplished it must be done by the power of God through His precious Word. We must be simple instruments yielded to Him, to be used by Him in His own way.

III. HIS POWER IS OUR POWER (vss. 10-11).

The Lord, who shows His strength over the universe in so many different ways, especially as it is manifested to us in the thunderstorm, is able, and assuredly will be willing, to give this same strength to His people. He will impart to us the power and might which He so abundantly possesses. Let us depend entirely upon this strength that comes from Him and realize He is willing to give all we need and that there is no limit to His great supply.

We need first of all to realize our emptiness of self must take place and then ask Him to fill us. We can never be too small or too empty for Him to fill and use, but we can be too big and too full of ourselves.

A HEART FOR SOULS !

EVANGELISM

DOMESTIC

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; and delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked" (II Pet. 2:4-7).

On my authority as a minister of the Gospel, I could not say to you, "I will punish the wicked and reward the just." But one has said it who has the authority to judge, namely, God Almighty.

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent; because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31).

THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy. The holiness of God flays against sin. God will not look at sin nor pass over it lightly. God hates that sin in your life—that lustful look, that selfish nature, that hateful spirit, that jealous heart, that belligerent attitude God hates with a holy hatred. The sin of men can-

not remain in the bright light of God. Our only hope is to be clothed in the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

God is merciful.

"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee" (Psa. 86:5).

The only thing that is holding back the judgment arm of God is His mercy. If God's mercy and patience were as short as they are in most

GOD SPARED NOT

BY EVANGELIST BILL SMITH
Washington, D. C.

people I know, God would have destroyed our civilization long before now.

God is faithful.

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13).

He will keep His Word, together with every promise He has ever made to mankind. The faithfulness of God works two ways: He will perform blessings and good things, but He is also faithful to bring judgment and destruction.

THE AUTHORITY OF GOD

This one who has the authority is the one who will spare not. Scripture says *God spared not the angels* that sinned. The angels were the objects of God's love. They were His possessions, created by Him. But when rebellion surged through their hearts and they sinned, God spared them not.

God spared not the old world. He saw the sin, the hatred, the unfaithfulness, the haughty attitude, and God spared not. The wickedness was a stench in His nostrils. The attitude that is prevailing today was prevalent in the ancient world—the attitude that says, "God, you are above and I'm down here; you are boss up there and I'm boss down here; you take care of yourself and I'll take care of myself." God spared not the old world but sent a flood to destroy that civilization.

God spared not Sodom and Gomorrha. These were wicked cities, but not any more than our present-day cities. The things done then are being done now. Because of the sin, God spared not.

If you will think logically and reasonably at all, you can see that *God will not spare our civilization*. If you keep on in your sin, God will not spare you.

Our only hope for deliverance and safety is to run to the cross of Calvary and cast ourselves upon Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and accept the gift which He so willingly has given.

THE TONGUE

James wrote: "The tongue can no man tame." A Greek philosopher asked his servant to provide the best dish possible. The servant prepared a dish of tongue, saying, "It is the best of all dishes because with it we may bless and communicate happiness, dispel sorrow, remove despair, cheer the fainthearted, inspire the discouraged and say a hundred other things to uplift mankind."

Later the philosopher asked his servant to provide the worst dish of which he could think. A dish of tongue appeared on the table. The servant said: "It is the worst because with it we may curse and break human hearts, destroy reputations, promote discord and strife, and set families, communities, and nations at war with each other." He was a wise servant. Solomon said: "Who-so keepeth his tongue, keepeth his soul from troubles."—*Selected*.

DEAD SEA

The Dead Sea, called in the Bible the Salt Sea, or Sea of the Plain, is 46 miles long and 9½ miles wide at its greatest width. The area is approximately 365 square miles. The surface is 1,292 feet below sea level, and the greatest depth is 1,300 feet, C. D. U.—*The Fundamentalist*.

Genius does what it must, and talent does what it can.—*Selected*.

The Doctrine of The Resurrection

The Patriarchs and the Prophets Accepted It

The resurrection of the dead was an accepted fact in the days of the patriarchs, as well as the prophets of old, according to the records. For Abraham believed God. Genesis 22 declares in verse 5, "I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." This little phrase is evidence of Abraham's faith in his God. Though he would have to slay his only son Isaac, Abraham believed God would raise him up (and immediately). For he said to his men, "We [will] come again." Here is depicted a wonderful and beautiful picture of substitutionary death.

Job believed in the resurrection when he spoke of his own decease. "Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job personally believed he would be raised from the dead and that he would be able to discern, or distinguish individuals, for he said, "Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold." In other words, Job would recognize his Redeemer. How glorious and wonderful is this truth when we consider our New Testament teaching of I John 3:2, "For we shall see him as he is." Many times we are asked the question, "Shall we know each other in heaven?" Here is one of many passages with evidence that we will. Job declares, "I shall see God" (vs. 26).

There are also some evidences of those who were restored to life, or raised from the dead during the days of the prophets. Elisha restored life to the son of the Shunammite woman (II Ki. 4:32-37). This is comparable to the incident in the Book of Acts when the Apostle Paul restored life to a young man who fell out of the window (Acts 20:9). The Lord Jesus personally raised up Jairus' daughter in Luke 8:53-55, and raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:43-44).

Innumerable prophets in the Old Testament believed there was life beyond the grave (compare Dan. 12:2 and Hos. 13:14). Therefore, the

patriarchs, the prophets of the Old Testament looked beyond the azure blue to a new life, a new city whose Maker and Builder is God. A new King, the promised Messiah, our Saviour and Lord in a new dwelling place forever and ever.

The New Testament and the Resurrection

The resurrection is not a single event. There is no such thing as a general resurrection. Those who are taught in the Scriptures believe there are two resurrections still in the future. There is the resurrection of the just and the resurrection of the unjust (John 5:28-29). Note, however, what shall take place: "They that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation." Therefore we conclude that God, in the person of Jesus Christ, shall stand in judgment over both groups as His Word declares: "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (John 5:22).

A time element enters in as well as subjects being dealt with, which make it very important in relation to the doctrine of the resurrection. When shall this take place? At the resurrection of the just. "For thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just" (Luke 14:14).

The entire 15th chapter of I Corinthians is given not only to prove there shall be resurrection from the dead, but also the thrilling events that shall take place simultaneously with the resurrection. We are thrilled with the words of the Apostle Paul (vss. 28 and 32), when he said all things shall be subject to Him. Then Paul declares, "What advantageth it me, if the dead rise not?" This was Paul's hope, it was the hope of the patriarchs, the prophets, yea, and also, dear reader, yours and mine. We repeat, "What advantageth it me [or you], if the dead rise not?"

If only the dead in Christ are raised at the rapture, where are the wicked dead? Our only conclusion is: those remaining until this final

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resurrection as recorded in the 20th chapter of Revelation, verse 5, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished."

The Final Resurrection or Judgment

Here we have another time element. This resurrection takes place 1,000 years after the saints of God have been raised from the dead. Here we have the doom meted out to the unbelieving who shall be raised to stand before God. The description is given to us in the Word of God, "And I saw the dead . . . stand before God" (Rev. 20:11-15). The very fact that they stand before God is indication that they must be raised from the dead to appear before Him for the final decree of a righteous, a just, and a holy God, who shall deal in wrath with those who rejected Him, His love, and His mercy. Then He shall say, "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity."

Let us never forget that this final day of reckoning of our Lord Jesus Christ is inevitable. "And they were judged every man according to their works" (Rev. 20:13). While verse 14 declares, "This is the second death," and verse 15 continues with "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." The Gospel narrator says, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire" (Matt. 25:41-46). There are men today who laugh at God, at His Word, at His ministers, yea, and even at His followers. They hold in derision the "truth." God's Word teaches, "Woe unto these" (II Pet. 3:4-9). Repent now! today! For how gracious is our God—"[He is] not willing that any should perish, but all should come to repentance." Take the Lord as your Saviour today while He may be found.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was a certificate to the efficacy of His death on the cross, in making atonement for the sins of the world, yours and mine. The death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ should always be considered together. It was His death and the shedding of His blood that cleanses us "from all sin."



Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)

The power of tent meetings in a new field has surely been revealed here in Washington Heights. Three years ago we held a four-week tent campaign on Melrose Avenue, sponsored and supported by the laymen of this district. Today this Washington Heights Brethren Church stands largely as the result of that meeting.

Of course there has been much work done since then to bring the work to fruit, but in our present meeting we have gone from house to house and continuously found people who were greatly moved for God at that time. Many of them made decisions for Christ then. People from other denominations realized that they were not really saved. Many of those who came into the church during this campaign had been moved during those tent meetings. That meeting will continue to bear fruit. Those laymen did a grand thing when they worked and sacrificed for that tent meeting. May our Father God cause them to realize that what was done there and then can be done in many more promising fields in this great Roanoke district.

The Washington Heights church is growing fast. Several fine families were added to the church during this meeting. Scores of prospects were brought up for the pastor and people to work on in days right ahead. The Sunday school reached its highest point during the meeting. The DVBS started during the last week of the meeting and was 50 percent above last year. The pastor, W. Carl Miller, is a real soul-winner, and is loved by his people and the entire community. When you consider that they have had a church building to meet in for only 90 days, the progress is remarkable.—*R. Paul Miller, evangelist.*

We continue to praise the Lord for revival-evangelistic meetings held May 30-June 20, which revealed the spiritual poverty of the whole community. All of the desired results were not realized during the meet-

ings, as is always true, but we praise the Lord for the many very profitable contacts made with the evangelist. We hated to see the meetings close, for we were just beginning to realize the real harvest to be had in this needy section, spiritually speaking. It was a joy beyond measure to see whole homes united in Jesus Christ and thus made so happy in the long-sought forgiveness of sin between themselves and God.

Though the sad tendency is to have only one or two weeks of revival meetings, we firmly believe that the trend should be toward longer meetings in order to really leave a lasting spiritual impact upon the congregation and community. There were 17 first-time decisions, two of which were children, and 41 rededications.—*W. Carl Miller, pastor.*

TESTIMONIAL

"A constant reader of my church magazine during my Gospel Messenger and Brethren Evangelist days, I feel qualified to say that because of the name, "Brethren Missionary Herald" and the issues given to home and foreign missions, the seminary, our women's work, the true-to-the-Word articles, and the strong evangelistic appeal, our Missionary Herald is the best ever.

"My 86 years keep me from many services and only those in like situations or circumstances know how the Herald is appreciated."—*Mrs. Belle Zook, Huntington, Ind.*

THE BIG ISSUE

The great cause of God and humanity is not defeated by hot assaults of the Devil, but by the slow, glacier-like mass of thousands of indifferent nobodies. God's causes are never destroyed by being blown up, but by being sat upon. It is not the violent that we have to fear, but rather the slow, staid, and respectable. Though they would abhor openly saying that God does nothing, they virtually mean so by refusing to share manifest opportunities for serving Him.—*Jack Mellick.*

"Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff, and nudge me when I've said enough."—*Selected.*

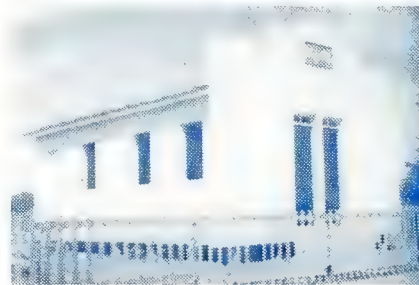
There are many lean sheep in God's fold, but none in His pasture.—*Moody.*



BOYS CLUB SEEKS TO COMPLETE MISSIONARY PROJECT

National Brethren Boys Clubs set a missionary goal of \$500 last conference to build a chapel for our work in Brazil. At a BBC session at conference the boys took up an offering of over \$55 to boost their missionary fund to \$100. Since then some club missionary offerings have come in, and we're hoping to go over the top by conference time this year on this goal.

The chapel has been built and is now in use at Mazagao, and a fine group of believers is worshipping in



The chapel at Mazagao.

it. A national worker is caring for the congregation there, under the supervision of our missionaries.

Now it's up to us, in our Brethren Boys Clubs, to finish paying for the chapel pictured here. Has your club had a part?

One or two clubs dedicated a Saturday to the Lord, and the boys all got jobs of some kind, and gave whatever they earned that day for the missionary project. Others have taken special offerings. Still others have held special services, with the offering going to the missionary project.

We need about \$250 yet to go over the top. And we need it by conference time. Boys, let's all get busy on it! Send your offerings in to Ralph Colburn, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind., marked "BBC Missionary Project." Thanks a lot. I believe we'll make it with your help!

UNDER THE PARSONAGE ROOF

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What Happens to the Mothers?

By Mrs. Robert Miller

"Paul Kent, the dishes are piling up. Please get in here and get them dried before Sharon has them all washed. This is the second time I've called you."

"Uh huh, just a minute. I'm look-in' at a picture of Roy Rogers. He's my favorite cowboy."

"Roy Rogers can wait, favorite or no favorite. Get busy."

"Aw, can't you wait? You always make me dry the old dishes."

This was just too much back-talk for any mother's son, be he 6 or 60. Mother stepped to the back porch with firm, quick tread and thoroughly confounded the culprit with several resounding smacks on a strategic part of his anatomy. The lad had to stand for about a half hour anyway to dry the dishes.

The howl which came from the throat of the six-year-old would have done credit to a man being flogged. Mother almost joined him; her hand ached. Daddy has urged her over and over again to save her hands and use a switch. He is sure her hands do not make any impression on the youngsters. They don't pack much of a wallop.

With well-timed sobs, designed as sympathy-getters, Kent slowly picked up the towel and started at the hated task. Mother returned to the back porch to fold and sort a mound of dry clothes. Daddy stepped into the kitchen to get a drink of water before tearing off to a meeting.

Red-eyed, the unhappy boy looked up at his daddy and asked, "Where are you going, Daddy?"

"To a meeting, Son." Then stepping closer to Kent he whispered: "If you'd obey Mama and come when she calls you wouldn't have to be spanked."

"Mama just wants to kill me, that's all. She doesn't like me." Kent felt

forsaken and was not in the mood to think or speak well of Mother.

"No, Paul Kent. Mama certainly does not want to kill you. The Lord tells mothers and daddies to spank their children if they will not obey when spoken to."

"Why?" Now the tears were dried and Daddy's words sounded interesting.

"Because they must be taught to obey while they are small. If they grow up not obeying their parents, they'll not obey the laws of the land, or God's law."

"Then what happens?"

"Boys and girls who do not obey get into trouble with the civil authorities and many of them land in prison even before they are grown to be men and women."

"What happens to the mothers when the boys and girls go to jail?"

"That would be difficult to explain to a little fellow like you, Son. But I can tell you that the mothers are made very unhappy when their children get into trouble. The sad part of it is that some of the mothers and daddies wake up to their failures in disciplining their children when it is too late. Your mother and I are doing our best to avoid just such a tragedy. It is because we love you that we are forced to spank when you fail to obey. You can't possibly understand this now, my boy, but if the Lord tarries until you are grown to manhood, and perhaps have children of your own, you'll fully understand then and thank us for the discipline. Now kiss me good-by, and be sure to tell Mother you are sorry you were naughty."

The dishes were dried and away; the clothes in their proper places, and a story helped to settle the ruffled emotions. Mother tucked a contrite little boy into bed. She prayed

with him, kissed him, heard him say, "I'm sorry," and heard herself tell him she was sorry she had to spank, but it just had to be done.

"You know Mama loves you, don't you, honey?"

"Yes ma'm. But I don't like to be spanked."

"Nor do I like to spank you. I put it off as long as possible." Then in a half-prayer Mother said: "Dear Lord, never allow me to put off discipline too long no matter how exhausting it is."

Now the house was fairly quiet. Six of the nine cherubs were off to dreamland. Mother sat at some much-needed mending and worked without thinking of the task before her. She heard Paul Kent's question over and over again: "What happens to the mothers?" How could any parent explain to a small child that new and tragic books are being written daily on what happens to the mothers? Heartaches, bitterness, blighted hopes, children and parents alike on their awful road to hell. Why? Largely because the parents are delinquent in facing the awesome responsibilities of parenthood. Disciplining their children takes time away from some of the froth of life which they want to taste. Disciplining calls for the example of self-discipline first before ever it will "take" in the children. How many who are biologically capable of being parents are totally unfit spiritually, morally, emotionally for this most important of all tasks!

There is so much more to the proper rearing and disciplining of children than spankings, Mother mused as she sewed up a few holes and tried to match some buttons. Spankings lose their force and potency where weak parents do not follow through in principle and precept. "Dear Father," Mother prayed, "help me to be sure to put first things first. I don't want to make any mistakes in this matter of rearing my children, but if and when I do, let the mistake be on the side of being too severe rather than too soft. Let me never forget that 'he that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes' (Prov. 13:24). 'Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it.' (Prov. 22:6). Keep me faithful at home and help me to help other mothers to face the question: 'What happens to the mothers?'"

PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, BREAKS GROUND ON MAY 31, 1954





Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



End of the Trail?

The U. S. Government recently has been doing everything within its power to lift protection from American Indians. Representatives of 110,000 Indians went to Washington to oppose these 10 "withdrawal" bills, claiming that they were a clear ruse to take away tribal lands which are now protected by age-old U. S.-Indian treaties.

Would the Indians be better off with or without Government "protection"?

This is a difficult question to answer. If protection means the general improvement of living conditions among the Indians and their development into a race of self-supporting people, the "protection" has been a miserable failure. A recent report to Congress set the Navaho life span at 20 years, compared with the U. S. white average of 68.4 years. Certainly this is something for the U. S. Government to be ashamed of and to rectify quickly.

So the American Indian finds himself in a sad dilemma. On the one hand if the Government withdraws

ATTENTION, CORPORATION MEMBERS

The annual corporation meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Winona Lake, Ind., will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 1954, at the Auditorium Building, Winona Lake, beginning at 1:45 p.m.

its protectorate, he stands a fine chance of losing everything he now has in land and real estate. On the other hand as a ward of the Government his social and economic life is little improved over what it was two decades ago.

All of this seems to further emphasize the fact that the church needs to step in and fill the gap in this "forgotten man's" existence left by failure of the U. S. Government to meet its full responsibility.

Church by the Sea Is Liberal

Typical of the average American church is Fort Lauderdale's Church by the Sea. By the avowal of its pastor this group intends to provide a church which will appeal to the city's liberal Protestants. Said the pastor, Dr. Edward P. Downey, "I believe we need liberal and conservative churches because one type will not reach all people. . . . I lean toward liberalism because I believe religious doctrine should be based on insights of modern science and psychology as well as the Bible. I would, therefore, interpret the Scriptures through the instruments of modern science instead of traditional methods." The "Golden Rule" is the essence of this minister's reli-

gious beliefs. Sunday-school plans call for a limited enrollment and the use of materials provided by the National Council of Churches U. S. A.

This is the type church to which approximately 60,-000,000 Protestant church members belong in the U. S. today. This is the type of message they hear each Sunday as they visit what amounts to a religious social club.

Such a church in its ministry rejects the Christ of the cross, His shed blood for the remission of sins, and throws out the doctrine of grace for salvation and preservation. It is purely and solely a religion of works. This is an abomination in the sight of God. For Biblical proof turn to Matthew, chapters 22 and 23. The Pharisees had cleansed the exterior, but inside were full of "dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness." "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

This is one reason why Fort Lauderdale, Fla., needs a Brethren church. And it is a reason why thousands of other such American cities need a Brethren testimony. The field is white unto harvest. But the reapers are slow to appear and God's servants are not sacrificing, on the average, that the bill might be paid.

A Brethren group is meeting weekly in this growing Florida city and we have even purchased property for a church building so sure are we that our Lord has a Brethren testimony for this place in His will. We hope that Brethren people who go to Florida will consider Fort Lauderdale and assist us in developing this church where it is needed so badly.

Hollywood Is Drunk

Recently we wrote an editorial which pointed out that one Hollywood preacher stated that his city and the film colony had more spiritual zip than any other place he knew.

Now we are told by actual statistics that Hollywood has a higher percentage of alcoholics than any other community in the United States except perhaps the skid row settlements of some cities.

One after another the screen notables are hauled before the courts for drunken driving or disorderly conduct. It is no secret that John Barrymore's repeated failures at marriage were bought on largely by Demon Rum. This is true of many Hollywoodians who are crowding the divorce courts. Sometimes this excessive drinking ends in violent death as it did in the case of "Fatty" Arbuckle's party guests.

Why do these people, who have good looks, supposedly all the money they can use, in addition to fame and popularity, "hit the bottle" so hard and so often? A doc-

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Ground-Breaking—Climax in Paramount's History

By Rev. John W. Mayes

On January 8, 1950, at the Brethren High School in Paramount, Calif., a small Sunday school with an attendance of 18 held its first classes. From that historic Sunday, under the direction of James and Vivian McClellan and Jack and June Page, a small but growing Sunday school was held. Each week found new prospects and often new discouragements. Nevertheless, that effort continued and with the added help of Mrs. Dona Bonebrake, later Mr. Mel Bonebrake and the Pekarek family, that small Sunday school became the framework for a new Brethren church.

With the first church worship service on Easter 1951 and then again on Easter 1952, the pattern was set and regular worship services were continued. The first pastor, John W. Mayes, was called to begin service on June 18, 1952, and 10 days later, on June 28, the first evening service was held. This was a big stride, but in the goodness of the Lord, the first evening service marked the beginning of an entire church program at

come, homes have been blessed and reunited, young people and adults have found Christ. Few of the woes and heartaches of a new church were not encountered, but in the providence of God the work has continued to grow. The young people's work has been very profitable. This summer 29 young people have gone from the Paramount church to our Brethren camp. Nineteen of our young people attend the Brethren elementary and high schools. These blessings and many more have come from the hand of a faithful God who loves to give good gifts to His children. At the present writing the membership under the new twofold fellowship and covenant system numbers almost 100. Usually in the morning services the attendances are considerably above this figure.

As goes the starting of new churches, the Paramount church has enjoyed a great blessing and a lesser handicap. The blessing is the excellent facilities afforded this new congregation in the Brethren High School buildings which include seven large classrooms of 45 capacity, two shops in which Sunday-school classes may meet, a library, office, nurse's room, and all other accommodations necessary to house a high school of 300 students. With the exception of one shop which does not lend itself to Sunday-school classes, every room in the building is being used for Sunday school, and the bus adds an extra room and is in regular use. The bus is a late-model Chevrolet purchased new by the church to be loaned to the Brethren schools for their use in appreciation for the facilities made available to the church by the school. These two organizations have enjoyed a very harmonious relationship.

By way of lesser handicap, the area in which the Paramount church is situated has not been entirely built up with homes. However, it is believed that this is only a matter of a few years and then the established church will have broader horizons and larger opportunities than ever before.

The present auditorium facilities, consisting of two classrooms with folding doors, are not adequate for either the church or the school. This past year has proved the necessity and wisdom of erecting a new auditorium which will provide the worshipful atmosphere of a chapel for the school as well as a much more efficient sanctuary for the Paramount church.

In connection with the district conference this year a picnic was held at the grounds of the Brethren High School. On this occasion the ground was broken for the new auditorium so desperately needed by the church and school. Represented in the ceremony were the three cooperating organizations, the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, the Brethren High School, and the Paramount Brethren Church.

The new building is to be 83 by 100 feet in size. It will house, in addition to the church auditorium, a cafeteria (cafeteria space able to be converted easily and added to the auditorium for extra seating capacity), church offices, and several classrooms. The building is

THE COVER PAGE

Ground was broken for the new building to be used for the Paramount Brethren Church on May 31, 1954, and the cover page pictures are as follows: The pastor, John Mayes, and family are shown at the upper left; the pastor's father, Dr. C. W. Mayes, center; and at the right, C. W. Mayes, Bill Smith, John Mayes, Henry Rempel, Glenn O'Neal, L. L. Grubb, Charles Underwood, Leo Polman, Roy Kilgore, and Albert Patching looking over the plans. The following pictures represent the pastors of the California District, the building committee, the board of education, and members of the Paramount church. The service followed the district conference picnic.

the Paramount Brethren Church, for it was then that the prayer meeting and other necessary services were begun. Since that time the church program has expanded until at the present there is scarcely an extra night beyond those required for the church program.

From the first those who banded together as the membership had nothing else in mind than that this church should become an incorporated organization linked with the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Thus on April 26, 1953, a charter-signing service was held and the original group plus several faithful believers became the charter members of this new church. There were 38 in all. Almost two months later, on June 15, 1953, the new church became an incorporated organization in the State of California. At the district conference of the Brethren churches of California in the summer of 1953 this new church was accepted into the conference of the California District.

Since that time, work has continued, conversions have

of beautiful design, having stonework and decorative architecture to add to the appearance of the entire schoolgrounds.

Speakers at the ground-breaking ceremony were: Gordon Austin, former graduate of the Brethren High School; Rev. Henry Rempel, pastor of the Norwalk Brethren Church, which plans to open a Brethren elementary school perhaps by this fall; Rev. Leo Polman, pastor of the Temple City Brethren Church, which operates an elementary school; Rev. Glenn O'Neal, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Los Angeles, which operates an elementary school; Rev. Charles Underwood, pastor of Stearns Street Brethren Church, where a new Brethren elementary school is to be opened this fall; Rev. John W. Mayes, pastor of the Paramount Brethren Church and member of the faculty at Brethren High School; Rev. Bill Smith, Brethren evangelist; Mr. Don Dyer, secretary of the board of education; Rev. Albert Flory, superintendent of Brethren schools in Long Beach and principal of the Brethren High School.

This building is now under construction and plans call for its use this fall when school opens, although it may not be entirely completed by that time.

The blessings of the Lord have been upon this work and the prayers of our hearts go up in gratitude to Him for what has been done and in expectation of what He is yet to do.

TIFFIN, OHIO, BIBLE CLASS



During the Christmas vacation one of the students of Grace Theological Seminary visited relatives in Tiffin, Ohio. Lament was expressed that there was no spiritual church in Tiffin in which the Word of God was fully preached. The first week in January the assistant field secretary met with some of the interested families, showed them colored slides of Brethren home-mission work, and brought a challenging message from the Word of God. The result was a Bible class, meeting on Thursday evenings with Rev. Forest F. Lance, pastor of the new Findlay Brethren Church, teaching the class. The class grew and new interest was manifested in the weeks that followed.

When Rev. Gordon Bracker arrived to assume his new duties as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church at Fremont, Ohio, he became the teacher of the class because of its proximity to Tiffin. Tiffin is approximately 17 miles south of Fremont and 30 miles east of Findlay on route 224. The attendance at the class is now running nearly 30 and a number of decisions for Christ have been recorded. The members of the class would certainly appreciate the prayerful support of the Brethren Church for their new work.

Four Years in Patterson Park

By Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, Pastor

That sounds like a long time, but reflection makes it seem only a brief one. In that time a church has been established, and the educational unit of the building planned already finished.

The average attendance in our Bible school has increased from 32 for the first year to 80 for the fourth year. Six times the attendance has exceeded the 100 mark. There are departments from the cradle roll to the senior for the boys and girls, and an adult class for all others.

The average attendance for the morning worship service is 70, and for the evening service 35. The membership of the church has more than doubled during the four years.

Without doubt a building, adequately equipped, with ample space, located on the field is an invaluable asset in getting started and for rapid growth. We have now been in our building just one year, and the growth has been remarkable. This would indicate that the sooner the building is obtained the more rapid the growth.

Two successful summer Bible schools have been held in the life of the church, the second one being held in the new building. This has made a good impact upon the community, and has given us good publicity. When the church is mentioned in the community people know something about it, and are interested in its success.

A very good staff of workers now handle the work of the Bible school. A future staff is being prepared in the Leadership Training Class, which has been operating for the full four years.

Patterson Park church is another of the many reasons why a large home-mission offering is necessary this fall. Finances are a major problem of all home-mission churches, and when they are properly financed at the beginning the growth is much more rapid.

The prospects are excellent for rapid growth this next year. We covet your prayers that it may be accomplished for His glory.

A NEW CHURCH STARTED IN MICHIGAN



Lansing, Mich., Bible Class

This is a group of people gathered together by Rev. Earl Funderburg, of Alto, Mich., and Rev. Robert Griffith, of Lake Odessa, Mich., and who are interested in establishing a Brethren testimony in the city of Lansing. The above-mentioned pastors have been cooperating in the conducting of the Bible class. Pray for the development of this new work in this newly formed Michigan District.

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY PICTURES AT PATTERSON PARK, DAYTON, OHIO

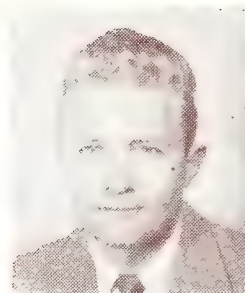


The pastor, C. S. Zimmerman, and a Sunday-school class are pictured on the left, with the new Patterson Park Church, Dayton, Ohio, on the right. Other pictures show the entire Sunday school and its separate departments.

Navaho Mission Reports

Spiritual Victories

By Evan Adams



Rev. Evan Adams

This spring and summer season has seen several new events happening at the Navaho Mission here at Counselor Trading Post.

Baptisms of Navaho Christians

On May 6 the first five Navaho Christians at the Brethren Navaho Mission were baptized (see Brethren Missionary Herald, issue of June 19). These five adults had been believers for more than one year, and during that time had a chance to see their faith tested and become strengthened in the Lord. In two cases, husband and wife were baptized together, knitting their homes into unity in the Lord. There are many other women believers whose husbands' unbelief make it difficult for them to go forward in the Christian life.

On June 10 seven more Navaho believers went into the waters of baptism in the San Juan River near Farmington, N. Mex. These were all young people, ranging in ages from 10 to 19 years. Most of the young people

the Word among the Navahos has begun to bear fruit for our Lord!

Bible Conference-Revival

The first annual spring Bible conference at the Navaho Mission was held for six days, from June 3 to 8. Two native evangelists, Bruce Yazzie and Albert Tsosie, from Arizona, held all the meetings in their native tongue. The services were of a teaching ministry based on a large chart of God's plan of the ages. A total of 14 services were held in the six days of meetings with an average attendance of 54.

Two days before the meetings were scheduled to begin a "twister" knocked down the large tent and caused extensive damage. A large Navaho ceremonial was planned and took place at the same time as the meetings at the mission and kept many of the people from coming. In spite of the efforts of Satan many modern miracles occurred during the six days and the Bible conference became a real revival in this area. There were 24 first-time confessions of the Lord and numerous other periods of testimony and responses on the part of believers. Many young men made first-time responses to the claims of the Gospel. In some cases whole families confessed the Lord together. On Sunday afternoon there were 23 Navahos who stood in testimony of their belief in Christ as their Saviour, eight of these being for the first time. Nearly every service saw one or more make a stand for the Lord.

The climax of the meetings came on the last day, when the whole afternoon was given over to testimony and song. The meeting lasted four hours and was Spirit-filled, with many Navahos in tears pleading with their people to believe and be saved! When a Navaho shows tears of repentance it is real!

Young People's Camp

Fifteen of the Navaho young people from the school and mission attended the Midwest District youth camp at Camp Id-ra-ha-je in the mountains near Denver, Colo. This is the first time that the young people from the mission had the opportunity to gather with other young Christians for fellowship. Four of the mission workers assisted in the camp program as counselors, cook, nurse, and teachers. It was a tremendous task to get bedding and clothing ready for 15 young people along with the regular mission work, but the results on the campers justified the extra work. It strengthened the young people in their Christian lives and gave them contact with other young Christians. When it came to horseback riding the Navaho boys ran off with all honors, it was reported by the mission workers on their return. Also there were good reports on the behavior



Navahos baptized June 10, 1954 (l. to r.)—Fred Trujillo, Roy Costello, John Trujillo, Eddie Scott, Jack Trujillo, Jesse Largo, and Nellie Sala.

baptized on that day were won to the Lord during the period of schooling and boarding at the mission. Some of these young people stand alone for the Lord in their families. Others are fortunate in that they now have Christian parents or a Christian sister. This is a testimony to the value of a boarding-school program where the missionaries have complete control of the lives of the young Navahos for eight months of the year.

There are now several other believers who have requested baptism, and several others now ready for the ordinance of obedience. The five years of spreading of

and attitude of the young people from hoganland in the camp.

These 15 young people were able to participate in the camp program because of the gifts of money from many friends of the mission and school which were designated to pay the camp fees. Thank you again for the help you gave these young Navaho Christians.

School Building Begun

Following the church service on Sunday, June 27, approximately 65 Navahos and the mission family went to the site of the long-awaited schoolbuilding and held a ground-breaking ceremony. After an explanation of what the new school building was dedicated to, several of the Christian Navahos led in prayer that the Lord might bless the undertaking and use the building for the education and salvation of many of the young people in the Counselor Post area. The general outline of the building was explained to the visiting Navahos, and four different people dug a token shovel of dirt—Mr. Hubert Sylvester, representing the mission; Mr. Lee Trujillo, representing the parents of schoolchildren; Mary Sala, representing the schoolgirls; and Larry Sandoval, representing the schoolboys.

Monday morning, June 28, Robert Keetso, who has a daughter who will be beginning school this next year, broke the ground with his plow and began the excavation with a dragbucket. Another of the Navaho men who has been hired to help with the work is Joe Sandoval, father of two of the boys that have attended school every year since its beginning. Joe Sandoval is one of the men who stood with his wife to publicly acknowledge the Lord as his Saviour for the first time during the camp meetings.

Praise must be made to the Lord for the many "firsts" we have witnessed at the mission this spring and summer. Thanks goes out to the Brethren churches for their prayers and gifts on behalf of *your* Navaho Mission over the five years of its existence.

"THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH"



A Navaho Funeral

This scene is a testimony to the fact that "crime does not pay" and "the wages of sin is death." This young Navaho boy, James Herrera, with three companions, stole a truck, tried mixing alcohol with gasoline and then had an accident returning from a squaw dance. The net result was the death of this one boy, three others injured, and a wrecked stolen truck. Would this picture have been different if the Gospel had been taken to the Navahos sooner? Does this not suggest the need of the Gospel for these people?



Clayhole, Ky. (Sewell S. Landrum, missionary)—

We have just finished our two Bible camps for the children and young people. Each year we join with a group of Christian workers for our camps. At the junior camp we had 27 and at the young people's 8. Among these 35 campers were 7 who made decisions. Yesterday we had 100 young people in the evening service.

Washington Heights, Roanoke, Va. (Carl Miller, pastor)—

We baptized six and received seven into membership on July 4. One of the seven came to us by letter. We now have a total of 52 members. We have had to divide the primary Sunday-school class and start a new young married people's class since our revival meetings closed. We have decided to have our church dedicated soon after national conference.

Martinsburg, W. Va. (Earle Peer, pastor)—

The folks here have been grand to us. The house was all in order when we arrived. Our supper was prepared and in the refrigerator. Besides this they had brought in a lot of canned food for which we were very grateful. All the rooms downstairs were painted and varnished as well as the woodwork upstairs. On Sunday morning we had 192 for Sunday school and 172 for the worship service. In the evening we had 156.

York, Pa. (Gerald Polman, pastor)—

We praise the Lord for the fine fellowship and cooperation of the Brethren Construction Company men and their families. They have been a real blessing to all our people. They have really worked for the Lord first of all and then on our new building. We are grateful for the progress made and are anxiously waiting for the time to occupy it. We are also praising the Lord for spiritual victories. Recently a family came forward and renewed their stand for the Lord and will be coming into the membership of the church.

WHEATON BREAKS GROUND JULY 18

Word arrived just as the copy was going to the Brethren Missionary Herald that Wheaton, Ill., was planning to break ground on Sunday, July 18. The Brethren Construction Company will be moving to Wheaton upon completion of the York, Pa., church. Look for a more detailed report next month.

THREE CONTACTS

By Bruce L. Button

The door opened in response to my knock. "Good morning," I said, "I have a pamphlet I would like to leave with you and—"

"Now just a minute," she interrupted; "if it is some of that Jesus stuff I don't want to talk about it. Something ought to be done to stop you people. You should be ashamed. Why don't you get an honest job? Only sick Jews would listen to such as you. Why don't you go to the Christians? They could use some of your advice. If you come here again I'll cause you trouble."

The slamming of the door closed the "interview." As I turned to leave I thought of the words of Stephen in Acts 7:51: "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye." Until such pride is broken, until such stiffneckedness bends to the will of God there is no hope of salvation for such people. They are eternally lost. Pray for this poor woman.

The old man extended the invitation, "Come in if you want to talk about Tenach. I will show you where you are wrong." We enter the house and he takes up his Tenach (Old Testament).

"You say *B'reshieth* [Genesis] 49:10 speaks of Messiah as a man," he said. "Let me read it to you from the Hebrew: 'The sceptre shall not depart from Judah or a lawgiver from between his feet, until he come to Shiloh.' This means a place not a person."

I start to question him as to the meaning of the Hebrew words. And I pin him down on the grammar of the passage until his friend, who has followed us into the house, says, "Abe, you know you are wrong," and he is soundly berated for his statement.

After this my Jewish friend tries to prove Messiah is the return of the Jewish people to Israel. "It is," he concludes, "a movement of the people and not a person."

This is the opening for which I have been waiting. "What do the great rabbis have to say about this," I ask.

"You tell me," he answers.

"You know of Rebe, and Rashi, and Redak?" I ask. "Tell me what they say of Messiah."

Again he answers, "You tell me."

"They say," I answer, "the Tenach taught there would be a personal Messiah. Even the Talmud declares: 'All the prophets have only prophesied concerning Messiah.' And Maimanides held, 'I believe with a perfect faith that the Messiah will come, and although His coming be delayed, I will await His daily appearance.' If this were not proof enough of a personal Messiah, certainly we should listen to Redak, of whom it is said, 'No Kimchi, no understanding of the Scriptures.'"

After discussion along this line for another half hour I realized an effective testimony was at an end. As I stood at the door my elderly Jewish friend said, "You cannot change me with words. I know the Tenach. I have studied it for years. You can teach me nothing."

As I left this house I thought of the words of John 9:40-41: "And some of the Pharisees which were with

him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." Until such faulty sight is rendered clear there can be no hope for the salvation of such people, for they are eternally lost. Pray for this poor man.

He was standing at the intersection of Western and Sixth. He was thumbing a ride. As a rule I do not pick up hitchhikers but something or SOMEONE caused me to stop and motion him into the car. As he stepped into the car I noted he was a young man of about 25 or 26 years. We passed the time of day as well as some light talk. Then I asked him of his profession.

"I am a dental technician," he replied. "What is your field?" I replied, "I am a minister."

"A rabbi?" he asked.

"No," I answered, "I am a Christian minister and a believer in the Tenach and Messiah."

"A paradox," he replied. "How can you, a Christian minister, believe in the Tenach and Messiah, which are Jewish. My understanding is that Christians believe in the New Testament and Christ."

Thus the way was opened for testimony. I told him of the intertwining of the Old and New Testaments. I explained how Messiah and Christ were the Anglicized Hebrew word for "anointed" and Greek word for "anointed." Then I told him of the Anointed of Jehovah, of man's need of Him. I told him of how the sacrifices of the first and second Temple pointed to Him, as well as to His being a perfect sacrifice for sin. I closed with the passages in Isaiah concerning the Suffering Servant of Jehovah who, though He was despised and rejected of men, bore our griefs and carried our sorrows; was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our guilt; and how we could make His soul an offering for our sin.

By this time we had reached Fairfax and Sixth. I pulled up to the curb. My friend made ready to leave.

"Before I go," he said, "do you have anything I could read on this subject?" I gave him a Gospel of Matthew, the Mediator, and two tracts. "Should you wish to discuss this matter further," I said, "you will find my address in the Mediator."

"You will hear from me," was his reply. "Thanks for the ride."

As I continued on my way home I thought of Romans 11:30-32, "For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all."

My prayer is that through the mercy shown to me this young man may obtain mercy and that with humility and unblinded eyes the others might also obtain it with him."

Brethren, pray for us!

The letter has gone out to the Brethren Minute-Men in response to the call for help at West Covina, Calif. This new opportunity for a Brethren church suddenly appeared on the horizon. Rev. Keith Altig was responsible for gathering the first group of Brethren together and contacting the district mission board and the Brethren Home Missions Council about establishing a new Brethren church in the West Covina area.

The group met in a home for Bible study and prayer in the beginning. Later officers were elected and soon a choice location was purchased with a small down payment. Rev. Marvin Goodman, Jr., shown here, was



Rev. Marvin Goodman, Jr., and Family

called to be the first pastor and began his ministry on June 13 with a full schedule of services on that day. The services are held in the garage of Mr. and Mrs. F. McManama, members of the church, and located at 4603 Covey Avenue. Approximately 30 were present for the first service and the building will accommodate only about 50.

MINUTE-MEN! THE NEED HERE IS FOR FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE PASTOR AND FAMILY, FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE LOTS, AND FUNDS TO START A BUILDING PROGRAM. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY RETURNED YOUR ENVELOPE WITH A GIFT FOR THIS WORK—DO IT NOW!

ALEXANDRIA, VA., GETS NEW PASTOR

Rev. Robert W. Markley, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Berrien Springs, Mich., has accepted the call to become pastor of the Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church, Alexandria, Va. Brother Markley will be terminating his ministry at Berrien Springs in September and will then move to Alexandria. Many financial and spiritual gains have been reported as a result of Brother Markley's ministry at Berrien Springs and we request your prayers for the Markley family as they enter this new field that greater victories may be won for the Lord.



Rev. R. W. Markley

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tor would probably explain that this is necessary to satisfy the artist's temperament or that there are some paranoid tensions here that are uncommon to other people.

The real reason is the depravity of the human heart. Beer and liquor fit beautifully into the picture Paul paints in Romans 3. These vehicles provided by man transport the sin of the human heart into open reality and action. All sense of restraint and control are removed when alcohol takes over.

Proof is in evidence also that the things of this life—fame, popularity, money, and pleasure—do not bring complete satisfaction to man's heart. That inner yearning for spiritual satisfaction is met only by the Spirit of God dealing with man's spirit and applying God's remedy for sin.

Yet not only the population of America but much of the world is feeding on the trash and vulgarity which are produced in Hollywood by folks who cannot even control their own lives.

God help us to see ahead certain disaster for our nation unless His people arouse themselves to a ministry of intensive evangelization.

YAKIMA PASTOR GOES TO CHEYENNE

Rev. Russell H. Williams, who pioneered the Yakima, Wash., work, has been called of the Lord to Cheyenne, Wyo. During his ministry in Yakima an attractive new church building was erected and many came to know Christ as their personal Saviour. From the original 30 charter members the group has grown to 84.

Rev. and Mrs. Williams moved to Cheyenne and took over that work on July 1. The First Brethren Church of Cheyenne has been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. C. Wayne Croker.



Rev. Williams

Rev. Henry Dalke, who was conducting a Bible class in Salem, Oreg., on a part-time basis, has been called to fill the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church, Yakima, made vacant by Brother Williams going to Cheyenne.

Pray for these pastors in their new fields.

THE NEED OF MANY CHURCHES

More tithes and fewer drives.
More workers and fewer shirkers.
More praying and less straying.
More burden-bearers and fewer tale-bearers.
More zealous effort and less jealous thought.
More love for the Word; less love for the world.
More of God's plans and less of man's.
More seeking for grace; less seeking for place.

—Selected.

Probably the most of the difficulties of trying to live the Christian life arise from attempting to half live it.—*Fifth and Cherry Light.*

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WINONA LAKE, IND. All Sunday-school superintendents are requested to check on whether the order blanks for the Sunday-school quarterlies for the Oct.-Dec. quarter have been mailed to the Brethren Missionary Herald. Please do so at once. The order blanks have been mailed to all churches.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Rev. Herbert Tay was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on July 4. Rev. Victor Meyers is pastor.

SPECIAL. So many reports of God's blessing upon our vacation Bible schools have been sent in that we must report that in most of our churches this has been the most successful year for a long time. Hundreds of decisions have been reported for Christ, and hundreds of new contacts established for our churches. It is prohibitive to print all the reports, so we will refrain from printing any. The closing exercises in most of the schools jammed the church auditoriums to the doors.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Mrs. Rose Foster has returned to Winona Lake after several weeks of deputation work in the eastern States. She is living in the Missionary Residence.

TAOS, N. MEX. According to Rev. Sam Horney, Evangelist R. Paul Miller arrived in Taos for a three-weeks meeting only to discover that he had left all his suitcases at his home in Berne. Rev. Horney escorted Rev. Miller to the clothing room of the Taos mission, and at latest report Brother Miller is listed as "the best-dressed Brethren minister in the brotherhood."

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH. Rev. Robert Markley has resigned as pastor of the work here, effective Aug. 20, and has been called as pastor of the Commonwealth Ave. Brethren Church of Alexandria, Va. Brother Markley will move to his new work following conference.

LIMESTONE, TENN. Rev. Thomas Craghead, recent graduate of Grace Seminary and now pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Riner, Va., was guest speaker here June 27 at the Vernon Brethren Church. Rev. A. Harold Arrington is pastor.

CLAYTON, OHIO. In addition to the wonderful new Sunday-school annex that has been recently added to the First Brethren Church, a new pulpit has been erected in the auditorium, and new blinds, carpet, and pews have been installed. Rev. Clair Brickel is pastor.

CONEMAUGH, PA. The district ministerium of the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches assembled at Shawnee Park June 21 for a mid-summer business and fellowship retreat. Rev. Homer Lingenfelter is president.



CHEYENNE, WYO. Rev. Russell Williams has assumed the duties as pastor of the First Brethren Church. Brother Williams was formerly pastor at Yakima, Wash.

UNIONTOWN, PA. After prayerful consideration, the Board of Evangelism has voted to call Evangelist Archie Lynn as interim evangelist to fill the schedule of Crusade Team Two. Further details and other personnel will be announced later.

PORTLAND, OREG. Rev. Vernon Harris, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here, is the new Northwest District representative for the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade, replacing Rev. William Schaffer, who has moved to Kittanning, Pa.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Dr. Paul Dewhirst, "the beloved dentist and Bible teacher of Hollywood, Calif.," was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on July 11. Dr. Charles Mayes is pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Credential blanks for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches are now being sent out. If any church does not receive a supply, or if extra credentials are needed, please contact Rev. Clyde Landrum, 148 Union St., Uniontown, Pa.

HEAR THE VICE MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

Monday Evening, August 23—7:30



Vice Moderator Ward Miller

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

August 23-29—Winona Lake, Ind.

TAOS, N. MEX. There were 190 in the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade tent the first night, and attendance has been good throughout the campaign. The meetings close July 18. Crusade Team One is directing the meeting.

DAYTON, OHIO. Chaplain Lee Jenkins left the first of July for a six-months tour of duty in Japan. Rev. Jenkins is a member of the First Brethren Church here.

SPOKANE, WASH. Rev. Jesse Hall, who recently resigned as pastor of the Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash., will assume his new pastoral duties here on Aug. 1.

CHEYENNE, WYO. The Midwest District of Brethren Churches will convene here at the First Brethren Church Aug. 6-8. Bro. Arnold R. Kriegbaum, editor of the Brethren Missionary Herald, will deliver the Bible messages at all evening services. Rev. Russell Williams will be the host pastor.

COMPTON, CALIF. Rev. Dennis Holliday, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Waynesboro, Pa., preached at both services of the First Brethren Church here July 11.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Rev. Richard DeArmey, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa, was ordained to the Christian ministry at the First Brethren Church on July 11. The service was in charge of Dr. W. A. Ogden, assisted by Rev. Leslie Moore, Rev. Ralph Hall, and Rev. Clair Gartland.

THE BOOK OF NAHUM

By Rev. Gene Farrell, Pastor, Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Beaumont, Calif.

In the three short chapters of this book the burden upon the prophet's heart appears to be twofold: (1) to comfort backslidden—but now sorely chastened—Judah; and (2) to predict and graphically describe the downfall of a proud and famous city of the ancient world, Nineveh.

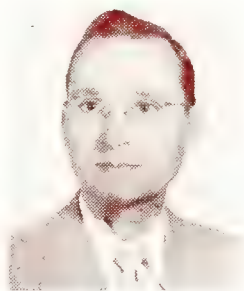
When the godly forsake “the fountain of living waters,” and hew them out cisterns, “broken cisterns, that can hold no water” (Jer. 2:13), then it is that the Lord often uses a godless nation to whip His people back into a state of submission. The purpose of the chastening process being ended, however, He brings His rod of inevitable judgment against the unbelievers, often destroying their civilization utterly.

The Lord loves all men, even the ungodly. For that reason He sent Jonah to Nineveh, preaching repentance. But though she enjoyed a brief season of humiliation and brokenness before the Lord, yet it is evident that the lesson was soon forgotten. Once again we find her taking up her cruel sword and her boastful ways, for which reason the Prophet Nahum said, “There is no healing of thy bruise” (Nah. 3:19).

Not with Judah, however. With godly kings at her helm, and true prophets in the midst of her, there was hope for real revival. And though He allowed wicked kings to invade her and to afflict her sorely, yet He raised up prophets such as Isaiah and Nahum to console her. In the first seven verses of his prophecy Nahum reminds God's people of His majesty and greatness, saying that He “will not at all acquit the wicked,” and that He is “a strong hold in the day of trouble . . . he knoweth them that trust in him” (vss. 3, 7). “O Judah,” he exclaims at the chapter's close, “keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows; for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off” (vs. 15b).

After reminding God's people of His power and goodness, Nahum proceeds in 1:8 to direct his attention toward Nineveh. With much assurance he predicts her coming doom, even though, as a contemporary of that day, he knew her power. He knew that she was the magnificent capital of the Assyrian Empire

which had ruled with an iron hand the known world of that time—about two centuries, in fact, since around 900 B. C. He knew Nineveh as the seat of that government which had destroyed and taken captive godless Israel in the year 721 B. C. He knew that she was a well-fortified city, protected by five walls and three moats, built by the forced labor of unnumbered thousands of foreign captives. These walls rose to the imposing height of 100 feet, and were made wide enough to drive four chariots abreast. Even at the present time their ruins are about 50 feet high, the rubble at the base extending for a distance of from 100 to



Rev. Gene Farrell

200 feet. Yes, Nahum knew this, as did all the ancient world, but he had his eyes upon God who “ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will” (Dan. 4:25).

Nahum, too, was a contemporary of Sennacherib—probably the most famous of all Assyria's kings—who invaded Judah and besieged Jerusalem. In his own words, found on a clay prism, we read: “As for Hezekiah, king of Judah, 46 of his fortified cities, and smaller cities without number, with my battering rams, engines, mines, breaches, and axes, I besieged and captured. 200,150 people, small and great, I took captive. Hezekiah himself I shut up like a caged bird in his royal city.” And not only so, but via letter, and through the evil lips of his five-star general, Rabshekah, we read in Isaiah that Sennacherib blasphemed his God, and derided him for his foolish resistance to his invincible armies! But Nahum, with an ear tuned to God's Holy Spirit, said: “There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the Lord, a

wicked counsellor. . . . For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder” (vss. 11, 13). And we have only to read Isaiah 37:36 to learn how amazingly Nahum's God fulfilled these words!

Chapters 2 and 3 graphically describe Nineveh's latter end. “Woe to the bloody city!” the prophet cries out in 3:1. And indeed she was bloody! Renowned in the eyes of the world, upon her soul was the blood of countless captives whom she had “skinned alive, cutting off hands, feet, noses, and ears, putting out their eyes, pulling out their tongues, making mounds of human skulls, all to inspire terror.” Such was Nineveh. But now she was the one who was to be made “a gazing-stock” (3:6). She was to be taken captive, just as she had “carried away” No-ammon “that was situate among the rivers, that had the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea” (3:8-10)—seemingly impregnable, in other words. And so it was that some 100 years following Nahum's prediction, Assyria's three-century reign of terror came to a sudden end when, beset by Scythians, Medes, and Babylonians—and aided by a providential rise in the waters of the Tigris River which swept away part of its wall—mighty Nineveh fell. And so great and complete was the fall of it that even its site was forgotten. Some 300 years later Alexander the Great fought the famous battle of Arbela nearby, and did not know there ever had been a city there!

Beloved, in closing, let us remember that “all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (I Cor. 10:11). As God's people we can avoid chastening if we will “judge ourselves” (I Cor. 11:31). And as for the wicked, the day is soon coming when right will no longer be on the scaffold and wrong forever on the throne. Other proud cities are to fall, just as did proud Nineveh, and their crowned will be “as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, but when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they are” (Nah. 3:17).

SECURITY

It is one of the strange paradoxes of human nature that people who will do almost anything to achieve security in this world will hate the fact of security when God reveals it concerning the next world. The world is always crying for "peace and safety" (security). They want social security, job security, national security—everything but eternal security. Yet this latter kind is more important than all the rest. It is a part of God's plan of salvation as revealed in His Word. It is our purpose in this brief article to examine just one instance of this revelation, that found in John 10:26-30.

I. THE FACT OF SECURITY.

1. Regardless of who these people are, it is evident from this passage that some people in the world are eternally secure. They are secure because Christ has given them eternal life (vs. 28). This is more than just endless existence: it is a quality of life, the very life of God and of Christ. They have received from Christ His life. But after having received it, can they ever lose it, from any cause whatsoever?

2. Christ affirms that they cannot lose this life when He says, "They shall never perish" (vs. 28). It is often stated that no one else can take them out of Christ's hand, but that the man himself can do so. If that is true, then he will perish. But Jesus said he "shall never perish." Some authorities translate this verse, "shall never destroy themselves," calling attention to the literal meaning of the Greek. But even without the help of this translation, the King James Version states flatly that these people will never perish. That eliminates self-destruction as much as destruction by any outside force. But what strange power is able to keep them from perishing?

3. The power that keeps them from perishing is omnipotence. Both Christ and the Father are pledged to Their security, and They challenge any creature to cause Them to break Their word (vss. 28-29). Left to ourselves, we all would be lost. But we are not left to ourselves. We are in God's hand.

II. THE PERSONS WHO ARE SECURE.

1. These secure people are designated throughout the passage as the "sheep" of Christ. That He uses this term for those who believe in Him is evident from verse 26, concerning the Jews: "Ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep." So these secure people are believers in Christ.

2. This belief, however, was not something which they did, independent of the activity of Christ. They never would have believed if He had not brought them to himself. In verse 16 He spoke of "other sheep" which were His, but they had not yet come to Him. He would bring them; they would hear His voice; then they would believe. So the ultimate salvation of these "other sheep" did not originate in their own hearts. We must look for the source of their salvation in Christ.

3. It should be noted that these "other sheep" were Christ's before He ever called them. Even before their call and belief He had two undeniable claims on them: He bought them with His own life (vs. 11), and the Father gave them to Him (vs. 29). He is the Author of their faith; He is also the Finisher of it. He is responsible for the beginning of their salvation; He will be responsible for its consummation. The people who are secure, then, are not those who have done something to save them-

selves, which they can undo. They are the people who were "chosen . . . in him before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:4). These are the people who can never be lost.

III. THE IDENTIFICATION OF THESE PERSONS.

1. Since we cannot see faith, much less the calling and election of God, we may ask whether there is any sure way to identify Christ's sheep, those who are secure. Certainly we should not presume to identify them unless God tells us how to do it. But in verse 27 He does tell us. First, these sheep hear His voice. He is their Shepherd, they listen for His voice, and they hear His call. To drop the figure, eternally secure people listen to the Word of God on every subject on which it speaks. They heed the voice of the Shepherd when He calls. The Bible knows nothing of security for those who deny its authority over their hearts, minds, or lives.

2. But even being a hearer of the Word is not enough. So the Lord adds: "They follow me." That is their habit. That describes the course of their lives. They go where Christ leads. They obey both willingly and habitually. And their obedience is to Christ above all; they will not follow strangers (vs. 5). This obedient life is the identification mark given by our Lord to distinguish the people who are eternally secure.

3. Eternal security, then, does not depend on the strength of our faith or our ability to hold out. It depends on our being a part of the eternal plan and purpose of God in Christ. If we are, there is something God will certainly do, and there is something we will certainly do. God will keep us in perfect security, and we will obey Him habitually. These are the Siamese twins of eternal security. The danger of this doctrine is its perversion into a license for sin. But that is true only of the perversion, not of the doctrine. The value of this doctrine is that it leaves the true believer free from the constant dread of being lost—free to devote one's full attention to living for the glory of God.



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Have Faith In God

One of the desperate needs of our time is faith—living faith! We live in a frightening world. Doubts and fears are sweeping over it in an ever-deepening flood of despair. The development of the alphabetical bombs have but added to this feeling of uncertainty and will continue to aggravate an already jittery generation.

Endeavoring to stem some of this tide of anxiety, a scientist recently proposed an answer to the problem of fear when he wrote, "Yes, there is a cure and it is just as deep-seated as the cause. Security can replace insecurity only by a very real and deep-seated belief in something. It can be God, or country, or a code of morals, or personal integrity." He concludes, "I realize that many things cannot be proved. But this has been: A belief to tie to is the greatest stabilizer for living." The tragedy of our time is this appalling absence of faith.

The above quotation states that faith may be placed in several different things—God, country, code of morals, personal integrity. Faith, to be of any practical value, must be objective. Of this the Word of God speaks with bold emphasis. "Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). The only faith that will really stabilize our living in these dangerous days is that faith which is directed toward, and personally placed in, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

There are only two places in the Old Testament where the word "faith" appears. They are both of unusual interest because they describe the two groups of people that divide our world. The first, "children in whom is no faith" (Deut. 32:20), and second, "the just shall live by his faith" (Hab. 2:4). This contrast is also presented in the New Testament, where Paul writes, "All

men have not faith" (II Thess. 3:2), and, "Now the just shall live by faith" (Heb. 10:38).

An example of the true meaning of the word "faith" comes to us from the story of John G. Paton's labors in his translation of the Word of God into the native tongue of the inhabitants of the New Hebrides. This man discovered that these primitive people had no word in their native vocabulary that expressed faith or belief. This made it impossible for him to translate such passages as John 1:12 and 3:16 so they could understand them. After months of fruitless searching he finally came upon an expression which adequately met the need.

It happened while he was out hunting deer. One had been killed and was being carried to the compound. It was a hard, hot undertaking. As the native bearers deposited it in front of the house, one of them threw himself down on the grass in the shade exclaiming, "Oh, how good to stretch oneself out on the grass." John Paton had the phrase he needed. Faith meant to "stretch oneself out upon." Now John 3:16 would read, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever *stretcheth himself out upon him*, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This simple definition of faith is in perfect accord with all that the Word teaches. How different from the pseudofaith that is nothing more than an attitude of wishful thinking. The kind of faith that pleases God is something that the "natural man" does not inherently possess. Paul was so right when he declared that "all men have not faith." But praise God, all men may have faith, for it is a gift to be received. "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God*" (Eph. 2:8).

Jesus challenged His listeners to have faith in God. To have some of God's faith! Real faith throws itself unreservedly upon God. When a miner looks at the rope that is to lower him into the deep mine, he may coolly say, "I have faith in the rope as well-made and strong." But when he *lays hold of it*, and swings down into the tremendous chasm, *then he is believing on the rope*. Then he is choosing to trust himself to the rope. It is not a mere opinion. It is a conviction that issues in an act of faith. The miner lets go of everything else, and bears his whole



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weight on those well-braided strands of hemp. Just so, when a human soul *lets go* of every other reliance in the wide universe, and hangs entirely on the atoning work of Jesus, it can be truthfully said that that soul has faith in Christ.

The Son of God offers himself as our sin-bearer. Faith accepts Him as such and rests all its hope of pardon on His atoning blood. He offers himself as our deliverer from sin's power. Faith accepts Him as such and relies utterly upon Him to give such deliverance. He offers himself as our Master and Lord. Faith accepts Him as such and surrenders its life to His absolute control and direction. This is what it means to have faith in God.

Many are trying to make a Saviour out of their faith. They keep looking at it, endeavoring to analyze it to see if it is strong enough and long enough to do the job. But it is not the quantity of faith that saves, nor yet the quality. Faith never saved anyone! Jesus Christ, the Author and Object of our faith, is the only Saviour. He alone saves from sin, and imparts the life that begets truth, rest, and assurance. Faith is the added sense, supernaturally given, that enables a lost soul to see Jesus Christ and recognize in Him the One who bled and died *in his room* and stead. Faith enables that soul to reach out and appropriate that work and its benefits. Faith enables him to rejoice in the knowledge of sins forgiven and the present possession of eternal life. Faith enables him to lay hold of the precious promises of the Word that assure him the divine provision and protection that God guarantees to all who are trusting Him as they travel the highway of life.

BECAUSE THAT, WHEN THEY KNEW GOD . . .

ROMANS 1:21

Are the heathen lost? Have they possessed the truth? Are those in the heart of Africa, Brazil, and all the unevangelized portions of the world condemned in the eyes of God, and without excuse?

In verses 18-20 of Romans 1, Paul indicates very plainly that the "wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness," and he goes on further to state that in the judgment day all who have denied the truth of God shall stand before Jesus Christ condemned and without excuse.

There are some that claim that man has always possessed a revelation of God through the physical universe and through reflection upon it he came progressively to a knowledge of God's existence and power. Others claim that man had a primal revelation given directly by God at the time of creation, supplemented by revelation through secondary channels. Commentators agree that the passage teaches a continuous revelation of God to man through the physical universe. Some limit this revelation to a gradual development which leads from polytheism to monotheism, and deny the fact of a primal revelation as is consistently taught throughout the entire content of the sacred Scriptures. The writer is convinced that the second statement is correct; man had a primal revelation given directly by God at the time of creation and that God has supplemented that revelation down through the ages with secondary channels. Therefore, all men shall stand before Jesus Christ "without excuse."

Argument From Scripture

In determining man's original state let us look to the Scriptures. They represent man's human nature as coming from God's hand, and therefore as being "very good" (Gen. 1:31). In Genesis 1:26 it states, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." The image and likeness of God in man as he

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was originally created was a complete reflection of the entire nature of God within finite limits. If man is in the image and likeness of God it does not seem reasonable, and neither is it Scriptural, that man was placed here by his Creator in total ignorance of Him. In Romans 2:14-15 we read that the law of God is written in the hearts of all men and that their conscience also bears witness of God. The Scriptures declare that man, from his creation, possessed a primal revelation of his Creator and to deny this fact is to deny the authority of the Word.

Arguments From Anthropology

Non-Christian anthropologists today state that the monotheistic conception of God has been an evolutionary process in man which was a development from polytheism to monotheism. They claim that the monotheistic conception of God was an upward evolutionary development on the part of man. Modernism endorses the infidel's theories as to the origin of religion. Dr. Gaebelin, in his book, "Christianity or Religion," assumes the opposite view as that held by the modernists. He claims that there are strong facts which point out conclusively that

fetishism and polytheism, as practiced in the world today, are the degenerate expressions of a purer form of religion. He says that behind all fetishism and polytheism stands monotheism. Therefore monotheism, the belief that there is one God, was not reached by the human race by an evolutionary process after uncountable centuries but it was once the religious belief of all nations.

The native people in our own mission field here in Africa testify of the age-old custom of making blood sacrifices of goats, sheep, and chickens to appease the gods. This custom is still the common practice among the unbelievers here. Upon asking them where this custom of blood sacrifices originated they tell us that down through the ages their fathers have told them to give blood sacrifices to appease their gods. There is also a common belief, among unbelievers, in two strong forces which are said to work among all people. One is good and one is evil. If a child is good he is told that he belongs to the good god, but if he is not good he is told that he belongs to the evil god. Where did these ideas originate? They suggest very strongly that these distorted customs are a shadow of a former truth that once existed among them in earlier days.

Romans 1:18-21 stands as a warning to us of that wrath of God in that great day of judgment that will be poured out upon all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. They shall stand before Jesus Christ without excuse because they have not allowed the knowledge of God that is written in their hearts to speak to them. They have also closed their eyes to the sovereign hand of a mighty God who is behind all the forces of this universe. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork" (Psa. 19:1).

In view of this impending judgment that shall fall upon all unbelievers throughout all the world, let each one of us be challenged to give our best toward changing this wrath to redemption for the unevangelized of the world.



FROM OUR PULPIT



Words

The future may seem bright or dark—according to conditions and circumstances. It makes a difference whether we are healthy or ill, hungry or full, free or imprisoned. But what is the secret that has given men hope even when sick and hungry and imprisoned?

Paul and Silas were in prison, even in stocks in the inner prison. Their songs of praise echoed through the prison cells at midnight! Why? Because they believed Christ when He said, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Would they be released? They did not know. Would they be killed for their stand for Christ? They did not know. But whether killed or released, Jesus was with them and they did not fear. Just as Jesus spoke to them so He speaks to every man and woman in this world. He speaks words that work miracles because they are true; words that can kindle the fire of hope in the heart deepest in sin; words that lend patience and endurance to every saint of God.

I Am Come (John 10:10).

We celebrate His coming with a festival called "Christmas." What does it mean to you? Surely not Santa Claus, parties, drinking, and dancing! Who gets the gifts when Mother has a birthday? Mother, of course. Then how about Jesus? On His birthday the least we can do for Him is to give Him our love and devotion, our time and our talents. But first of all have we yielded our hearts to Him? He cannot accept our gifts until we first accept His gift to us. What is His gift? LIFE! I am come that they might have LIFE, and that they might have it more abundantly." Jesus came. Hallelujah! God the Son left glory to come to this sinful world. He came to bring life.

I Lay Down My Life (John 10:15)

Just what is life? To most of us it means getting all we can while we can get it. How about Jesus? He was not crucified because of the angry mob. They were only His executioners. Jesus GAVE His life.

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They could not take it from Him until His hour was come.

And when His hour was come He laid down His life. Why? Wonder of wonders, "for the sheep." Who are the sheep? "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

He came that we might have life.
He laid down His life for us.

I Go (John 14:2).

Jesus had died and rose again. As He hung on the cross He cried, "It is finished." Salvation was completed



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for the sheep. Now the Good Shepherd says, "I go." Dread and fear changed to understanding as the Saviour added: "to prepare a place for you." It seems enough that He should suffer that which we deserved to suffer to save us from the fires of hell, but no, He is also preparing a place for us. He who cre-

Hope

ated the universe in all its power and wonder and beauty is preparing a place for us. What a glorious place it must be!

I Will Come Again (John 14:3)

Oh, the beauty of the place the Lord Jesus prepares for His own, but alas, how could we find it if He were not to guide us. How could we reach it if He were not to take us? But He says, "I will come again." The hope of the saved is in the return of the Saviour. When He comes, then what? We will be taken from the very presence of sin, that is true, but even this is overshadowed by a more precious truth. "That where I am there ye may be also." Praise the Lord, where He is there we may be also. So shall we ever be with the Lord.

Jesus gave us these words before His death, before His resurrection, before the ascension, and all three are established facts today. Friend, just as He came, died, and went away, so He will come again—perhaps very soon. Even so come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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In Memoriam

MRS. IDELLA WALTERS, 92, a long-time member of the Uniontown (Pa.) First Brethren Church, went to be with the Lord June 24. She was living with a daughter in Jackson, Mich., at the time of her death. Sister Walters was a faithful worker in the church for many years, serving willingly in whatever capacity needed. The testimony which she bore had its favorable effect on others, encouraging them to the same faithfulness which characterized her own life. She manifested a spirit of Christian kindness in her service which caused her to be loved by those coming into contact with her. Although away from her home church for a number of years, she has faithfully kept in touch with it. She was a faithful Brethren Missionary Herald subscriber and reader.—*Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, pastor, First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.*

MRS. JOHN KUHN, a lifelong member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind., was loosed away upward June 29, at the family home. She accepted Christ as her Saviour and became a member of the church at Berne, January 24, 1902, and was faithful in attendance until just a few months prior to her death. Services were held at the church July 1, 1954, with her pastor in charge, assisted by Rev. Pat Henry, of Memphis, Tenn.—*Rev. Ord Gehman, pastor, Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.*

a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people." One outstanding expression of this people will be their zeal for the Lord. Such people will be "zealous of good works." They will adorn the grace of God with their zeal in maintaining good works for His glory.

ANTICIPATORY ADORNMENT

"Looking for that blessed hope," the grace of God will be adorned by the purifying power of the anticipation of the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ! The climax of grace, the glorification of grace, will be at the coming of Christ.

THE GRACE OF GOD

IN RELATION TO CHRISTIAN LIVING—(TITUS 2:11-14)

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DOCTRINAL ADORNMENT

In Titus 2:10 we are exhorted to "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things." The doctrine of God is the doctrine of grace. Everything is of grace. Everything in salvation and in service is of Grace. We merit nothing but condemnation. We are worthy of nothing but judgment. It is the "grace of God that bringeth salvation." It is also the grace of God that permits us to live for Christ and serve Him. The Christian life, if lived Scripturally, adorns the grace of God. It makes it attractive and winsome.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS

Jesus Christ had a lot to say about ethics. Someone has said, "The ethics of Christ are beyond the reach of man." That is true! Christ never gave them for the natural man. Christ never intended them for the unregenerate world. Christian ethics have their origin and realization only in Christ. But the ethics of Christ are possible in the doctrine of God, the doctrine of grace.

GRACE AND APOSTASY

There are two types of apostasy, doctrinal and ethical. One may depart from "the faith," denying sound doctrine. One may also depart from the standards of Christian ethics, denying sound, Christian living. The apostasy of life is as detrimental as the apostasy of doctrine. Apostasy in either is vitally related to the adornment of the doctrine of grace.

NEGATIVE ADORNMENT

In Titus 2:12 the grace of God is said to teach us negative adornment of grace. Because we have received the salvation made possible by the grace of God we ought to

deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. This is negative adornment of the doctrine of grace. A Christian ought to deny anything that has the appearance of evil. To receive salvation through the grace of God and then to go forth to follow after the world is stripping the doctrine of grace of its adornment. A Christian ought never to be found on the dance floor, in the movie house, or any other place of worldly lust. There is an apostasy in the Brethren Church, the apostasy of refusing to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, the apostasy of compromising with the world in questionable amusements. Today one does not need to go out into the world to be very worldly. Just sit at home in front of your radio and television and the worldly apostasy is all around you unless you exercise denial and selectivity. Beware, Brethren, even ministers can strip the doctrine of grace of its adornment.

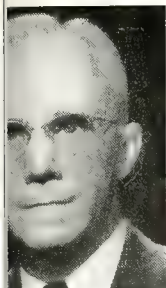
POSITIVE ADORNMENT

This passage in Titus 2 also presents positive adornment of the doctrine of grace in these words: "We should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Looking back to grace and then forward to Christ's coming—backward to the cross and forward to the rapture—makes us sober-minded, righteous-minded, and godly-minded. Sober, righteous, godly — positive adornment of the grace of God!

ZEALOUS ADORNMENT

Titus 2:14 presents zealous adornment of grace. Having been redeemed "from all iniquity," the grace of God will produce a purified, peculiar people, a "chosen generation,

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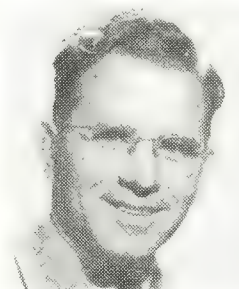
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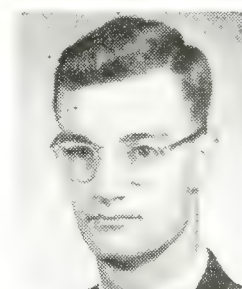
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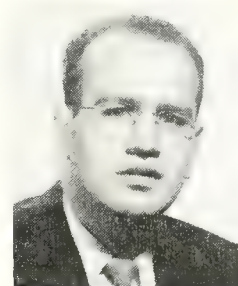
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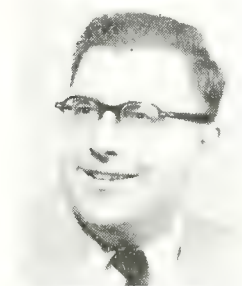
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EDITORIALS

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Preview of Fall Enrollment

From present indications it appears that there will be an enlarged enrollment at Grace Seminary and College this fall. By the 15th of July there was a total of 91 applications of new students which had been accepted. This compares with the total of 73 as reported for the first week of August a year ago. Of the 91, 51 are accepted for the seminary and 40 for the college. Figures for the two divisions at the end of the first week in August a year ago were 45 in the seminary and 28 in the college. The applications thus far received and accepted for this coming fall semester show a marked increase in the college. This is especially gratifying in view of the enlargement in faculty and curriculum that is being made in that department.

In addition to the applications already accepted, others are being processed and many letters of inquiry are continually going out from the registrar's office, indicating that the final totals will be considerably in advance of the present figures. Many young people are even now making their decisions as to where they will be going to school this fall or whether they will go to any school. Decisions are in the balance which bid fair to determine the whole course of lives. Let us pray that not one of them will make a mistake in their decision. Grace Seminary and College are anxious that its student body shall be made up of the young people of the Lord's own choosing.—Homer A. Kent, Sr., registrar.

Forty-Five Busy Days

On the evening of July 12 the Grace Trumpeters and the seminary vice president wound up their busy schedule and arrived home again at Winona Lake after 45 days of traveling, during which they went to the Pacific Coast and covered more than 7,500 miles. During this time the group made 58 appearances. In addition to the regular programs given in the Brethren churches of southern California, the group was featured at the California district conference, the Brethren High School at Long Beach, the Brethren Young People's Camp at Tahquitz Pines, the Long Beach and Pomona Youth for Christ services, the all-night programs conducted by Youth for Christ for high-school graduates in Long Beach and Los Angeles, the Long Beach, Calif., and Santa Fe, N. Mex., Christian Business Men's Committee breakfasts, and Phil Kerr's Monday Evening Musicales in the Civic Auditorium at Pasadena, with 2,500 people in attendance. Programs were also given at the Grace Church in Huntington Park, Calif., the Baptist Church of Santa Fe, N. Mex., and the Brethren churches in Phoenix, Ariz., Denver, Colo., Beaver City, Nebr., and Portis, Kans. In addition to speaking at nearly all of the

above-mentioned programs, it was my happy privilege to be the commencement speaker this year at the Brethren High School in Long Beach. Perhaps we should recall the fact that two of us spent three of the 45 days in a hospital at Santa Fe, N. Mex., but the Lord was good, and there have been no complications other than sore muscles.—P.R.B.

The Office of "Helps" in a Church

Among the divinely appointed offices for the church listed in I Corinthians 12 is that called by the rather unusual and little-mentioned term of "helps" (vs. 28). As to what responsibilities were involved in the exercise of this office is not clearly understood. Some believe the reference is to the work of the deacons among the poor and needy. The word "helps" is a translation of the Greek word *antilepsis*, which means "a helping," or "supporting."

How very much a pastor does appreciate people who realize that the Lord has appointed them to serve as "helps" or "supporters" in the church. Such a position is not a prominent one, but how very necessary it is to the proper functioning of the body. Christian, before you say you possess no particular spiritual gift, ask yourself if you are willing to be a helper in the church.—P.R.B.

Helps Demonstrated

During our 45 days of travel and work the Grace Trumpeters and I were given many practical demonstrations of the meaning of the term "helps," sent along by the Lord just at the time of our need. At the time of our accident, the Lord sent one man down the road (the only one to come that way in one and one-half hours), a Christian man to help us to town. Rev. Leo Polman and Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCall helped by meeting our train and plane upon their arrival in Los Angeles. Then we were helped immediately by two families in the First Church of Long Beach. Bro. W. F. McPheeters, a used-car dealer, supplied us with a good Dodge automobile for our use in California. Two of the group were entertained during the entire time in the McPheeters home, and the other three were given a special "prophet's cottage" at the rear of the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Suiter. Many of the brethren took us into their homes for meals. When we were ready to leave, Mr. McPheeters helped us by supplying a car to make the trip to Santa Fe, N. Mex. Many others assisted by the offerings given at the services. For all these "helps" we are deeply grateful, and they have given new meaning to the teaching of I Corinthians 12 so far as some of us are concerned.—P.R.B.

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Why We Have Chosen Grace College

Before the middle of July, 40 new students were accepted into the college division of the school. Other applications have been coming in, and a sizeable increase in enrollment is already evident. Other young people, still undecided, should consider the advantages of Grace College. Decision to enroll should be made as soon as possible. Printed below are the testimonies of the first 14 accepted, stating why they are planning to come to Grace.

Johnstown, Pennsylvania—

The Lord says in Proverbs 3: 5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." I feel the Lord has definitely led me to Grace College. I believe that Grace College is God's provision for the education of Brethren young people. I am thankful that I will be privileged to attend a school that believes and teaches the whole Bible.—*Anne Kliever.*



Anne

Akron, Ohio—

When I first started thinking of what to do when I finished high school, I thought I would just find a job and work. It seemed as though I had no desire to attend college. Then I began praying and doing a little thinking about it and I realized that I would be better able to serve the Lord with a fuller education.

I wanted to attend a Christian college, and Grace College seemed to interest me the most. My reason then for attending Grace College is that I might be better fit to serve my Lord.—*Carole Sue Quartz.*



Carole Sue

Hagerstown, Maryland—

As I plan to attend Grace College this fall, I am convinced that it is a school which believes and teaches the whole Word of God. I cannot thank the Lord enough for such a school as this, in which the leaders are true men of God. The Lord has been a wonderful Saviour to me and has helped me over many barriers. As I plan to more fully prepare for His service, I have found encouragement in Romans 11:36: "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." —*Janice Weber.*



Janice

Hagerstown, Maryland—

I thank the Lord for bringing me into a Christian home where I could be taught God's Word. Although my parents were Christians, that did not save me. It was in 1945 at a Bible club when I accepted Christ as my Saviour. It was not until 1951 at Camp Bethany that I gave my whole life to Him. I chose Grace College because it is a college which believes and teaches the Bible. Although I do not know what the Lord wants me to do, I will be willing to go wherever He may lead. A verse that means a lot to me is, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6).—*Janet Weber.*



Janet

Meyersdale, Pennsylvania—

My spiritual life began in April 1949, when I accepted the Lord in the Meyersdale Brethren Church. Throughout the summers I attended the Brethren camps of the East District. After joining the Brethren Church June 22, 1952, I was considering Grace as the college to further my Christian education. Through prayer, study of college curriculum, and the wonderful guidance of our pastor, Rev. H. Leslie Moore, and his wife, I chose Grace College.



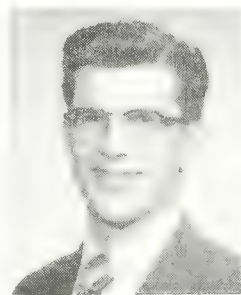
James

Another reason is that I was in a gospel-team quartet in our church. All of us boys were seniors in school. After the three of them accepted Christ on April 18, 1954, they too chose Grace College. That meant we all could stay together.

I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to entering school this fall.—*James H. Morrison.*

Johnson City, New York—

I first heard of Grace College through one of my friends, Roland Crosby, who now attends the Seminary. Since the nature of my future ministry as a teacher-missionary requires a fairly complete education, I listened with interest to his account of the school with its high standards and complete curriculum. Then, too, since my main interest is centered around languages, I was more than ever interested when the registrar of our school (Baptist Bible Seminary) informed me that Dr. Hoyt is considered to be one of the best New Testament Greek



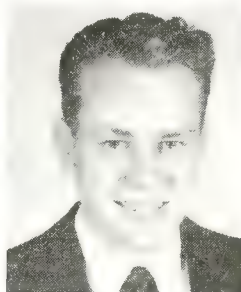
Richard

scholars in the country. I was also naturally pleased with the prospect of earning the two degrees, B.A., and B.D., at the same school and in a relatively short time, as well as in a place where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed.—*Richard A. Pfaff.*

Temple City, California—

About two and one-half years ago I came into fellowship with Temple City Brethren Church. Through the prayers of the counselors and pastor, I gave my life to full-time Christian service.

These past two years have been so very precious to me. I have had the opportunity and privilege of attending the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, where I have learned much and furthered my desire of Christian service. Through much prayer and counseling with the pastor, the young people's advisors, and through the leading of the Lord, I have chosen Grace College for the furthering of my education.—*Don Rough.*



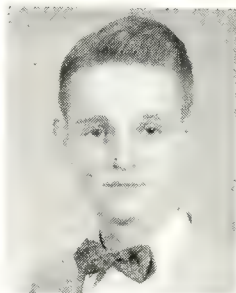
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tion in leading me to attend Grace College.—*David P. Heydt.*

Meyersdale, Pennsylvania—

I believe Grace College is one of the finest Christian colleges of its size to my knowledge. As yet I am not certain as to just what type of work the Lord would have me enter. I believe there is a tremendous need for Christian workers, not only in America, but also abroad. It is my sincere desire to serve our Lord in whatever field He might see fit. I am indeed interested in evangelistic work, and ministry in song through quartet singing and other musical faculties.

Another main reason why I am entering Grace is my great desire to learn more about God's Word. Also Grace is a fine fundamental college that teaches the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible.—*Robert L. Firl.*



Robert

Buffalo, New York—



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin

We chose Grace College for further preparation after considering other colleges and seeking God's leading. We have talked with several pastors and Christian workers who have recommended Grace College for its high spiritual and academic standings. Since our applications were accepted several things have happened which confirmed our decision to attend Grace College.—*Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin.*

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania—

In my recent trip to the seminary for the commencement exercises I was greatly impressed by the wholesome Christian attitude of the people I met. I was introduced to most of the faculty and also quite a few of the students. I was taken on a tour of the building also. The keen interest and enthusiasm shown by all was a leading factor in my choosing Grace College.

After carefully examining and studying the catalogue I became aware of the high academic standing of Grace. I also realized that truly the Lord was present and working through the college and seminary. Because of the high spiritual and moral standing of the students and faculty and because Jesus Christ is taught as Lord and King, I feel the Lord has led me to enroll at Grace.—*Gene I. Stees.*



Gene

Manheim, Pennsylvania—

My attention was drawn to Grace College particularly because of my desire to have seminary work. It seemed that everyone I spoke to about Grace Seminary thought very highly of it doctrinally and educationally. When I made further inquiries I found that I could complete my college work at Grace also. I have spent three years in Bible school training, and Grace has been very fair in accepting those credits toward my college degree. No matter how I express it, these and other instances seemed to be the Lord's definite direc-



David

Waterloo, Iowa—

My outstanding reason in choosing to attend Grace College is that I feel it is the Lord's will. I believe, too, Grace will best prepare and equip me for future service with the Lord.

Three years ago I began contemplating which Christian College to attend after high-school graduation. I considered several schools, but I could not decide on one definitely. Then in 1952 our family began attending the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa. Upon learning of Grace College, I became very much interested. As I learned of the de-



Ronald

tails concerning the school, it seemed very definitely this was where the Lord wanted me to go. So, the Lord willing, I'll be beginning my studies at Grace this fall.—*Ronald Henry.*

Jeromesville, Ohio—

Having seen Winona Lake and Grace College, I am completely convinced that it is the college for me. The beauty of Winona Lake and the friendliness of the people there, make it an ideal place for any young Christian who loves the Lord. This, however, is not the only reason for my having chosen Grace College. The main reason is that I feel the Lord would have me to go there. I believe Grace is a good fundamental college with a variety of courses to satisfy the needs of almost any Christian.

I am thankful that the Lord has directed me to such a wonderful college where Christ is the Chief Cornerstone, and I shall, as a child of God, along with my fellow saints at Grace College, uphold the banner of my Saviour, who died and rose again that I might have life.—*Shirley Meng.*



Shirley

WHY I LIKE GRACE COLLEGE

By Marilyn Herdlicka

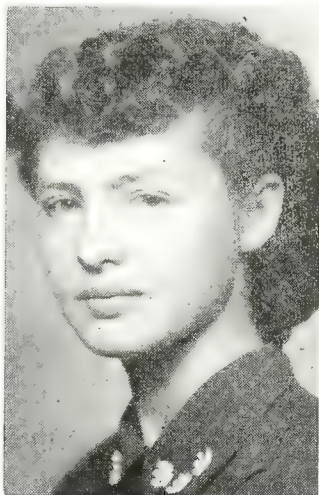
I Thessalonians 2:12 says: "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."

I am thankful first of all for Christ who called me into His kingdom and glory, and it is my desire to walk worthy of this calling. Second, I thank the Lord for calling me to Grace College that I might study to prepare for His service, whether in the homeland or on the mission field.

I have just completed my first year of study at Grace, and although study occupied much of my time along with my work, I always found time to relax and attend the various activities of the school.

The practical works department has helped me to grow spiritually in that going forth for Christ I saw more clearly the need of reaching souls for Christ. Also it has been a great blessing to me to sit under the instruction of teachers who are wholly taught in the Word of God and whose one aim is to so teach the material that it will help each student in his future ministry for Christ.

Yes, I am thankful that I chose Grace College as my place of training for Christian service. This year has been one which I will never forget and already I am looking forward to the coming semester.



Marilyn Herdlicka

Yesterday, Today, and for the Month of July

By Dr. James L. Boyer, Financial Secretary

Again the Lord has demonstrated His unchanging faithfulness in His care for Grace Theological Seminary. We have been able to close the books for the month of June with our obligations met and a slight balance on hand.

Earlier than usual this year the financial needs of your school caught up with the supply of funds, and even in May we were wondering how we could pay the bills. But in response to the prayers of those who knew about it, the need was met. In June the situation became even more pressing, for expenses go right on and normally we could expect our income from all sources to be less. But again we took the matter to the Lord and again He answered. Some churches which had not sent in their offerings for several months did so. Other sources of income helped out and we were able to get through the month of June.

Now we are in July, and we see many indications that the Lord is continuing to provide. This month we have been receiving an unusually large number of gifts. Many have been small amounts, some of them not so small, but there have been a lot of them, and that is what counts up. It seems that the churches are aware of our situation during the summer months and are sending their gifts more promptly, without holding them in their treasuries until several months have accumulated. There have been fine individual gifts, too, which show your concern for Grace Seminary. For all of these we are exceedingly grateful, and especially because they demonstrate once more the unfailing faithfulness of our wonderful Lord.

Yesterday, today, and forever—even in July and August—He is the same.

GRACE SEMINARY GIFTS FOR JUNE 1954

Alexandria, Va.	\$66.00	Mundy's Corner, Pa. ...	\$7.00
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ..	8.00	New Troy, Mich.	28.00
Ashland, Ohio.	45.00	Paramount, Calif.	10.00
Baltimore, Md.	7.00	Portland, Oreg.	16.50
Beaumont, Calif.	20.00	Rittman, Ohio.	30.00
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Canton, Ohio.	92.00	San Diego, Calif.	10.00
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Cleveland, Ohio.	24.00	South Gate, Calif.	98.50
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Dayton, Ohio (N.Riv.) ..	5.00	Uniontown, Pa.	14.50
Everett, Pa.	18.00	Roanoke, Va. (Washing-	
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Fort Wayne, Ind.	179.00	Waterloo, Iowa.	67.50
Fremont, Ohio.	300.81	Winona Lake, Ind.	556.56
Garwin, Iowa.	32.00	Yellow Creek, Pa.	16.00
Grafton, W. Va.	54.69	Isolated Brethren.	12.50
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MEN ARE BORN with two eyes and only one tongue in order that they may see twice as much as they say.—*Fifth and Cherry Light.*

THE MOABITE STONE

By John Rea, Assistant Professor in Bible and Archaeology

What is the prize discovery of archaeology? Is it the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings nears Thebes, filled with the treasures of a royal court? Is it the great death-pit of Queen Shub-ad at Ur of the Chaldees, who was buried with golden jewelry and other beautiful personal belongings centuries before Abraham? No one can say which is the greatest.

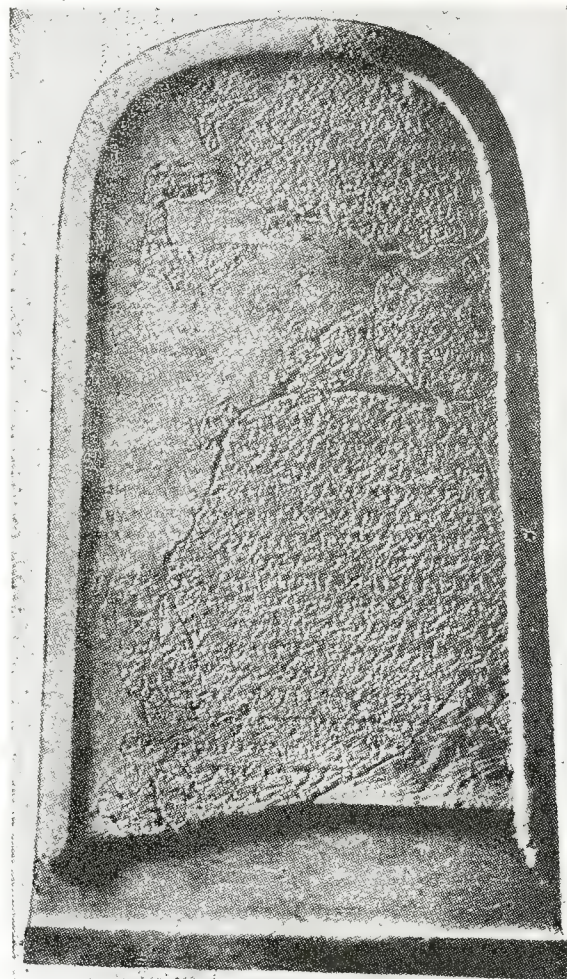
The archaeologist today, however, keeps his eye open not so much for a golden necklace as for a stone or a potsherd or a clay tablet upon which there is some writing. You can readily see that an inscription, once it has been deciphered and translated, can tell us a great deal. A short text, whether it be a legal document, a tax receipt, or a religious poem, may tell us far more about the people of an ancient civilization than can their cooking utensils, the foundations of their houses, or the fortifications of their cities.

Because of the peculiarities of culture and climate, comparatively few inscriptions have come down to us from Palestine. Evidently the Phoenicians, among whom the alphabet first began to be used, the Canaanites, and the Israelites used papyrus and parchment (the prepared skin of a sheep or goat) for their chief writing material. This is more adaptable to alphabetic writing than is the clay tablet employed in ancient Babylonia. The Palestinians were close to Egypt, the world's "paper" mill for 3,000 years; there papyrus documents have been preserved from 2500 B. C. or earlier. But the damp, cold winters of Palestine have caused any such papyrus or parchment scrolls to disintegrate. Before the now-famous scrolls and bits of parchment—whose date of writing is still in question—began to be found a few years ago in dry caves near the Dead Sea, archaeologists looked elsewhere than in Palestine to find original pre-Christian literary sources. In that country they were content to lay bare the outlines of the ancient towns.

Systematic excavation of archaeological sites in Palestine began almost 60 years ago. It was in 1894 that Flinders Petrie and F. J. Bliss published a chronology for the site of Tell el-Hesi (Eglon?) based on a study of the types of pottery found there. Since that date a few inscriptions have been uncovered—some letters in ink on potsherds, from the time of Nebuchadnezzar's invasion, at Lachish, three Egyptian monuments at Bethshan, some tax receipts from the time of Jeroboam II at Samaria, and a schoolboy's calendar on a limestone tablet from about 900 B. C. at Gezer. An inscription in Hezekiah's tunnel made by a workman who helped to dig it was accidentally discovered in 1880.

But in spite of all the brilliant work done in the last half-century, the most important single inscription ever found in Palestine was discovered in 1868 by a German missionary. This was the Moabite Stone. It is also the largest single literary document yet found, outside the Bible, dealing with Palestine in the period from the time of Samuel to the days of Jeremiah. Furthermore, it furnishes striking confirmation for the historical accuracy of a chapter in the Old Testament.

The Moabite Stone was a monument or stele erected at Dibon, capital of ancient Moab, by Mesha, king of Moab, to thank his god, Chemosh, for his successful



The Moabite Stone

revolt from Israel. The stone is of black basalt, nearly four feet high and two feet broad. It was finally purchased by the French for the Louvre Museum in Paris, but not before the superstitious Arabs lighted a fire under it, and by pouring cold water on it broke it into pieces. Fortunately the Frenchman, Clermont-Ganneau, had made a squeeze, or paper-pulp impression, of the inscription before this incident occurred.

In its 34 lines of script in the ancient Hebrew tongue, the Moabite Stone mentions 16 place names and six personal names that occur throughout the Old Testament. It furnishes the first undeniable example ever found outside the Old Testament of the divine name "Yahweh" (Jehovah), written in full. Mesha says that the men of Gad had dwelt in the land of Ataroth in Moabite territory from of old, just as Numbers 32:34 indicates. He apparently uses "40 years" as a round number, an approximate expression which may have been used in certain passages in the Old Testament. But the most interesting parallels are those between Mesha's account and II Kings 3.

II Kings 3:4-5 states that Mesha, king of Moab, was a sheepmaster who had to render heavy annual tributes

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Up-to-date education recognizes the need in certain classes to "talk things over." Opportunity for such discussion is given at Grace College in certain smaller classes such as that taught by Prof. Ralph Gilbert. Here students gather around tables for informal discussion of problems related to their field of study.

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in lambs and rams to the king of Israel. But after King Ahab's death, Mesha rebelled against Israel.

In his stele Mesha says (this translation of it is found in the Harper's Bible Dictionary): "I am Mesha . . . king of Moab, the Dibonite. . . . Omri king of Israel, he afflicted Moab many days, because Chemosh was angry with his land. And his son succeeded him; and he too said: 'I will afflict Moab.' . . . Now Omri had taken possession of all the land of Medeba, and dwelt in it during his days and half the days of his son(s), forty years; but restore it did Chemosh in my days."

Probably when Mesha saw Ahab warring against Ben-hadad, king of Syria (I Ki. 20), the Moabite king drove the Israelite garrison out of Medeba. After Ahab was killed in battle (I Ki. 22:35) and his weak son, Ahaziah, ascended the throne of Israel, Mesha saw his chance to refuse to pay tribute any longer. Meanwhile, Ammon, Moab, and Edom attacked Jehoshaphat, king of Judah; by divine intervention, however, they were utterly routed (II Chron. 20:22-23). This encouraged Jehoram, king of Israel, to force Mesha to resume paying the annual tax of sheep. Enlisting the aid of Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom, Jehoram invaded the land of the Moabites by marching around the southern end of the Dead Sea.

The allied forces went forward, slaughtering the Moabites, overthrowing the towns, and rendering the fields unfit for agriculture by covering them with stones. Also they stopped all the springs and no doubt filled up

the cisterns with stones; especially this was true near Kir-hareseth, the southernmost city in Moab, which they were besieging. The Moabite Stone seems to corroborate this fact: "And there was no cistern in the midst of the city, in *Krhh*. And I said to all the people: 'Make for yourselves, each one a cistern in his house.'"

As the three armies were about to capture his fortress, Mesha, in despair, offered his eldest son, the crown prince, as a human sacrifice. This inspired the remnant of his soldiers to fight like demons and drive the allies out of Moab. "And there was great wrath against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land" (II Ki. 3:27, ASV). About 50 years later, bands of Moabites were invading Israel (II Ki. 13:20).

This overwhelming victory of Mesha may have been recounted by him on the Moabite Stone: "And Chemosh said to me: 'Go, take Nebo against Israel,' and I went by night and fought against it from break of dawn until noon, and took it and slew all of them, seven thousand men. . . . Now the king of Israel had built Jahaz; and he abode therein while he fought against me. But Chemosh drove him out from before me. And I took of Moab two hundred men, all its chiefs; and led them against Jahaz and took it to add to Dibon."

Both Mesha and the author of Kings have condensed the facts. Each gives his own version of the story. There are no necessary contradictions; they merely supplement each other. The truth of the Biblical account is signally confirmed.



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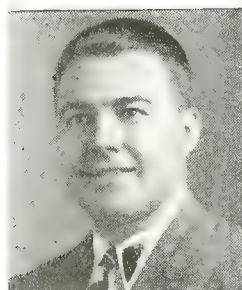


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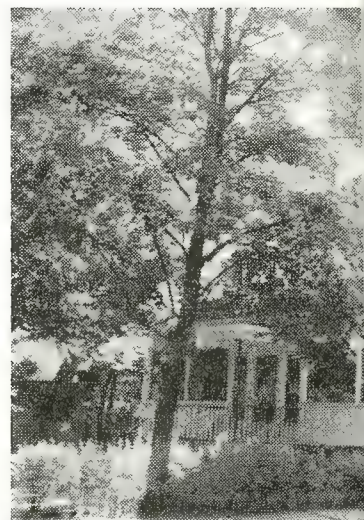
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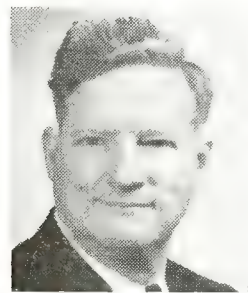


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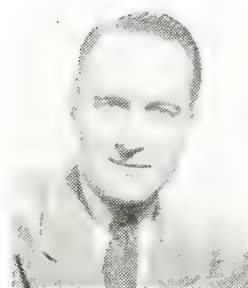
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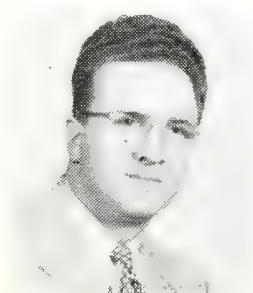
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Sour Grapes or Thanksgiving?

By Ben Hamilton

Sour Grapes

Demas' disappointment was disastrous. Much had attracted him to join the band of Christians. Paul's preaching had appeared to be a blessing. But perhaps when Paul's assurances of the rewards which God had in store for the faithful did not materialize Demas was disappointed. His disappointment was disastrous, for it was based on love of this present world, as Paul said in II Timothy 4:10.

Then, too, Demas' disappointment was disastrous because its fruit was sour grapes. Sour grapes? What else could have prompted Demas to forsake Paul and then go back to his old life in Thessalonica?

Sour grapes (or, as some perhaps prefer, sour gripes) never produce friendship with Christ or His own. Only friendship with the world. Sour grapes only forsake the way of Jesus but not the wicked way of the world. The sour grapes of disappointment cause one to forsake the joys of fellowship in Christ to return to the friendship of this present world. But so what? someone may ask. "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (Jas. 4:4).

Sweet Thanks

David's disappointment was devastating. How he had set his heart on building a temple for the Lord! What,

then, a devastating disappointment to David that God should say to the king: "Thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight" (I Chron. 22:8). But David did not forsake the Lord. Neither did he therefore return to a love of the world. Nor did David flee to another place. Rather notice David's prayer, after he gathered the materials for the temple which Solomon later built:

"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name" (I Chron. 29:11-13).

Though David's disappointment was devastating, yet God could ease the king's hurt. For God promised David that his son, Solomon, should carry out the king's desire.

Never does the Lord permit a disappointment but that a solution is offered which is superior to what our disappointed hearts may wish. Rather, then, let us not act as Demas did, but say with David, "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name." This is the sweet thanks and sacrifice of praise that delights Him who gave His Son to keep us and turn disappointments from defeat to victory.

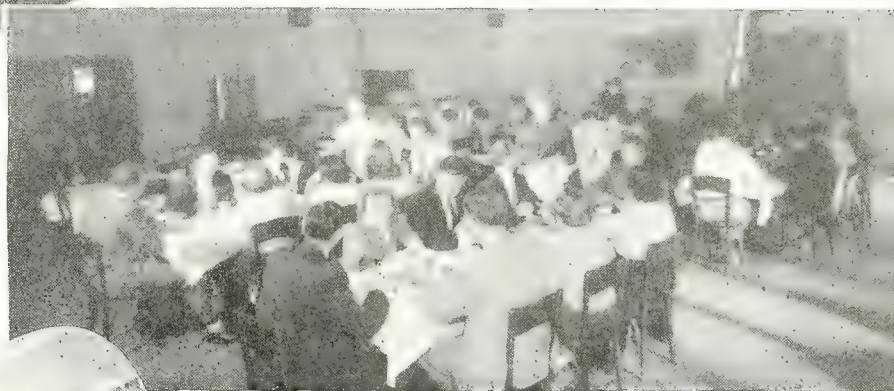


The newly furnished student lounge at Grace Seminary and College is located on the ground floor. Here students have an opportunity to gather for various social activities in small or larger groups. The room was recently equipped by the national Women's Missionary Council.

Dormitory Life at Grace College



Left—Students enjoy recreation and fellowship in lounge. Right—Mealtime at the Eskimo Inn. Below—Dormitory rooms offer an opportunity to just sit and talk things over, or to engage in serious study.



One of the important lessons every Christian must learn, whether he expects to serve Christ on a foreign field, in a pastorate at home, or as a layman, is the valuable experience of learning to live and get along with other people. One who cannot do this will meet with constant failure, and often the loss of his testimony. Life in the dormitory offers college young people an opportunity to develop and maintain proper social relationships. The facilities at Grace College are somewhat unique in that the school has the privilege of using the new McKee Courts, which belong to the Winona Lake Christian Assembly. Each room is a separate unit with its own shower. The spacious dining room, with its Hammond organ and piano, is located in the famous Eskimo Inn, near the dormitory units.

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WINONA LAKE, IND. The Board of Evangelism announces the selection of Rev. Ralph Colburn as song leader and children's worker, and Mrs. Colburn as pianist-organist for Crusade Team Two, of which Rev. Archie Lynn is evangelist. Crusade Team Two will begin its work in the Northwest this fall, according to the schedule arranged during the past year.

KITTANNING, PA. Rev. William Schaffer, pastor of the First Brethren Church, has been appointed district representative for the Board of Evangelism in the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

FREMONT, OHIO. Mr. Al Zahlout gave a musical concert at the Grace Brethren Church on July 14. Rev. Gordon Bracker is pastor.

PASADENA, CALIF. Mr. George R. Ewing, a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., not only celebrated his 84th birthday on July 12, but completed the reading of his Bible for the 71st time. Brother Ewing has not failed to read his Bible through a single year since 1883. He credits a Sunday-school teacher with interesting him in the daily reading of God's Word.

LEAMERSVILLE, PA. Guest speaker July 11 at the Leamersville Brethren Church was Rev. "Micky" Walsh. Rev. Robert Crees is pastor.

CHICO, CALIF. Fifth anniversary and homecoming services are to be held by the Grace Brethren Church August 8. There will be a fellowship meal and afternoon service. Lodging for out-of-town folk is being planned. Requests may be mailed to Pastor Phillip J. Simmons.

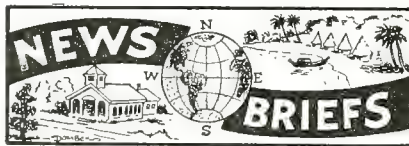
JOHNSTOWN, PA. Rev. Russell Ogden, pastor of the Sunnymede Brethren Church of South Bend, Ind., preached in the First Brethren Church here on July 18. Dr. W. A.

Ogden, pastor of the Johnstown church, is the father of Russell Ogden.

AKRON, OHIO. An eight-day youth revival with the King's Heralds from King's College, was recently conducted in the First Brethren Church. There were 15 decisions for Christ among the young people, and the attendance averaged 150. The recently completed Sunday-school annex has proven a real asset to this work in view of the 8% increase in attendance over the previous year. Rev. M. L. Myers is pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Rev. James Hammer, pastor of the First Brethren Church here, delivered the weekly devotional message to the city employees assembled at the Fort Wayne City Hall on July 12.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. The Northern Ohio District Sisterhood of Mary and Martha convened here July 8 at the Grace Brethren Church.



HAGERSTOWN, MD. Mr. Max Williams, assistant to the pastor at the Grace Brethren Church, will assume his duties about Sept. 1. Mr. Jack Peters, senior in Grace Theological Seminary, will be filling the pulpit during the month of August. Rev. Russell Weber is pastor.

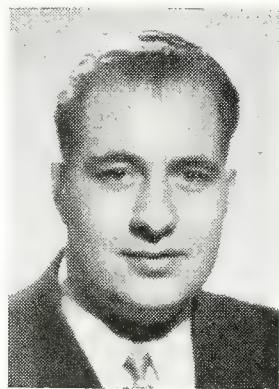
BERNE, IND. Rev. Russell Ogden, pastor of the South Bend Sunnymede Brethren Church, has been elected moderator of the Indiana Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

MEYERSDALE, PA. An anniversary service will be conducted at the Meyersdale Brethren Church on Aug. 15. Rev. Ward Tressler, pastor of Grace Brethren Church, Altoona (Juniata), Pa., will be the guest speaker. Rev. H. Leslie Moore is pastor.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. Rev. Harold Painter, pastor of the First Brethren Church here, was elected moderator of the Northwest Fellowship of Brethren Churches. The 1955 conference will be held at Spokane, Wash., July 4-7.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Don't forget the Second Annual Brethren Sunday School Convention to be

HEAR REV. CHARLES ASHMAN, JR.



Saturday, Aug. 28, at Winona Lake

—Subject—

"MISSING IN ACTION"

National Fellowship of Brethren Churches—August 23-29

held at Winona Lake preceding conference on Aug. 22-23. Our national fellowship convenes Aug. 23-29.

GLENDALE, CALIF. Rev. Arthur Carey was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on July 4. Rev. J. Keith Altig is pastor.

NEW YORK (E/P). Admiral Robert B. Carney, Chief of Naval Operations, said that the United States is rapidly approaching the crossroads in what he described as "a fight to the finish" with Russia. In a grave analysis of the Indochina situation delivered before the National Security Industrial Association, the nation's top naval commander warned that the time was past for the United States to apply "a succession of minor strategies" to the problem of Communist expansion. Carney warned against a policy based on negotiated agreements with Russia and its satellites and called instead for "a true long-range counter to Russia's over-all strategy."

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Russell H. Weber, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, was recently given an 87% vote of confidence by the congregation; 264 people voted.

ROANOKE, VA. Mason Cooper, president of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, has accepted a call to become the interim pastor of Brookhill Community Church here.

Five Minutes With Your Herald Editor

Will the Emperor of Japan Become a Christian?

Some Protestant leaders are of the mind that the greatest conversion since "the days of Constantine" is about to take place. In a recent speech in Chicago, Dr. E. Stanley Jones, liberal theologian, declared: "I saw the emperor twice on my last visit and it is not impossible that he may become a Christian. That would be the greatest conversion since Constantine's because the Japanese people tend to do everything together."

If Dr. Jones were only speaking about New Testament conversion, indeed it would be cause for rejoicing, but there is a wide line of demarcation between the theology of Dr. Jones and that of the Apostle Paul. By "Christian" Dr. Jones means this: In his book, "The Christ of the American Road," he suggests to high-school students that "if you are a member of the Jewish faith, I would suggest that you go home and talk with your rabbi, and say to him, 'I'm committed. I see what I must do: I'm going to give myself to God and the Temple.' If you have a Roman Catholic heritage, go home and say to your priest, 'I'm committed. I'm going to give myself to God and to the Church.' And if you have an Evangelical or Protestant heritage, go home and say to your pastor, 'I'm committed. I'm going to give myself to God and to the Church.' And then I tell them what they may write in the flyleaf of their Bibles as their decision. I have done that in scores of high schools and colleges across this country, and never once have I had an unfavorable reaction. The public-school teacher could teach the Christian faith with its Jewish heritage and background, and then go on and say: 'I have taught you these basic principles and ideas; now go home, and if you feel disposed, identify yourself with the church of your choice—Jewish, Catholic, or Evangelical.'"

So this is Christianity? Certainly

it is not New Testament Christianity! Christianity is not simply joining some church or giving oneself to God and the church. Christianity is the birth of a new individual, as real as the birth of a new-born babe. The new birth is a work originated and accomplished by the Holy Spirit of God, whereby there is planted in the human soul the principles of the new spiritual life by the Holy Spirit, who also affords the dynamic to live a life which meets God's high and holy standards. The new birth is the result of a confession to God that sin has been committed which is worthy of death. Further, that it is absolutely impossible to be forgiven of that sin without accepting the substitutionary death of Christ as the only means of salvation.

If and when the Emperor of Japan comes to the Lord Jesus and confesses he has been a sinner beyond sinners, and pleads the blood of Christ to cleanse him of his sin, and admits this as the only means of becoming a child of God; then and then only can we rejoice that one more sinner has accepted God's gift of salvation. God forbid that we should ever see a wholesale turning to so-called "Christianity" as they did under Constantine. Dr. Jones might desire such an avalanche of "joiners" coming into the church, but not those who recall from history that the darkest ages of the church came following the supposed "conversion" of Constantine. Thousands upon thousands joined the church because it was popular, but they were never born again, and the result was dark days and apostasy in the church.

New Revision of the New Revised

When the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible was copyrighted by the National Council of Churches, Dr. H. P. Dunlop, a Presbyterian minister in Long Beach, Calif., wrote the National Council of Churches stating that in view of their footnote on Matthew 1:16 which stated that



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"Joseph was the father of Jesus," that their new version would go down in history as "The Bastard Bible," for this footnote made Jesus Christ to be a bastard, and denied the Virgin Birth.

Dr. Dunlop recently received a letter from the publishers informing him that "the footnote to Matthew 1:16, 'Joseph was the father of Jesus,' has been removed in all the new editions of the Revised Standard Version Bible."

Naturally a question arises. Was this footnote removed as a result of public protest, or because of conviction? Needless to say, *the revised has been revised*. However, it will take more than one revision to make such an "interpretation" acceptable to conservative orthodox Christian forces.

Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean of Yale Divinity School and chairman of the translation committee of the Revised Standard Version, recently wrote: "The King James Version will never be dislodged from its high place in English classics. . . . The noble language of the King James Version has so endeared itself to the English-speaking people that it has become the most widely read book." Aside from all the eulogisms Dr. Weigle might offer about the King James Version, the fact remains that it was so translated as to safeguard against interpretation and interpolation. The scholars sought to present a translation, and when they were not able to translate because of the limitation of language barriers, they italicized, which indicated interpolation. Evangelical students are not defending the King James Version because of its "beauty and rhythm of poetry," as suggested by Dr. Weigle, but because the scholars sought to present a translation and not a book that would satisfy the ecumenical spirit that is rampant today.

A Certain Young Man

(Editor—An Allegory)

Mark, in recording his impressions of the life and works of Christ, writes of an event that none of the other penmen of Scripture reveal. It is mentioned in Mark 14:50, first of all, that "all forsook him, and fled." That is, all of the intimately named followers of the Lord Jesus fled at the approach of the band of soldiers led by Judas. But, in verses 51 and 52 it is written in this same chapter, "And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: and he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked."

A "certain young man" is the only possible way we can ever identify this unusual believer who had very little of this world's goods, to say the least. But what he did have he gave unstintingly and entirely to the Son of God. And when he gave all to Christ, it left him destitute of physical possessions, even to the complete and shameful exposure of his own body.

Who was this "certain man" who went all the way with Christ, even unto the end, and with, certainly, all that he possessed?

It wasn't too many weeks just prior to this particular scene that the Lord Jesus walked the dusty Judean road from Jerusalem to nearby Bethany, toward the home of Martha and Mary, the devout sisters of the risen Lazarus. By the side of the rutted highway Christ and His intimate followers sat down on the fresh green grass to rest from the humid heat of the noonday sun. They chatted concerning the events that had been taking place at Jerusalem, for these days had been exciting hours of much misunderstanding and, on occasions, open rebellion against their Master.

While they munched on a sparse lunch, a consideration was given to some of the blind folk who had been given their sight that very day. Then, pausing to drink from a nearby spring, they discussed some of those victims who had been possessed by demons, but were now rejoicing in the marvelous possession of their proper mental faculties. They arbitrarily classified the many

By Rev. Arthur F. Collins, Sr.

different types of illnesses that had been healed by their Master-Physician, pondered briefly over each person who had been made completely whole. The past events of almost three years seemed like some exceptional dream, and, at times, like an unforgettable nightmare to this little band of intimate disciples. The pressure of the final events that were leading them to Calvary were beginning to show in the nervous tension experienced by each one of the followers of Christ. Therefore, this particular noonday pause was a refreshing respite against the torture and torment that was to face them in the very near future.

The shadows of the scrawny sycamore and cedar trees by the side of the road were beginning to stretch quietly toward the eastern horizon, as this little group began to think about moving on to continue the slow hike to Bethany. Suddenly, from the far side of the neighboring fallowed hill, came the weird shrieks of some strange creature who seemed to be in exceptional misery, or perhaps mentally unbalanced. Then a pause occurred and the horrible sounds vanished, as if shut off by the lonely drifting cloud in the sky that temporarily softened the rays of the Palestinian sun. But silence reigned only for a moment!

Again the stillness of the early afternoon air was filled with the woeful cries of this someone in dreadful misery. Jesus lifted His piercing eyes toward the hill from whence came the sound. Slowly He climbed to the crest and the view of the far slope. There the cause of the disturbance was found. By the side of a natural cave in the soft rock was a young man completely naked. Not an inch of clothing encompassed his physical frame. Like some sort of a wilderness animal he rested in the tall grass by his only home. His long black hair was matted and dotted with burrs. The fingernails and toenails were grown to the proportion of claws. Those

dark brown eyes were staring and glassy, as if fixed on some unexplained object on the horizon. The soft facial beard of a different hue than the hair betrayed his age as being one who evidently was not too far advanced toward final physical maturity. His bronzed and weather-beaten body was filthy with dirt, not to mention the contamination caused by the leprous sores that initiated a stench in the leeward wind that was more horrible than the odor of burning human flesh. And there on the hillside he sat, staring into space and periodically breaking the silence of the afternoon with his weird intonations and pitiable yells.

As Jesus and the small band of curious followers approached the young man from the upper side of the hill, they came within 50 yards of the ascetic and paused again for appraisal. Suddenly to his feet jumped the recluse, as though startled by something unusual. Then, reeling his emaciated body around, he came face to face with the small band of men approaching from the hilltop. He screamed once more at the sight of his audience, like some frantic youngster at the height of a game of Cowboys and Indians. With another shrill cry from the depths of his distorted vocal faculties, he lunged and dashed up the hill toward Jesus as if bent on ultimate and complete destruction of Christ and every man with Him. Then the miraculous happened. In that moment the Son of God cried to the demons with a marvelous and magnificent shout, "Hold thy peace, and come out of him." And out they immediately came!

"Follow me!" suggested the Lord Jesus to this new-found friend.

By His side stepped the grateful follower and never, from that day until the occasion for him to sacrifice all that he had, would he think of leaving the very immediate presence of the Master.

This was "a certain young man" of whom Mark writes. This was he who followed closely all the way. This was the one who gave all that he owned. How about you? Have you given your all—and that to the ultimate end?

National Fellowship OF Brethren Laymen

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

LAYMEN READY FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT WINONA

Indications are that the plans for the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen at Winona Lake, Ind., are about complete. In the mail last week your editor received from Bro. Bill Fisher, our national secretary, a welcome surprise in the form of printed programs for the conference.

The laymen are to meet in the Rainbow Room of the Westminster Hotel Tuesday, August 24 through Saturday, August 28, at 8 o'clock each morning. Sessions will continue until 9:30, when the laymen will adjourn to the meetings at the Auditorium Building of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Features of the week of meetings will be the Brethren Men's Breakfast on Thursday at 7 a. m., and the picnic with the boys in camp, both events being scheduled for Thursday, August 26.

See you there?

100 ATTEND QUARTERLY MEET OF SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

The Southeast District laymen met in Covington, Va., May 7 for their quarterly meeting, with 100 men present. President Coffey presided.

Speakers for the meeting were Rev. Bill Kesinger, Roanoke, Va., and Mr. Robert Sizemore. Reports were heard from Buena Vista, Hollins, Clearbrook, Boone's Chapel, and Covington. The offering of \$43.43 was voted to be sent to the Evangelistic Crusade.

Gen. Harold H. Townsend was guest speaker at the July meeting of the men's brotherhood at Long Beach, Calif., First church.

The father-son banquet was held

by the men's fellowship of the

[This is for all the meetings we did not report. Fill in your own!—J.D.]

ATLANTIC DISTRICT LAYMEN MEET IN RALLY AT HARRISBURG, PA.



Ice cream—40 quarts of it—being consumed by Atlantic District laymen.

Sixty-eight laymen of the Atlantic District met in Harrisburg, Pa., on June 12 for a laymen's rally. Nine of the 14 churches of the district were represented. The Harrisburg brethren had a well-prepared program lined up which was enjoyed thoroughly. Special music was supplied by the Martinsburg, W. Va., church. A challenging message was brought by a layman, Mr. Douglas Baptasti.

At the business meeting, the men voted to give \$75 to the York, Pa., church for the painting of the walls of the building, and a day was set in July when the district laymen were to gather at York and take care of applying the paint.

For refreshments the men were treated to homemade ice cream and pretzels.

The Atlantic Fellowship Laymen's News Letter for June contained the following interesting information:

York, Pa., men are meeting every Tuesday night to work on the new church building.

Allentown, Pa., laymen were hosts to the Philadelphia First and Third church men in April. Following a fellowship supper, Dr. Robert Fritch spoke.

The Harrisburg, Pa., group was formed. [Details in May 22, Herald, p. 341.—Ed.]

The men at Washington, D. C., are showing good interest in their meetings. Their program features speakers of different vocations and films on varied subjects. The men served for the mother-daughter ban-

quet, which was held on the laymen's meeting date.

Men of the Philadelphia, Third church entertained the men of the Allentown church and their families at Carson Simpson Farm in May. After a baseball game, Rev. Roy Snyder brought a searching message.

FREMONT, OHIO, LAYMEN ACTIVE FOR THE LORD

An interesting news letter was received recently from the laymen of the Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio, in which a summary of their work was listed. Six years ago they held their first jail service, and in that time they have missed only one Sunday—that by a misunderstanding. They have held meetings for three years at the State penal farm and for five years at a T. B. sanatorium, plus meetings at the county home. Their tract ministry is extensive, and they have completed a project this year of exterior lighting of the church and yard, new storage space under the front steps, and ventilation for the restrooms.

Boys Club work is now their biggest missionary project and they recently heard Elmer Sachs speak on the subject.

New officers are Durwood Brooks, president; John Koke, vice president; Alex Burkett, secretary-treasurer.

Bro. H. L. Edwards, president of the laymen at Dayton, Ohio, First church, sends us an interesting summary of their work which we will try to print at a later date. Thanks!

MRS. MAY BODERMANN, faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., since 1933, departed from this life on June 28. One sentence written on the flyleaf of her Bible read: "Death is simply passing through a wall into life."—Rev. Alan S. Pearce, *First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.*

MR. PETER L. BOWER, 80, a member of the North Buffalo Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa., was called to be with the Lord on July 6. Brother Bower was the oldest member of this church prior to his death.—Rev. Donald Rossman, *pastor, North Buffalo Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.*

of faith. The following Sunday after the revival closed there were three who confessed Jesus as Saviour and another for membership. That afternoon 18 were baptized, and there are more awaiting baptism. Our Sunday-school attendance is much better and there seems to be a much better spirit among our folk.—Rev. K. E. Richardson, *pastor.*

I can truly say that it was wonderful to see how God is waiting to honor and bless His Word in revivals in our time. During the two weeks of revival services we saw God work in a mighty way in spite of all the difficulties that we faced.

Much time had been spent in prayer and visitation and God rewarded with a number of decisions for Christ. It was a spiritual thrill to see and feel the Spirit of God moving in the hearts of those who attended.

It is always a joy to work with pastors like Brother Richardson, who has a real love for God and lost souls. May God continue to bless and use Brother Richardson in his work at Fairlawn.—Mason Cooper, *evangelist.*

CORPORATION MEETING

The annual corporation meeting of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Inc., will be held Tuesday, August 24, 1954, at the Auditorium Building, Winona Lake, Ind., at 1:45 p. m.



Mansfield, Ohio

A baby church holds its first revival and is blessed by God. The Lord opened the windows of heaven and poured us out a blessing at the Second Grace Brethren Church.

The meetings began June 20 and extended through July 2. Our people were quick to agree that our first revival was a glorious success. The attendance ranged from 22 all the way to 90, with an average nightly attendance of 56. We praise the Lord for the victories won in the lives of Christians.

There were 16 rededications and 1 first-time decision for the Lord. Christians here feel the need as never before to answer the call of the Lord to personal soul-winning. The one first-time decision was a man 62 years old, the father of 14 children. What a rich experience it was to see this man kneel before his children and accept Christ in his home, and then to make a public confession in the meetings. The family had been praying for their father for some years.

We wish to thank the Lord for sending Rev. Lester Pifer our way. He was a faithful messenger in an hour when we were in need of revival.—Rev. Gene E. Witzky, *pastor.*

North English, Iowa

Greetings to our sister churches in the name of our blessed Lord.

God has always been good to Pleasant Grove Brethren Church, and especially has He blessed in the past year, for many things have happened.

We have a Sisterhood of Mary and Martha not yet a year old, a boys' club, and recently a new group of BYF, our former group having scattered to college, matrimony, and into the army.

The Lord blessed spiritually and increased in number through the services of Crusade Team Two.

Eleven of the cradle roll were recently promoted to the nursery class.

Within the year the Sunday-school elementary department was organized, with Mrs. Burdette Lartz as departmental superintendent.

Our Sunday school and church attendance has greatly increased, occasionally going over 100.

We enjoyed our annual Sunday-school fellowship and picnic July 5 at the North English park, with attendance of over 80.

More interest in district meetings is manifested.

Recently two adjustable tables for Sunday-school classes and communion were dedicated to the Lord in memory of John R. Myers (deceased), who had served so many years as moderator of the local church. The tables were purchased with cash gifts in place of floral offerings for Brother Myers' memorial service.

Please pray that Pleasant Grove continue to glorify the Lord and bring the lost to a saving knowledge of the Lord.—Mrs. Wilma E. Myers, *corresponding secretary.*

Radford, Va.

May 31 through June 13 was a time of spiritual blessing for us here at the Fairlawn Brethren Church, when we were privileged to have as our evangelist Bro. Mason Cooper, president of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen. Our attendance was small the first week, due to commencement week in our high schools.

We feel that this was one of the best meetings we have had in Fairlawn. Satan got riled up right in the beginning and showed himself, which caused us to depend more on the One who is more powerful than all the forces of the evil one.

We cannot tell this side of eternity just how much good was accomplished, but we want to share with you some of the visible results. We praise Him for the 58 decisions made public, of which 17 were confessions of faith, and several reaffirmations

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*Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not:
for of such is the kingdom of God (Mark 10:14).*

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

Our Lost World—

Three out of every four people in the world are still without sufficient of the gospel message that they could be saved if they so desired. We heard this statement made several times during the recent Youth for Christ International Conference here at Winona Lake. For many years we have quoted the figures that three out of every five are without a sufficient message, but now we will need to revise our statement according to this soul-stirring challenge.

Playing church was a term applied to our average Christianity today by several of the speakers in this same great convention. If we have been *playing foreign missions* during these recent years of great material prosperity, then it is high time that we settled down to the greatest of all businesses in this old world—getting the Gospel out to sinful, dying humanity. Men of the world, especially those associated in the atomic energy business and those having to do with the hydrogen-cobalt bomb, predict a time, possibly in the immediate future, when many or most of our big cities will be obliterated in a few hours time—graves will be dug by steam shovels and dead bodies will be buried by bulldozers. In the next hour after these events take place, “whose shall these things be?” Possessions of this world have become almost a nightmare to those who have them. Oh, that we might have great amounts of these possessions dedicated to the present urgent business of world evangelization.

One for One

A 6-Percent Loss—

Yes, even though all of the offerings have not yet reached our Winona Lake office, sufficient have been received to tell us that we will suffer a 6-percent loss in our foreign-mission offerings this year. Offerings thus far in 1954 total \$189,255.38 (see the financial report on the next page), while during the same period last year, with about the same churches reporting, the offering was over \$201,000. We realize that the recession in employment and in financial matters came just at the wrong time for our foreign-mission offering, but that doesn't lessen the fact that 86 missionaries are depending on us. Continued losses can only mean a shrinking of our foreign-mission program—less missionaries and

less equipment with which to work. Pray that these things may never be.

There seems to be just one hopeful ray, financially speaking. We are encouraged by financially minded people to believe that conditions will become better. Then, too, we are now operating on a calendar-year basis. Many of us will want to determine that losses sustained in this first half of the year may be made up by more abundant and sacrificial giving to foreign missions during the last half of the year. More and more churches send us checks and reports every month; if these are sufficiently larger than the ones during the same period last year, we will be able to pick up the loss.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

How They Gave—

We cannot make any complete analysis of our church giving as yet, but these interesting figures might spur us on to greater things.

29 churches gave between \$	1	and \$	100
74 churches gave between \$	100	and \$	1,000
24 churches gave between \$	1,000	and \$	2,000
8 churches gave between \$	2,000	and \$	3,000
7 churches gave between \$	3,000	and \$	4,000
3 churches gave between \$	4,000	and \$	5,000
7 churches gave between \$	5,000	and \$	10,000
1 church gave above	\$10,000		

One for One

Pray Ye Therefore—

Trust the Lord for the money and get the Gospel out. This is the Lord's plan, but we are of such little faith. When the bills begin to come in and the society funds are rapidly diminishing, we have such a tendency to worry about money and get our eyes off the main business—getting the Gospel out. Nowhere are we told, “Worry ye therefore in yourselves that ye may devise ways and means to get a few laborers into His harvest.” Let us covenant together to “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest,” trusting the same Lord who thrusts them forth to care for all the financial needs in their going.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

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REPORT OF GIFTS

To the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church—January 1, 1954, to July 21, 1954

(Editor's note—At this time we are listing the churches, by districts, with the total amount given to foreign missions so far during 1954. Since we are now operating on the calendar-year basis, the complete report by gifts by churches during the entire year of 1954, showing the breakdown of funds, will be published early in 1955.

ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Alexandria, Va.	\$283.11
Allentown, Pa.	618.49
Baltimore, Md.	36.00
Chambersburg, Pa.	133.67
Hagerstown, Md.	3,843.25
Harrisburg, Pa.	1,491.37
Martinsburg, W. Va.	1,480.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (First) ..	5,126.22
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third) ..	4,227.65
Seven Fountains, Va.	150.69
Washington, D. C.	2,000.14
Waynesboro, Pa.	2,751.82
Winchester, Va.	1,691.45
York, Pa.	495.06
Atlantic District	19.10
	23,348.02

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Artesia	295.70
Beaumont	2,383.39
Bell	464.62
Bellflower	766.29
Chico	245.05
Compton	1,087.51
Fillmore	729.20
Glendale	1,286.60
La Crescenta	10.00
La Verne	2,470.61
Long Beach (First)	18,651.57
Long Beach (Second)	5,478.27
Long Beach (Stearns St.) ..	63.00
Los Angeles (Community) ..	1,177.84
Los Angeles (First)	6,272.88
Modesto (Christian Center) ..	600.68
Modesto (La Loma)	1,188.07
Norwalk	4,420.14
Paramount	432.73
Phoenix, Ariz.	166.57
San Bernardino	491.92
San Diego	424.25
Seal Beach	250.09
South Gate	1,716.11
South Pasadena	801.94
South San Gabriel	46.31
Temple City	834.53
Tracy	640.94
Whittier (Community)	2,020.84
Whittier (First)	6,792.48
California District	688.00
	62,898.13

EAST DISTRICT

Accident, Md.	5.00
Aleppo, Pa.	225.07
Altoona, Pa.	36.00
Altoona, Pa. (Juniata)	559.43
Conemaugh, Pa.	1,591.63
Conemaugh, Pa. (Mundy's Cor.)	1,057.78
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	475.23
Everett, Pa.	1,042.81
Grafton, W. Va.	150.00
Holidaysburg, Pa.	1,025.00
Hopewell, Pa.	793.00
Jenners, Pa.	256.00
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	6,971.00
Kittanning, Pa.	1,323.96
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	85.68
Leamersville, Pa.	1,029.00
Listie, Pa.	1,360.73
Martinsburg, Pa.	1,645.60
Meyersdale, Pa.	654.80
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	504.25
Uniontown, Pa.	1,143.92
Washington, Pa.	71.00
East District	82.33
	22,089.22

INDIANA DISTRICT

Berne	3,194.57
Clay City	237.00
Elkhart	378.98
Flora	1,669.17

Fort Wayne	2,671.64
Goshen	130.59
Huntington	37.00
Leesburg	613.14
Osceola	211.73
Peru	500.89
Sharpsville	33.15
Sidney	1,164.54
South Bend	622.92
Wheaton, Ill.	150.00
Winona Lake	3,943.02
Indiana District	399.02
	15,957.36

IOWA DISTRICT

Cedar Rapids	613.09
Dallas Center	795.68
Davenport	35.00
Garwin	1,057.06
Leon	107.00
North English	531.95
Waterloo	3,624.65
Iowa District	190.00
	6,954.43

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Alto	408.93
Berrien Springs	41.96
Lake Odessa	1,037.70
New Troy	347.28
Ozark	39.70
Michigan District	40.00
	1,915.57

MIDWEST DISTRICT

Albuquerque, N. Mex.	26.92
Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex.	35.13
Beaver City, Nebr.	295.00
Cheyenne, Wyo.	50.58
Cordillera, N. Mex.	26.56
Cuba N. Mex. (Navaho Mission)	23.00
Denver, Colo.	219.23
Portis, Kans.	963.31
Taos, N. Mex.	103.17
Midwest District	7.20
	1,750.10

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Akron	19.00
Ankenytown	789.45
Ashland	4,640.46
Canton	1,792.14
Cleveland	193.20
Cuyahoga Falls	389.97
Danville	635.00
Elyria	665.75
Fremont (Brethren Chapel) ..	138.97
Fremont (Grace)	1,740.36
Homerville	775.50
Mansfield	5,327.51
Mansfield (Second)	217.03
Middlebranch	759.83
Rittman	2,042.31
Sterling	1,067.15
Wooster	3,426.00
Northern Ohio District	267.37
	24,887.00

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Albany, Oreg.	762.56
Harrah, Wash.	143.00
Portland, Oreg.	701.23
Salem, Oreg.	50.00
Seattle, Wash.	674.20
Spokane, Wash.	30.00
Sunnyside, Wash.	3,315.24
Yakima, Wash.	625.06
Northwest District	120.00
	6,421.29

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Boones Mill, Va.	38.00
Buena Vista, Va.	900.13
Covington, Va.	714.34
Hollins, Va.	5.03
Johnson City, Tenn.	39.78
Limestone, Tenn.	544.95
Radford, Va.	194.82
Riner, Va.	16.45
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook) ..	331.39
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	2,256.51
Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights)	300.00
Southeast District	191.56
	5,532.96

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Camden	166.51
Clayhole, Ky.	172.69
Clayton	1,059.81
Covington	71.29
Dayton (Bethany)	25.95
Dayton (First)	5,576.81
Dayton (North Riverdale) ..	3,968.55
Dayton (Patterson Park)	655.90
Dryhill, Ky.	30.00
Englewood	93.22
Sampleville	185.00
Sidney	132.18
Troy	299.77
Southern Ohio District	188.00
	12,625.68

MISCELLANEOUS

Honolulu, T. H.	242.62
National Miscellaneous	482.72
National WMC	3,650.28
National BYF	500.00
	4,875.62
Grand total	\$189,255.38

SUMMARY OF OFFERINGS BY DISTRICTS

Atlantic	\$23,348.02
California	62,898.13
East	22,089.13
Indiana	15,957.36
Iowa	6,954.43
Michigan	1,915.57
Midwest	1,750.10
Northern Ohio	24,887.00
Northwest	6,421.29
Southeast	5,532.96
Southern Ohio	12,625.68
Miscellaneous	4,875.62
	189,255.38

CHURCHES GIVING \$3,000 OR MORE

1. Long Beach, Calif. (First) ...	\$18,651.57
2. Johnstown, Pa. (First)	6,971.00
3. Whittier, Calif. (First)	6,792.48
4. Los Angeles, Calif. (First) ..	6,272.88
5. Dayton, Ohio (First)	5,576.81
6. Long Beach, Calif. (Second)	5,478.27
7. Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	5,327.51
8. Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	5,126.22
9. Ashland, Ohio	4,640.46
10. Norwalk, Calif.	4,420.14
11. Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	4,227.65
12. Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale) ..	3,968.55
13. Winona Lake, Ind.	3,943.02
14. Hagerstown, Md.	3,843.25
15. Waterloo, Iowa	3,624.65
16. Wooster, Ohio	3,426.00
17. Sunnyside, Wash.	3,315.24
18. Berne, Ind.	3,194.57

Respectfully submitted,

Homer A. Kent, treasurer.
Ruth E. Reddick, financial secretary.

Is God Blessing The Work In Brazil?

By John W. Zielasko, Icoraci, Brazil

Satan is busy. There can be no doubt about that. He is always trying to hinder or to destroy the work of the Lord no matter where it may be. Wherever souls are being saved we can be sure that the enemy will strike a blow in one way or another. He knows that his time is short and, therefore, we should expect him to launch an offensive against the church of Jesus Christ and to strike with all his fury. The outposts—the mission stations—are often the first to feel the force of his attack (or so it may appear to those on the foreign field). The missionary may be tempted to think that his post is expendable; that God would have him yield ground to Satan. At such times it is well to flee to the fortress of God's Word and to have our morale strengthened by our God. It is He who encourages us to stand fast with such comforting words as these: "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isa. 59:19).

Reinforcements are on the way. Victory belongs to our God!

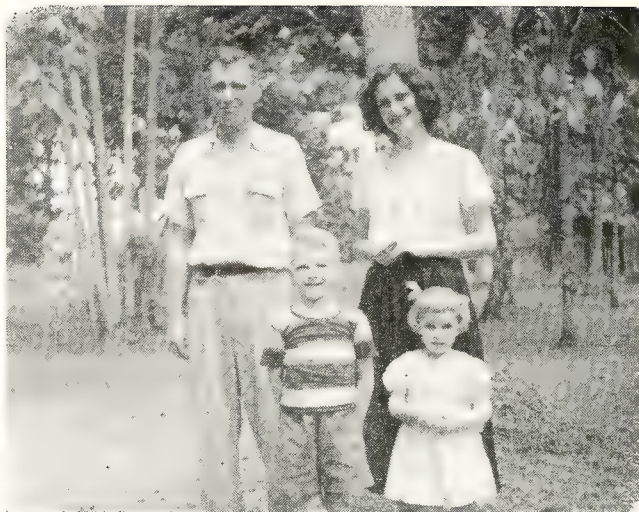
The Brazilian field is no exception to the program of Satan. It too is coveted by him; it too has felt the pounding of his heavy artillery and reeled in the face of his advances. However, God has given to the Brethren Church some wonderful victories on this battlefield, victories that we would like to share with you who are on other fronts for the Lord.

We praise Him for the equipment which He has given to us. Of course the spiritual armor is the most important and without it our labor would be worthless, but we are grateful for the material He has given us to use on the field. I refer to the truck, the electric generator, the loudspeaker, and the slide projector. These things have enabled us to reach out and contact more people with the Gospel than would have been possible without them.

On Tuesday nights we have been teaching the Bible



Truck, trailer, and P. A. system—ready for street meeting.



The Zielasko family—Jack, Jean, Robert, and Ann.

in our Furo meeting with the use of colored film strips. The attendance has been averaging about 175. The little trailer for the generator has caused quite a sensation about town. Very few have seen anything like it before. The wheels are rather small, but they are the only ones we were able to find in the city of Belem.

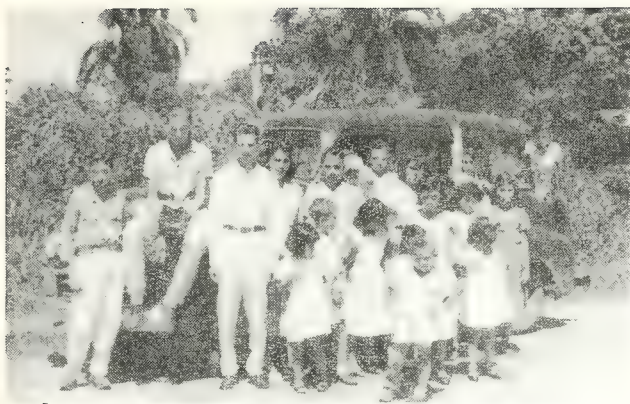
Wednesday night prayer meeting has averaged about 30 people present for the past three weeks and the thing that thrills our hearts is that many of them pray.

Thursday night is the time for the Agulha meeting. The national church voted to buy the building at this place, so it now belongs to us. We took out the partitions and were pleasantly surprised to find what a pleasing little chapel this building makes.

Some time ago in the Agulha meeting a young man of 16 accepted Christ as his Saviour. Later I learned from some of our believers that this young man was having a difficult time in his home. One night his father put him out and told him not to come back until he was willing to forsake the Brethren Church. This young man had begun his studies for the priesthood and his family was shocked to think he would have anything to do with the evangelicals. Throughout this time of persecution by his family he remained true to Christ, and the father finally decided to use other tactics. The priest made two visits to his home and did everything to try to convince him of his error in becoming a "believer," but all this was to no avail. He bore, and is still bearing, a faithful testimony to his newly found Saviour and Lord. Pray for this young man, Valdomiro Costa Silva. Unfortunately he is going to enter the navy in August. He has expressed a desire to enter the ministry; pray with us that his years in the service will not dampen his zeal.

Friday nights we take the generator and a truckfull of people to the Village of the Innocents for a meeting. Here we reach about 80 people each week for the Lord. Starting next week we are going to hold services here every other week and open a new work in another section of the town.

Saturday night is young peoples' night at the church here in Icoraci. The pleasures of this world have been making a bid for some of our young people, so we felt we must do everything possible to keep their interests centered around the things of Christ. (An article in a



Ready for a trip to the Village of the Innocents.

later issue of the Herald will tell you more of the Brethren young people of Brazil.)

Antonio Hraujo was a drunkard. He accepted Christ as his Saviour but the temptation to drink was too great and he fell into sin again. However, Antonio wasn't happy in the old life. He wanted to live for Christ, but drink had the upper hand in his life. He then claimed the victory in Christ and is now a faithful Christian. The following is his testimony:

My testimony is this. Before I accepted Christ as my Saviour I smoked, I gambled, I played cards, I danced, I got drunk and treated my family mean. On one occasion I beat my wife and children when I was drunk. My speech was evil and I was an adulterer. All these things I did when I had part with the Devil. Now I am a different man and always I am asking God to have compassion on me with His divine celestial power. I repented of all my sins and accepted Christ as my only and sufficient Saviour. Now I no longer do the things I once did, and I consider myself a servant of God. I wish that all of my family may repent of their sins and accept Christ as Saviour in order that we may have a Christian home.

(Signed) Antonio Hraujo.

Truly, beloved brethren, the Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation.

One for One

Out of the will of God there is no such thing as success; in the will of God there cannot be any failure."—*The Christian Chronicle*.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

Praising God for our blessings extends them.
Praising God for our troubles ends them.

—Selected.

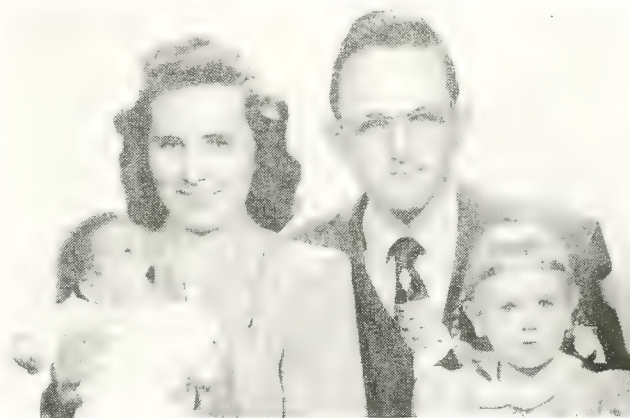
COVER PICTURE

Dr. Russell D. Barnard took the cover picture in January of this year when he was in Brazil. The children in this group are from a home adjacent to the Zielasko family, Icoraci, Brazil. They are typical of the many in the area who are being contacted for the Lord Jesus Christ.

54 of Our Brethren Churches

—have already given through their Missionary Outfit Clubs or by special offerings the amount of \$1,681.33 toward the Burk Outfit Fund. We believe that sufficient money has been received or is in prospect to justify sending the Bill Burk family to the field in Brazil. We so earnestly thank the many churches with these outfit matters at heart. Missionaries *must* have the equipment with which to "set up housekeeping" when they arrive in the foreign field. That is the purpose of the Outfit Fund.

Our plea is to you people of the more than 90 Brethren churches that have not yet responded in the matter of missionary outfit offerings. We are courageous enough to suggest that your church needs the blessing of helping in this fine work. The minimum for a family with two children, as the Burks have, has been set at



The Burk Family

Arthur Imogene Bill Linda

\$2,400 by our board—we wish they might have as much as \$3,900. You understand that one-half of such amounts is for the purchase of items in this country and the other one-half is to pay transportation and customs. If they choose to buy some items in the foreign land, which is often a necessity because of regulations on imports imposed by the foreign country, the cost will be at least twice as much what they would need to pay here in the States.

May we count on you to help with outfit funds through your local Missionary Outfit Club?

One for One

WITHIN CALLING DISTANCE

A story is told of two men, the elder of whom was urging upon the younger the claim of Christian work and encouraging him to follow the call of the Lord. The younger answered with an excuse that had a familiar ring, "But I have never felt any compelling call to give my life in that way."

"Are you sure you are within calling distance?" was the somewhat disquieting reply.—*Log of the Good Ship Grace*.

WANTED—A MOTHER!

(Editor's Note—Several months ago Dr. Floyd W. Taber wrote the following letter to his sister, Miss Rose Taber, of Ashland, Ohio. We are sure that you will be grateful, along with us, to Rose for sharing her letter.)

Yaloke, French Equatorial Africa.

Dear Rose,

Yesterday a man came to my office door with his head shaved. That meant he was in mourning. He told me his wife had died five days ago and left a little baby, and asked if I had a nipple to sell. I did the lazy thing. Instead of finding out how he would be able to use the nipple if he got it, I told him I had no nipples here; he should ask Miss Tyson at the dispensary. In a few minutes she came and told me he had no money to buy milk if he got the nipple, and no one who knew how to prepare it if he got the milk. So once again we were face to face with the problem of what to do for a motherless baby.

We had voted just last field council meeting that we do not have mission funds nor missionary personnel enough to be able to care for orphan babies. But when you are face to face with a new-born baby that is already five days on the way toward starvation, you have to do *something*. It is useless to ask the father why he waited five days before coming. What could you have done if he had come before? What can you do now?

The natives do not have cows. They do not know how to milk goats. The breed they have only gives about a half a cup of milk apiece if you do milk them. And it is completely against all their ideas. In a few places it has been possible to persuade them to milk goats to sell the milk to the white man. But to milk goats for a black baby! That is against nature.

Powdered milk? Apart from the expense, there is the time for preparing all the bottles. If we showed the natives how to do it, it would be sure to be contaminated, sure death for the baby. If we are to save the life, it would require the time of a missionary for months to prepare every bottle. If Miss Tyson spent her time doing that, she would not have time for the sick babies she is always caring for every day who have a mother to nurse them. She would not have time to pack and ship out medicines to care for sick babies all over the mission. The same amount of time and effort will save the lives of so many more babies if it is spent on those who have mothers to nurse them. Should she neglect the many for the one orphan?

And if she cares for one, before long every orphaned baby in the countryside would be laid at her doorstep. If we do not care for any of them, most of them will be nursed in some way or other in the village. But if the word gets out that the missionary nurse is caring for orphans, then no one will ever again nurse an orphan in the villages; it will be up to the missionary nurse to do it or they will die. So it is really a choice between starting an orphanage and refusing to care for any.

If we had the missionaries, we could start an orphanage. The Swedish Mission has one at Bouar and the Catholic Sisters have one at Bangui. The government furnishes the powdered milk for them. They would do the same for us. But it would take two missionaries full time and we would have to close down two dispensaries.

Even as it is we will have to close some of our dispensaries when furloughs come due if we don't get more new nurses.

So there are good reasons why we can't do anything about it. But there is that baby starving.

I called our African pastor, Levi Bouzou, and asked him to investigate whether there is not some woman in the village who could nurse that baby. He can get to the root of the question a whole lot better than I can. He found out there is a sister-in-law to this widowed father who had a baby born dead just three days ago. Eureka! Just what we want! So I begin congratulating myself on doing things the *African* way. It is so much better to get a foster mother to nurse the baby the way they have done for generations instead of doing things the foreign way—that would always require missionary work for the things the natives could never learn to do for themselves.

Levi suggests it would be a good thing for me to go to the village to persuade the people to adopt this plan. So it is agreed he and I will go together at 4 o'clock, hold a meeting in the village, then make arrangements for the baby. When we had finished preaching he said to me, "Now it is time to take up our business with the chief." You see, in Africa such things are discussed before the whole village; nothing is private.

So I began: "Chief, I hear there is sorrow in your village. A woman has died, and left a little tiny baby. And I hear another woman has lost her baby. So there is one baby with no mother to care for it, and there is one mother with empty arms. In your village do you have any way of arranging an affair like that?"

"The words of the white man are good," he answered. "In our village, back before the white man ever came, sometimes a man would die and leave his wife alone. And sometimes a woman would die and leave her husband alone. This man would begin carrying firewood to this woman. And after her tears were dried they would talk things over and they would get married. That is what we used to do in our village before the white man ever came. So the words of the white man are very good.

"It is true, my two sons took wives. They both had babies. The wife of my older son died, leaving him with a baby with no mother. The baby of my younger son died, leaving his wife with no baby to care for. So we will give her the baby of my older son. The words of the white man are very good."

"That is fine," I said. "Now let us call together your two sons and the wife of the younger son and give the baby of the older son into her arms, and pray that this baby will grow up to the Lord's glory."

There was some hesitancy and restlessness and they began to make objections. Then it came out. The younger son's wife was in the house. I said for him to call her. He came back with her answer: "Am I a grown-up woman to care for an orphan?" So her brother went to persuade her, reminding her that although she was only a young woman still she would have cared for her own baby if it had lived. But her answer was a final "No."

I made one more attempt. Would she not allow me to examine to see why her baby had died at birth, to see

DVBS—TIJUANA, MEXICO



In the picture at the left are shown Brother Haag, Miss Robinson, and others of DVBS staff. At the right is shown the group attending the last day of the school. (Mrs. Haag took the pictures.)

The closing service of our daily vacation Bible school was held after Sunday school the morning of July 4. The school began on June 21 and ended on July 2, with an average attendance of 55, including the teachers.

Alys (Mrs. Haag) planned the whole program for the school and taught new choruses. I gave an illustrated lesson or object lesson every day and then we had four classes. Miss Dorothy Robinson taught one class and the other three were taught by Mexican believers from

the mission. We are so happy to see them taking a part.

Last year we had no school, but two years ago we had only 36 for the average attendance. We reached up to 70 or 72 in attendance by the end of the first week, but some went to confess to the priest over the week end and were thus prohibited from attending the second week. We praise the Lord for His protection and care during the school, and trust that the Word planted may bring forth fruit in due season.—Walter Haag.

if we could not give her some medicine so she would have a living baby next time? She did not want to see me!

After the mission has been at Yaloke for 30 years, a young woman growing up within five miles of us is still afraid of the old native curse if she nurses the baby of a dead mother. And in spite of the hundreds of healthy babies scattered all over the countryside that would be dead or would never have been born without our medical care, she still does not want to see the mission doctor.

Right there you put your finger on the most serious weakness of our whole mission program. The men around Yaloke, even those who make no pretense to live a Christian life, believe that what we tell them is the truth, and no longer believe in the old superstitions. But the women, even many of those who make a Christian profession, are still shackled by the old fears of heathenism. More than anything else, we need to pray God to show us how to break through the shell that surrounds African women.

After the young woman's final refusal, the father of the baby spoke in anger: "When soldiers go to war, they are killed and nobody makes any palaver about it. Let it be that way with my baby. It can die; nobody will care."

But the old chief had another suggestion. "There is an old woman here who nursed one baby whose mother died. She still has a little milk in her breasts. Perhaps she will nurse this baby. We thought of the young woman first, but since she refuses we will ask the old

woman." After some more palavering, the old woman agreed, and arrangements were made that way. But will she have enough milk for it? Will it receive the loving care of a mother? Will it grow up as a baby not wanted? Would that not be even more cruel than letting it die the way the heathen used to?

You cannot create mother love by saying it is a woman's duty to nurse a baby and she has to do it, either in a missionary or in a poor heathen woman. It has to be planted by God. Pray that God will raise up true mothers for the orphans of this land, whether white or black, and that they may take their work as a calling from Him, and claim with it the mother-love that comes as a grace from Him.

Your big brother,

Floyd.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

D. L. Moody told the story of an Atlantic passenger who lay in his bunk in a storm, deadly seasick. A cry of "Man overboard!" was heard. "May God help the poor fellow," prayed the man, "there is nothing I can do." Then he thought, "At least I can put my lantern in the porthole," which he did. The man was rescued, and recounting the story the next day said, "I was going down in the darkness for the last time when someone put a light in a porthole. It shone on my hand, and a sailor in a lifeboat grabbed it and pulled me in." Weakness is no excuse for our not putting forth all the little strength we have, and who can tell how God will use it?—*The Congo Missionary Messenger*.

Operation Dodge Truck

By Geo

A low ripple of suppressed excitement ran through the church auditorium as a tall, neatly dressed teen-ager mounted a stepladder at the right side of the rostrum. He was eagerly followed by 152 pairs of eyes as he reached up to untie a white cord at the extreme end of a large banner. This accomplished, their attention shifted a bit to a miniature truck which began to inch forward as the string was pulled taut. The excitement mounted higher and higher as the truck moved steadily forward, now very near the end of a red line connecting the U. S. A. and the continent of Africa—all this to the accompaniment of the deep bass whistle of an ocean-going freighter over the public-address system. Nearer and nearer the shore line it came. Now it was almost there—tantalizingly near! Then just a moment of suspense as the elastic cord at the other end of the truck balked a bit. The great moment had arrived! The truck had reached the shore! It was over into Africa! And as it reached Africa, a songleader lost no time waving the audience to its feet, and they gave vent to their enthusiasm by lustily singing the chorus:

Rise, shine, give God the glory, glory!
Rise, shine, give God the glory, glory!
Rise, shine, give God the glory,
Let your light shine 'round the world!

So ended a three-month effort (March-May) on the part of the Brethren in Cherry Valley to purchase a Dodge truck for our African field. One might have thought that we had planned the "Frank Merriwell" finish, but it really wasn't until the very last Sunday that the \$2,000 goal was reached. Before the day was over, however, and the regular church and C. E. offerings were in, the Lord gave us a total of \$2,311!

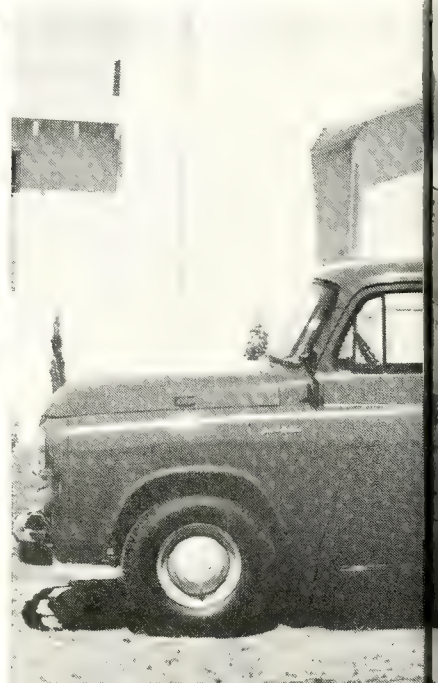
Under God, we had the Temple City Brethren to thank for the success He gave us. (Mention should be made,

too, of Mary Beth Munn, our missionary on furlough from Africa, who made known the need for a truck in a most graphic and humorous way when she addressed our congregation one Sunday morning during the foreign-mission season.) Being the highest per-capita givers to missions in the denomination for 1953, we were naturally curious, and a visit with the Polmans revealed Temple City's secret—namely, Sunday-school enthusiasm for missions! A goal was set for the entire church for every class and department in the Sunday school and the need was presented and kept before each scholar young and old, from Sunday to Sunday. The burden for missions was thus shifted—or perhaps we should say "shared"—by officers and teachers alike who, in turn, brought it before the Sunday school as offerings were taken for missions in the individual classes from week to week. And that it worked, all of the Brethren are witnesses through the pages of the Herald!

Well, there are many methods that the Lord uses in His work, but this seemed to be the one for Cherry Valley, for when the plan was presented at a Sunday school board meeting of teachers and officers it was unanimously adopted. Knowing that the Foreign Missionary Society intended buying some trucks this year, it was also agreed that we should make one of these projects, setting the goal at \$2,000, just double the amount the Lord gave us in 1953. The teachers agreed to channel their offerings through their classes and we all lit the building that night with high hopes of reaching the goal through prayer, sacrificial giving, and faith.

We got off to a late start (our plan is to use the entire four months of February through May in 1955), but after the first Sunday, when the plan was presented officially to the Sunday school, the miniature truck really began to move across the big muslin chart! (The chart idea was borrowed from R. I. Humberd, who had just had a week of meetings at our church.) The time devoted to the "Foreign Mission Project" in our Sunday-school

The truck reaches its coveted goal.



Farrell, Pastor, Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Beaumont, Calif.

assembly soon became a big event in the lives of adults as well as the children. We all would look forward to the time when, to the accompaniment of ocean-liner whistles (on a record obtained through a local radio station), one of the high-school fellows would mount the ladder and pull the truck to its new position, until finally the last Sunday arrived—of which we have already told you in this article.

Another thing to which our people looked forward from Sunday to Sunday was the change on the Sunday-school register of the amount for "Missions." Then, too, it was our habit to give ample space in the bulletin to the "truck" project, listing the amounts which came in from each class of the 15 in the Sunday school, from each department of the five, and the goals for each of these. Six of the classes went "over the top," and two were very close—one, the primary, girls, missed by only a few cents! Even the nursery tots exceeded their goal of \$50! And two of the departments did so—the high school and the adult.

Of course we are still praising the Lord—and this is only as this is being written—for enabling us to reach and exceed the goal. And we plan the same emphasis—that is, with the Sunday school "spearheading" the drive, for home missions when the season comes. The amount of \$2,311 seems pitifully small when one considers the urgency of the need—also, when we hear of the far superior offerings made by our Brethren elsewhere in the land. However, it is important to us for it means that missionary interest is mounting. And with increasing interest will naturally come larger annual offerings; and, what is equally important, more prayers and more young lives dedicated to the task of being not only "co-missionaries," but "go-missionaries." Certainly the goal of our Foreign Missionary Society is a worthy one—namely, "a missionary abroad for every pastor in the homeland." God helping us, we intend to do our part in fulfilling this splendid, God-given goal.

Before closing, may we add just this final word? We used to sit under the preaching of that beloved pastor-evangelist, Dr. Louis S. Bauman, in the First Brethren Church of Long Beach. And how often we used to hear him say that God would bless the church, be it old or new, that would honor missions, regarding this need even above its own. You know, it doesn't make sense on paper, but it works, for it is God's program. And we can honestly say that the Lord gave us one of the most fruitful seasons of soul-winning during foreign-mission time as He did at any time during the history of this work! Every Sunday, with only one or two exceptions, there were people at the altar, many of them adults. God gave us the finest DVBS this year (24 first confessions) we have yet conducted—a much larger attendance, too.

As we go into our first anniversary of our building dedication (July 18) the general fund is in good shape, many improvements to the building and property have been made and paid for. This very week someone called on the telephone and offered to install and pay for a cooling system, valued at around \$900, for our upper auditorium. At this very moment this fine equipment (we are near the desert here and it is sorely needed) is being installed and will be ready for our Homecoming Day! Several good checks have also come in to cover some acoustical tile we are putting on the ceiling of the basement this week, and we are trusting God for the clearing of all indebtedness when Sunday is over. We say this to the glory of our Lord, who said, "Them that honour me I will honour" (I Sam. 2:30). We have given so little and received so much in return! What *would* He do for Cherry Valley Brethren, and for all of us, if we would be truly sacrificial and expectant regarding His great commission given to us in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." Oh, may God loose the purse strings of His people that He may do for us and for the heathen what He so longs to do!

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The high-school department went "over the top."



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YORK, PA. Dr. Paul R. Bauman will be speaking at the Penn Grove Bible Conference July 30-Aug. 1. Aug. 2-8 he will conduct a Bible conference at the Summer Pavilion of the Hawthorne Gospel Church, Hawthorne, N. J. Dr. Hermann Braunlin is pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF. The Brethren Christian Center set a Sunday-school record on July 11 when 82 were in attendance. Rev. Raymond Thompson is pastor. The Modesto church has made an allowance to care for the pastor's expenses to National Fellowship. (Editor: A very fine idea for all our churches.)

CHEYENNE, WYO. The Midwest District of Brethren Churches will convene here Aug. 6-8 at the First Brethren Church. Rev. Russell Williams will be the host pastor.

WANAPARTY, DECCAN, INDIA. Rev. and Mrs. Dilwyn Studebaker, missionaries here for the last 5½ years, are returning to the United States about Sept. 15. They will reside in Kingsbury, Calif.

SPECIAL. The Sunday-school lesson material for the Nov.-Dec. quarter will take us into the Psalms. We are certain the material will prove to be a real blessing. The Jan.-Mar. quarter will take us back into the New Testament in a study of the Gospel according to John. The adult quarterly has been written by Dr. Bernard Schneider, of Mansfield, Ohio. The material is rich in content. *Send in your orders today for the Nov.-Dec. quarter.* The quarterlies are ready to be mailed. Please get your orders in early so they can be mailed before our National Fellowship. Thank you!

HELSINKI, FINLAND (E/P). More than 100,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures were distributed in Finland during 1953, the Finnish Bible Society announced here. Of the total 102,502 copies distributed, 62,676 were Bibles, 34,320 New Testa-

ments, and 5,506 portions of the Scripture, the report added.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. Robert Cook, of Wheaton, Ill., was re-elected president of Youth for Christ International at the 10th annual convention held here July 4-18. Delegates from the 48 States and over 40 foreign countries attended the convention.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. Mr. Rolland Hein, who will be a junior in Grace Seminary this fall, delivered the morning message at the Grace Brethren Church July 25. Rev. Richard Grant is pastor.

DAVENPORT, IOWA. A gospel team from the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, conducted the service July 20 for the new church here. Rev. Richard Grant is pastor.



WINONA LAKE, IND. Churches are requested to send in as soon as possible the offering to the work of the Brethren Missionary Herald. It would be appreciated if the offerings were reported on the regular blanks that were sent to the pastors.

RITTMAN, OHIO. Rev. Ord Gehman, pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind., was the guest speaker here on July 18. Rev. Clair Brickel, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio, preached at the First Brethren Church here on July 25. Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The 61st Annual Winona Lake Bible Conference opened July 25, and continues through Labor Day. Five services are scheduled for each day, according to Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, director of the conference.

WAYNESBORO, PA. Rev. Conrad Sandy, pastor of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa., was elected moderator of the Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches at the annual district conference.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. The First Brethren Church won the cup for the largest attendance at the Southwest Division Christian Endeavor Sing. Rev. Glenn O'Neal is pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Bids are being received on the new Sunday-school annex for the First Brethren Church. Construction will begin in the near future. Rev. James Dixon is pastor.

EDINBURGH (RNS). The Church of Scotland and the Episcopal Church of Scotland have given their approval to a Billy Graham mission in this country, should the American evangelist decide to come here.

SOUTH BEND, IND. Rev. Arthur Collins is available to any church desiring his ministry as a pastor. His address is R. R. 1, Pierce Road, Lakeville, Ind.

ELKINS PARK, PA. The Third Plenary Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches will be held here Aug. 3-12 on the campus of Faith Theological Seminary.

DAYTON, OHIO. Rev. John Stoll was guest speaker July 25 at the North Riverdale Brethren Church.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. Rev. Russell Ward has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church.

FREMONT, OHIO. The Sunday school of the Grace Brethren Church showed a 12.5-percent increase this last quarter over the preceding quarter. Rev. Gordon Bracker is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. and Mrs. Bill Burk left California by plane where they were visiting relatives, and are due to sail for Brazil on Aug. 3 or 4.

WHEATON, ILL. The new address of Rev. Kenneth Teague is 107 S. Morgan St. Phone number is Wheaton 87310. Please change annual.

KANSAS CITY, MO. Dr. Walter Wilson, well-known in Christian circles, is now president-emeritus of Kansas City Bible College. Dr. Robert Belton succeeds him as president of the college.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. A new air conditioner has been installed in the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. Rev. Gene Farrell is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. A leadership training class will begin Sept. 16, and convene each Thursday night thereafter in the Patterson Park Brethren Church. Rev. C. S. Zimmerman is pastor.

ROME, ITALY. Recent statistics reveal that a switch of only 3 percent of the popular vote could give the Communists in Italy a chance to take over the government.

OUR MODERATOR SPEAKS

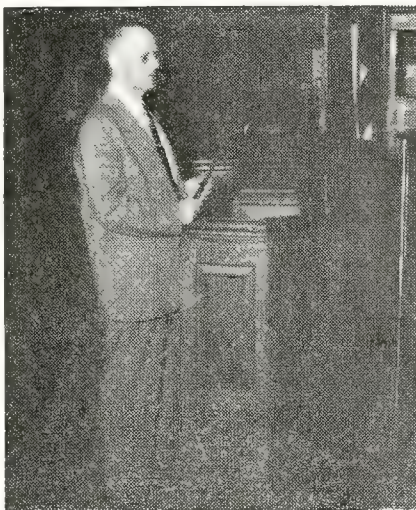
THE FAITH THAT SUSTAINS THE CHURCH

By Rev. J. L. Gingrich, Sterling, Ohio

Moderator, National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). In numerous passages of Scripture Christ is named the "Head of the Church." In the above verse, Christ said that He would build His church and that the church would survive every program—internally and externally—to destroy it. A careful student of church history must be amazed at the fact that in spite of man's inconsistency and insubordination to God's will, the church still survives. Because the church and the world have nothing in common and because the opposition of the world to God's chosen bride is intensifying, we must ask the question, "How come?" I believe the answer is found in my subject, "The Faith That Sustains the Church. Look at a few references of Scripture—Acts 26:21-23; Heb. 12:1-2.

While it is important to keep *the* faith, it is to be remembered that *the* faith is keeping us. For many years II Timothy 2:13 has been an inspiration to me personally to carry on: "If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself." This verse should be associated with Num. 23:19: "God is not a man, that he should lie; . . . or hath he spoken, and shall he not make good?" Paul's address to Agrippa was a confession of the faith which had come to control and inspire his life. Paul had been pushed about like a football from one dignitary to another, yet he insisted upon being true to *the* faith with such steadfastness that by the time of the last hearing a general impression of his innocence had been formed and was passed on to Agrippa. Again before Agrippa Paul confessed his faith and Agrippa was inclined to credit his testimony.



Moderator Joseph L. Gingrich

The letter to the Hebrews, probably written by Paul, is a challenging call to endurance. In our passage before us the Christian is exhorted to keep his eyes upon Christ, that his feet may be guided toward the goal, and that his heart may be inspired by His example to persevere against all odds and opposition.

"Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19). This just about sums up the reason for Paul's consistent fight of faith. Hear him again, "For these causes"—really should read, "Because of my obedience" (Acts 26:21). Never forget that when a Christian takes a positive and a 100-percent obedient stand for God he is inviting trouble and persecution. It is then that the keeping faith of Christ asserts itself. Paul's listeners didn't like him because he told them they crucified the Christ. That was a double blow. They didn't want Paul to refer to them as sinners.

Several years ago while preaching in Long Beach, Calif., the writer found himself in the midst of a group of arguing reprobate Jewish rabbis out on the pier in the ocean. We were discussing religion. When the writer referred to them as sinners—well his time to leave was up. This is true in every age and under every condition. It has been only by God's sustaining faith that a faithful remnant of fearless preachers has been able to herald God's true message. Again hear Paul, "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing" (Acts 26:22).

Paul, in Hebrews, is inspired to exhort: "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).



DR. ALVA J. McCLAIN

Bible Teacher—Aug. 25-27

"Lessons in Philippians"

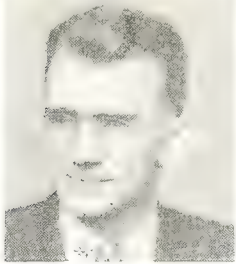
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF
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AUGUST 23-29

Vicksburg Brethren Church

YESTERDAY---TODAY---TOMORROW

By Rev. Dean Walter, Pastor



Rev. Walter resides in Washington, D. C., where he is engaged as a chemical engineer. He flies by plane to Vicksburg each week end to perform his ministerial duties.

For nearly 70 years the people of this community held a little white church on the hill close to their hearts. It was part of the fiber and fabric of this community's life. The young folks made friendships there which were to last a lifetime. There young lovers joined their hands and hearts before the simple altar in the sight of God. There they saw their own children rise to acknowledge faith in the Saviour and dedicate their lives to Him. There they heard the heartsearching testimonies of giants of the faith; listened as the



*Vicksburg (Pa.) Brethren Church
February 28, 1953*

Word of God was read, often through the lens of a tear. There many saw the faces of loved ones for the last time on earth, and lingering by the side of the tomb felt the tug of homesickness for heavenly things.

Each morning, as the people lifted their eyes to the refreshing hills, God's house among the great trees reminded them that "Our help is in God, who made heaven and earth." Wars and rumors of wars troubled the land. Prosperity and depression wrote their signatures deep in the faces of the people. Material progress upset old habits, changed customs, and trampled down traditions, but the hearts of the old and the paths of the young still turned toward God's house on the hill—for there was an anchor in the past with a cord binding it to the future. The slim finger of its spire still pointed toward the face of God, and its message was Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

However, tragedy struck us on February 28, 1953 and the works of our hands lay in ashes. God's people, like a mighty army, moved in and proved themselves friends in the time of adversity. Until then we did not fully realize how tender the ties of Christian love can be—how meaningful the sympathetic tear. Even today we cannot name or number all the kind things said and done. We do not know the names of all those who put their arms of strength beneath our burden and helped to ease the load. We only know that we have been blessed more in adversity than in prosperity, and that in a world which often seems so cold and comfortless there are multitudes whose hands and hearts comprehend the true significance of "Little children, let us love one another, for love is of God."

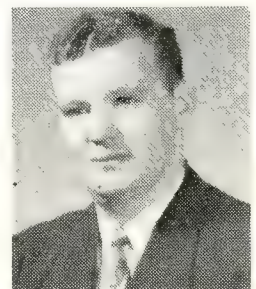
As the little church spoke of enduring things, so its passing speaks of the brevity of life and underlines the admonition, "The grass withereth, the flower thereof falleth away, but the word of the Lord endureth for ever." There is always the danger of mistaking the symbol for the substance—of being so busy serv-



*Vicksburg (Pa.) Brethren Church
July 1954*

ing God that there is no time for loving God. In any event, and for reasons known only to God, nothing was left last February 28 except the instruments for making music and God's people, all unharmed—and God! God's Word had endured in His people's hearts. They knew that all things do work together for good when God is involved, and they knew, even through their tears, that God was not making His first mistake at Vicksburg. When God spared the Connsonette organ, He also provided the song. And with the song came new vision, without which people perish.

There was only one thought in the minds of the people, "There must be another church on the hill." Borrowing words from Nehemiah, they said, "Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for



*Mr. John Miller
Assistant to the Pastor*

this good work." The ashes were not yet cold before a check came from Mrs. Lena Dively and Buddy Thompson brought his piggy bank containing his life's savings. Willingness to work, encouragement, the promise of prayers, humility and strength intertwined—these are the things of which chapels, churches, and cathedrals are built. These were the raw materials which the Vicksburg people had. Mr. Clifford Karns made his garage available as a place of worship for the congregation, and services were held without interruption. Within two months of the fire, a building committee was appointed, property was acquired, plans were drawn up, and the ground was broken for this new building. The ground-breaking service was held one year ago today. The first service was held in the basement of the church on November 22, 1953, the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. The pastor's assistant, John F. Miller, preached the first sermon. The morning of March 28 was the service of dedication for the pastor and people. There must be dedicated servants before there can be acceptable service. The building was dedicated April 25, 1954.

The original church building, erected in 1886, cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$600. The people of that day were surprised, and rightfully so, at the economy with which the building was accomplished. In an age when the fuel oil required to keep the Vicksburg pastor warm and in good humor for the winter months costs in excess of that amount, it is surprising to many that the present structure, including the property on which it is located, cost in the neighborhood of \$36,000. This was possible through the careful guiding of the Lord, and because "the people had a will to work."

There is a full basement with an auditorium, three classrooms, baptistry, lavatories, furnace room, and the printing shop and boys' workshop. On the main floor level there is the church office, the Sunday-school office, the nursery, and two classrooms which open into the sanctuary. There are two finished rooms above the office, and three balcony-type rooms at the rear of the sanctuary. One of these rooms is the church library and reading room. The others are projection and electronic control rooms.

The people of Vicksburg believe

PUBLICATION OFFERING REPORT

JULY 1, 1953-JUNE 30, 1954

Note: This is last year's report and does not include this year's offering, which just closed.

Atlantic District—			
Alexandria, Va.	\$47.00		
Hagerstown, Md.	558.72		
Harrisburg, Pa.	18.50		
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	15.00		
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	2.00		
Washington, D. C.	60.00		
Waynesboro, Va.	129.47		
Winchester, Va.	87.50		
York, Pa.	35.04		
	953.23		
California District—			
Artesia	44.55		
Beaumont	115.35		
Compton	25.56		
Glendale	64.50		
Long Beach (First)	283.07		
Long Beach (Second)	201.00		
Los Angeles (First)	14.00		
Los Angeles (Second)	21.00		
Modesto (La Loma)	7.00		
San Bernardino	9.80		
South Pasadena	1.50		
Whittier	109.00		
	896.33		
East Fellowship—			
Altoona, Pa. (First)	125.05		
Conemaugh, Pa.	50.00		
Hopewell (Yellow Creek)	26.00		
Jenners, Pa.	7.00		
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	216.36		
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	53.99		
Leamersville, Pa.	15.00		
Listie, Pa.	74.38		
Summit Mills, Pa.	28.00		
Uniontown, Pa.	83.62		
	679.40		
Indiana District—			
Berne	253.00		
Clay City	16.00		
Claypool	7.39		
Elkhart	10.00		
Flora	113.98		
Fort Wayne	182.50		
Huntington	10.00		
Leesburg	61.47		
Milledgeville, Ill.	12.50		
Nappanee	10.00		
Osceola	161.00		
Sidney	54.76		
South Bend	48.44		
Wheaton, Ill.	5.00		
Winona Lake, Ind.	619.80		
	1,568.84		
Iowa District—			
Cedar Rapids	223.50		
Dallas Center	114.00		
	337.50		
Michigan District—			
Alto	24.59		
Berrien Springs	2.50		
Jackson	25.00		
Lake Odessa	72.63		
New Troy	103.89		
	228.61		
Midwest District—			
Beaver City, Nebr.	6.00		
Portis, Kans.	8.00		
	14.00		
Northern Ohio District—			
Ankentytown	44.10		
Ashland	63.50		
Cleveland	10.00		
Cuyahoga Falls	58.94		
Fremont (Grace)	68.13		
Fremont (Brethren Chapel)	6.78		
Homerville	35.00		
Louisville	5.00		
Mansfield (First)	115.00		
Middlebranch	46.00		
Rittman	139.50		
Wooster	133.30		
	725.25		
Northwest District—			
Harrah, Wash.	74.00		
Portland, Oreg.	20.00		
Sunnyside, Wash.	27.50		
	121.50		
Southeast District—			
Clearbrook, Va.	25.25		
Limestone, Tenn.	36.00		
Radford, Va.	10.00		
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	75.00		
Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights)	33.00		
	179.25		
Southern Ohio District—			
Camden	10.00		
Clayton	27.75		
Covington	48.73		
Dayton (First)	105.50		
Dayton (North Riverdale)	217.77		
Dayton (Patterson Park)	25.00		
Sampleville	1.00		
Sidney	9.25		
	445.00		
Total for districts	\$6,398.17		
Brethren Conference of California	1.50		
National Fellowship of Brethren			
Laymen	35.00		
Miscellaneous gifts	106.04		
Grand total	6,540.71		

that God has opened new doors of opportunity and service. Let us pray together for true and continued consecration on the part of God's people so that His new house may fulfill its highest, holiest mission.

SHEER LOGIC

In a Hyde Park crowd, a dirty-faced cynic, listening in at a gospel open-air meeting, shouted, "Christianity has been here for 2,000 years, and look at the state of the world!" Whereupon someone replied, without hesitation, "Yes, and water has been here for 2,000,000 years, and look at the state of your face!"—*Gospel Herald*.

NEEDLE AND COTTON

"Oh Lord, Thou art the needle and I am the cotton." So prayed a converted native of the Belgian Congo one evening at a mission station. It seems a strange utterance to us, but it came from the African's heart.

He had visited the mission school that day and had observed, while watching the girls sewing, how the cotton thread always followed the needle.

"Follow me," our Lord told His disciples. He would have us to be close to Him at all times, and so completely yielded to Him that we would follow Him as directly and dependently as the thread follows the needle.—*The Pilgrim*.

Be Glad in the Lord

PSALM 32

How can man find happiness, joy, and blessing? God has given us a psalm of instruction to guide us. He tells us of the greatest happiness that can come to man. It is the story of one man's experience as he rises from the depths of despair to the heights of shouting for joy in his Lord.

The psalmist is so filled with the joy of the Lord that he multiplies words describing the truly happy man. Think of David as he sings of the happiness of the man "whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered," the man "unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity." The Apostle Paul quotes these words as he speaks of the man unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works. These blessings flow from the grace of God that was manifested at Calvary where the Lord Jesus bore our sins in His own body on the tree. Oh, how our hearts should thrill at the words, "transgression forgiven," "sin covered," "imputeth not iniquity."

David tells of his experience when he sinned so terribly against God. At first he kept silent, refusing to acknowledge his sin, but his misery was unbearable. He tried to keep silent, but he was so convicted of his sin that he roared as a wounded animal. The hand of God was heavy upon him. Where can the guilty conscience find relief? The very effort at concealment only aggravates the burden. How many are heavy in spirit and have found bitter disappointment in everything, even in themselves. They learn by sad experience that man is insufficient for his own happiness. "With an aching heart feeling a void which refuses to be filled, they think not of the Gospel as the all-sufficient remedy for them; they know not that God has thought upon their case, and considered it, and provided the remedy. A remedy it assuredly is; but it is far more—it is the manifestation of God himself in such a way to man as a sinner as to make him happy in God; whilst God is glorified

in thus making him supremely happy. There is no relief till the soul tells out its sorrow to God" (selected).

David hears the words of the Prophet Nathan, "Thou art the man." No longer able to keep silent, he



By Rev. Fred Wm. Walter
Pastor, Aleppo Brethren Church
Aleppo, Pa.

cries to God, "I acknowledged my sin unto thee." And with confession comes relief, "Thou forgavest the iniquity." Praise God for His chastening hand upon us that leads us to confess our sin. Oh, how ready He is to forgive! "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." God has given us an object lesson in our service of the washing of the saints' feet to remind us of this provision for our cleansing.

David's experience encourages others to follow his example and turn to God for blessing and protection. We here see David, who but a short time before was oppressed by the presence of God, finding a shelter in God. "Thou are *my* hiding place." To be glad in the Lord we must make it a personal matter. If a traveler in a storm sees a shelter and merely says, "There is a shelter; I

am safe," and does not enter into the safety of its walls, he does not benefit by it. The blessings of the Gospel must be personally appropriated. The psalmist is to be preserved from trouble, and compassed about with songs of deliverance. Troubles evidently are to be his, but he is to be delivered. Our Lord promises to instruct and guide His own, keeping His eye upon them for protection. He also includes a word of warning to those who might refuse to turn to God in confession.

The blessings of the one who trusts in the Lord brings joy to his heart, as many could testify. For example: "Mark that text," said Richard Adkins to his grandson, Abel, who was reading to him the 32d Psalm. "Mark that text, 'He that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.' I read it in my youth and believed it; and now I read it in my old age, thank God, I know it to be true. Oh! it is a blessed thing in the midst of the joys and sorrows of the world, Abel, to trust in the Lord." Yes, our God is rich in mercy. He is able to multiply mercy, even to surround us with mercy as one is surrounded by air or light. According to his mercy he hath saved us.

The Holy Spirit throughout this psalm is describing the blessedness of those to whom God imputes "righteousness without works." He now closes with calling on such to be glad in the Lord and rejoice, even as by the Apostle Paul he says, "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice." This is our privilege and duty. What of our testimony to others? Are we murmuring and complaining or are we joyful in the Lord? We are not told to be glad in ourselves, or in sin, or in material things, or even to wait for proper circumstances. Remember the Apostle was in a Roman prison when he wrote, "Rejoice in the Lord alway." When we realize from what depths our Lord has lifted us, we can be glad in the Lord, and with the Psalmist shout for joy.

What Death Means

to a Christian

Whenever a loved one becomes separated from us through the experience of death, there are at least four vitally important questions which we earnestly desire to have answered: (1) What has happened to my loved one? (2) Why has God permitted this to happen? (3) Where is my loved one now? (4) Will I ever see my loved one again? The writer's sincere prayer is that the Holy Spirit of God shall guide us in our consideration of these problems and use this discussion to the comfort, encouragement, and blessing of all who read.

(1) *What has happened to my loved one?*

Death itself is a mystery which we shall never completely understand in this world. God's Word has done much, however, to help remove this cloak of mystery. For example, the Scriptures state very clearly and concisely that "the body without the spirit is dead" (Jas. 2:26; see also Gen. 35:18; Luke 23:46; Acts 7:59-60). In other words, physical death consists in temporary separation of the spirit from the body. Or to put it a bit differently, when a person dies he himself "moves out" of the "house" in which he has lived during his earthly sojourn. The "house" is laid to rest, but the real person has departed to a new location.

(2) *Why has God permitted this to happen?*

Though we may not understand it, and although some may even be unwilling to accept it, the Bible reveals that for a Christian this temporary separation is a definite manifestation of the love of God. The psalmist declares, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psa. 116:15). And our Lord himself testifies that those who die in Christ are "blessed" (Rev. 14:13). The realization of this precious truth should enable us to say with Job of old, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:12).

(3) *Where is my loved one now?*

Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to pre-

pare a place for you" (John 14:1-2). Thus our Saviour likens the universe unto a cast "house" in which God is everywhere present (see Jer. 23:24). In this great "house" are many "mansions," or "abiding places" (RV margin). Earth is one "abiding place"; heaven is another.

When a Christian dies he is in reality just as much alive as he ever was or ever could possibly be. He has simply taken a journey from one "abiding place" in the Father's "house" to a much better one prepared by Christ. The Apostle Paul affirms, therefore, that to be "absent from the body" is to be "at home with the Lord" (I Cor. 5:8, ASV), and he adds that to be with Christ is "far better" (Phil. 1:21-23). Death is indeed a precious experience for the Christian—a supreme demonstration of divine favor—in that it ushers one immediately into the loving embrace of our wonderful Saviour!

(4) *Will I ever see my loved one again?*

The answer to this vital question is directly related to the fact of Christ's return. He himself declared, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3; see also I Thess. 4:16-18).

Some of us may die before Jesus comes, for "it is appointed unto men once to die" (Heb. 9:27), but those

Christians who are living when He returns will not have to keep this appointment (I Cor. 15:51-52).

Either way, however, only those who believe in Christ, having received Him as Saviour and Lord, possess the glorious hope of a blessed reunion in that heavenly abiding place (John 1:12; 3:15-16, 18, 36; 6:47; 11:25-26; Acts 16:31). Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Peter presents this same truth in different terminology: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

For those who ask why Jesus is the only way to heaven, the answer rests solely in the fact that "all have sinned" (Rom. 3:23) and "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). The reference in this instance is to spiritual death—separation from God (Eph. 2:1, 5-6, 12-13, 18)—which ultimately results in "the second death" of which we read in Revelation 20:13-15 and 21:8. But this is not the end of the story, for "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8)—literally, "in our stead." As our perfect Substitute He experienced both physical (Luke 23:46) and spiritual death (Matt. 27:46). He paid in full the penalty for our sin in order that "whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him" (I Thess. 5:10).

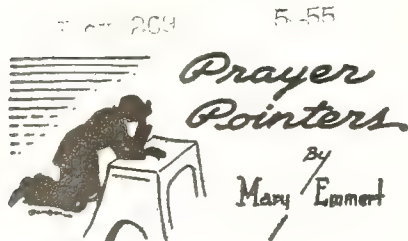
By placing our personal faith and trust in Christ, therefore, and accepting what He did for us at Calvary, we need no longer fear death (Rom. 8:2, 38-39; I Cor. 3:21-23; 15:56-57; II Tim. 1:10; Heb. 2:14-15). We know with all certainty that when Jesus comes we shall be reunited with our loved ones, and, best of all, eternally united with Him who loved us and gave himself for us. We alone can fully claim the promise from the lips of our blessed Saviour: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27)!

By Rev. Richard L. Burch



Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

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HOME MISSIONS—

1. Praise God for the new church to be dedicated in York, Pa., on August 15. Pray that their visitation program may result in souls for Christ and in members for this new church.

2. Praise God for the many decisions for Christ in the vacation Bible school and evangelistic meetings at Washington Heights, Roanoke, Va. Pray for wisdom in conserving each of these new converts in this rapidly growing church.

3. Pray that funds might be available immediately to start an urgently needed building program in Seattle, Wash.

4. Pray for the Navaho Mission School starting in August, and for adequate help, facilities, and funds to do the job, remembering always the mission personnel.

5. Pray for wisdom to be given the Brethren Home Missions Council Board in making plans for 1955 during the annual meeting starting August 16.

6. Pray for the Brethren Home Mission needs during the offering period by using the daily prayer guide provided by the B. H. M. C.

GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Give thanks that the Lord spared the lives of the Grace Trumpeters in their accident on the way west, and has enabled them to perform the ministry for which they were sent.

2. Pray that the Lord will do the choosing of the student body at Grace Seminary and College this coming year.

3. Pray for the new teachers and departments in Grace College as they minister to an enlarged program.

4. Continue to pray that the Lord will send in the funds to meet the

financial needs of the school, especially at the end of the summer when the treasury is usually low.

5. Pray that the seminary and college may contribute the largest possible spiritual and educational ministry to our church, as well as to others.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the Burks, now on their way to Brazil, that the Lord will enable them to get settled as soon as possible and that He will provide the proper language teacher.

2. Pray for the annual meeting of the board of trustees, scheduled to begin on August 16 at Winona Lake.

3. Pray for the Churchill family and Mrs. Sickel as they prepare to leave Argentina the latter part of August for furlough in the States.

4. Pray for the Charles Sumeys and Miss Clara Schwartz, that physical problems may be cleared up so that they may return to Africa on schedule. Continue to pray for the Roy Snyders, that Mrs. Snyder may be physically able to return to Africa.

5. Pray for the missionaries in the Baja California-Mexico area as they return from summer evangelistic trips and plan for the fall work. Pray especially for Miss Dorothy Robinson, who has now begun her service under our society.

6. Pray for Mr. and Mrs. George Cone, Jr., that their outfit may be supplied and the necessary preparations made to enable them to sail for France by November 1, if possible. In France they will secure language training prior to missionary service in Africa.

7. Pray that permission may be granted for a radio program in Rio Cuarto, Argentina.

8. Pray that our missionaries in Africa may be guided in caring for the many Brethren believers in the city of Bangui, as well as in the further evangelization of that great city.

WMC—

(From the national president.)

1. Pray for the national executive board as they meet and plan for another year's work in WMC that they may be given wisdom and may be led by His will.

2. Praise the Lord for the fine responses to our offerings this past year.

3. Pray for the various committees preparing for national fellowship meetings; also for the committee preparing 1954-55 devotional programs.

4. Pray that many will make a special endeavor to attend WMC at National Fellowship, thus representing many local councils.

5. Praise the Lord for the many blessings received from our devotional programs and reading circle books this past year.

SMM—

1. Pray that the SMM girls may be blessed as they convene at the coming conference.

2. Pray for the national SMM Board as they meet to plan next year's work.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Praise God for the many wonderful victories in summer camps already this summer.

2. Pray for the camps remaining, and for all who make decisions that they will keep them faithfully.

3. Pray for Bethany, our national youth camp, that we might have a good representation of our finest young people, and a very profitable time spiritually, and in planning for the future.

4. Pray that our financial needs may be met.

5. Pray that young people who are desirous of entering Christian schools this fall may be guided by the Lord in their choices, and may have their needs met so they can go.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM—

1. Pray for Evangelist Archie Lynn as he will soon begin his itinerary as Crusade Team Two. Also pray for Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Colburn, who will assist Rev. Lynn.

2. Praise the Lord for the great spiritual victory in the Taos, N. Mex., meeting under Crusade Team One. The meeting will be fully reported in the Herald soon.

MISSIONARY HERALD—

1. Pray that the offerings that are being sent in will meet the needs for the expanding missionary program of the Missionary Herald during the coming year.

2. Pray for the two new employees that have joined the staff of the Missionary Herald.

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WITNESSING

By Mrs. W. A. Ogden

"The court will please come to order! The first witness will take the stand. Question number one: Do you know the person in question?" "Well—ah—I think so." "Question number two: What do you know about this person?" "Oh—ah—somebody told me—" "Young man, we are only interested in what you *know*. You are dismissed."

Acts 1:8—"And ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ." If we are to be witnesses it will be necessary to know some thing about the qualifications or requirements for such an important assignment.

1. *The Man.* I Tim. 2:5—"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." A witness must have a personal acquaintance with the Lord Jesus Christ. "Ye shall be witnesses *unto me*." Then it is imperative that we know Him and take our orders from the One we represent. He has provided a remedy for the sin of the world and has placed the "prescription" for this disease in the hands of those who believe. Every patient is glad to recommend to others the doctor who has given him physical help, but we, who have experienced the greatest healing of all time, the healing of the soul, are so reluctant to tell others. Is it because we are so willing to receive the benefits and forget our benefactor?

2. *The Message.* First of all we can tell what He has done for us. A personal testimony seems to be the easiest approach to others even when you do not know about their spiritual relationship. A testimony that is sincere will be used of the Lord as an opening for a greater witness. The next step is to present the facts of salvation. Since the source of our information is the Bible, to witness one must know the Word. This does not mean the following of difficult rules and volumes of instruction on personal work. Many have given up any attempt after following such studies and finding the memory requirement too difficult. I have found the practical method for me is to have Bible references grouped and written in the back of my Bible. Checking on a reference, then turning to it in the Bible is just as effective and always dependable. This, however, will not be sufficient without spending time in a personal study of the Word. As one becomes familiar with the message just so will the ability to use it be increased. I find many people ready to discuss "religious views," so before we lose contact we must get across some truth from the Word that will challenge their interest for more. It is our *business* to "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you" (I Pet. 3:15). Women, are you in business for the Lord?

3. *The Means.* We learn from the great prayer of our Lord in John 17:20 that men will believe through the

word of others. The New Testament is full of illustrations of those who told others and brought them to Christ. People seem to do what they want to do. How great is your desire to witness? We might consider this our first obstacle. Without sufficient desire one finds all kinds of excuses for neglecting to do the task assigned. In our social contacts when we face conditions of which we do not approve, do we remain silent? In religious discussions are we afraid to take a stand for what we believe? Most of us are too silent when the Lord would have us say a word for Him. In order to be alert to opportunities we need to pray for wisdom to see them when they come. Many times someone has turned from my door just as I remembered that I had neglected an opportunity. Then we need to be prepared. Have in mind some statement or question or tract in hand that makes an opening. Depending upon the Lord, He will enable you to meet the need of the one He has sent to you for help. God works from both ends to bring together the one with a need and the one who is willing to be used to meet that need.

The use of tracts is a valuable and profitable means of witnessing, but with these one must be wise. Wisdom in selecting and using them will enable one to give the right message to a prepared heart. Know the content of the tract, be sure it is true to the Word, then give it with a prayer that the Holy Spirit will use it.

In this business of witnessing, living is as important as telling. "What you do speaks so loud that the world can't hear what you say; they are looking at your walk, not listening to your talk; they will judge from your life alone." Read Ephesians 2:6-10. The Christian is on display as a work of God, a new creature in Christ. As others watch our lives what do they see of His mighty power to transform? Their evaluation of Christ will depend upon the degree to which He is allowed to live His life through us. At conventions people wear badges to denote the delegation to which they belong. The badge of the Christian is much larger and more easily seen by the world. It is the badge of Christian conduct prompted by the fruit of the Spirit. Witnesses who are bearing a true testimony are telling by their "talk" and by their "walk" the message from the Word of God of the One who takes away the sin of the world.

A recent experience brought me to a greater reality than ever before of the powerful way in which the enemies of Christ are making every effort, using every means to propagate false doctrine. Let us wake up and get busy sowing the seed that will yield a harvest for eternity.

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Women Manifesting Christ AROUND THE WORLD

Our mission studies this past year have taken us to Taos, to Baja California, to Navaholand, across the oceans to Hawaii, Japan, India, Africa, and France; to Argentina and Brazil in South America; to the hills of Kentucky; and now, for our final study, to our own Brethren Messianic Witness in Los Angeles, Calif. During the year we will have all gotten a better idea of the way our WMC sisters are "manifesting Christ" around the world.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

By Mrs. Bruce Button, Missionary to the Jews

"Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles" (Psa. 25:22).

As I sit down to write, these words echo through my mind. How God does know the heart of this people He has chosen! How they need to know the Holy One of Israel, but they only know Him with their lips—not their hearts. Not willing to acknowledge their sin, not willing to turn to their rejected Messiah, their troubles wash over them like the waves of a great sea. I know. I live with them and love them.

Today a young Jewish mother called me on the telephone. Her little boy was running a high fever. "Pray for him, Jerry," she said. "Tell me you don't think it will be serious." Later she said it wasn't serious, but she had been so frightened that just calling he gave her reassurance. She hated the name of Jesus. She told me so many times, and said if He had never been, the Jews would never have been so persecuted. And yet she knew perfectly well I would pray in that name. I myself couldn't be the answer because she has many friends who believe as she does, and yet she didn't ask them to pray for her child.

I remembered the time several months ago when I went into her bedroom. There, on the headboard of her bed, on top of the magazines she had been reading, was the New Testament. It was the same New Testament I had given her two years before. At the time she had given it to her boy to play with. So I do praise God for such evidences of His working in the hearts and lives of these people. To you this may seem very small indeed, but to us who know them so well, this is a miracle!

This is not the only evidence of God's grace working in the hearts of the people, however. Another Jewish mother who tried to cause us so much trouble little more than a year ago has now become an almost daily visitor to the mission home. Her stand against everything we tried to tell her concerning sin, salvation, and the Lord Jesus was absolutely inflexible. Gradually, however, this past year has seen her change. Her assurance is turning to doubt and little by little she is agreeing with many things she wouldn't even consider as truth before.

The Lord has made it possible for us to be of assistance several times just when she needed it most. Though she is far from salvation as yet, we do praise the Lord for the long way she has come in this last year.

Almost two years ago another young Jewess found the Lord under the ministry of Miss Fraser. Last summer her physical and mental condition was very bad and I spoke of her at conference, asking prayer that she might



(L.-r.) Isobel Fraser, Mrs. Button, Rev. Bruce Button.

be restored to health and strength and that she might become a testimony to her unsaved family. The Lord seemingly has answered this prayer, at least in part. This year has found her coming to the meetings, very seldom missing one. Her boy had been in a nursery school for several years. Now she has assumed his care. She seems happy and contented. Her sister recently lost her husband and came here to live. We have been able to assist her in several ways and believe that she too may become a "regular" at our meetings, although she is unsaved. Do pray for her.

Our Wednesday night class is growing—not fast—but it is growing. As it grows, problems grow with it. Of one thing we are fairly certain—someday we will have

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a Hebrew Christian church in the Fairfax district because we already have the factions! It does seem that where the Lord is working Satan is never idle! I wish I had time and space to tell you about this class in detail, but on this subject alone a book could be written.

In the last few months the Lord has opened doors of testimony we never dreamed possible. One Jewish woman, a constant visitor at the mission, mostly at meal-time, has avoided speaking with us of the Lord for nearly two years. The other night I found myself reading Scripture to her from the New Testament—not the Old. Not only one night, but the following night the same thing happened. Another woman who refused to accept the Mediator had me in her home one evening and actually opened the conversation herself. It seems as though there is a hunger in their hearts—just as it is in the hearts of almost everyone—to have some kind of reassurance in this shaky world. It seems as though they are beginning to realize that all the things that once made their lives so full are things that can be swept away in an instant. As I visit friends for coffee, it seems as though they *must* talk of these things. Surely this is a wonderful time to live! Surely this is our golden opportunity! Pray as you never have prayed before—not only for these people but for us. Remember that though our world is safe and secure on the Rock that is the Lord Jesus—theirs is not. Certainly ALL of us should work at giving out the Gospel in ANY way we can. These are the days of harvest and there may not be many more. But if you can't witness; if you can't give; EVERYONE can pray!



August marks the final month of the quarter we set aside for our Home Base Offering. Throughout this quarter we have sought to present to you a picture of the importance of this particular offering. The summer quarter is the most difficult quarter of the year for WMC because our vacations sometimes come at such a time as to make it necessary for us to miss at least one meeting. Smaller numbers at the meetings mean smaller offerings, *unless* we remember to leave with or send our offering to someone who will be attending the meeting, or failing that, to double our offering when we return.

If any project offering has to be short we want it to be our own Home Base Offering rather than one of our missionary projects, but none of our offerings would be short if we gave as conscientiously during the summer quarter as we do during the rest of the year. We can be justly proud of the achievements of WMC through the years and we can look forward to still greater achievements in the future if we are careful to strengthen our home base, not only numerically but spiritually. Your executive board is looking to every individual WMC member to give it a vote of confidence by giving a Home Base Offering that will be sufficient to make our plans for WMC become realities.

In these days of high prices when supplies cost so much more than they did a few years ago we need a larger offering than in the past in order just to stand still. We certainly do not want to retreat, as suggested in Mrs. Deloe's article elsewhere in this Herald, and we aren't satisfied simply to stand still. We want to go on to greater accomplishments for the Lord. To do this we need the prayers and consecrated gifts of every council and every individual member. Let us go forward in 1955.

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BIBLE READING AND TRACT CORNER

Bible reading for August—a chapter a day of your own choosing.

Tracts of the Month

"God's Place in Marriage," by J. E. Harris, published by the American Tract Society.

"Tomorrow . . . Always Tomorrow," by Edwin R. Anderson, published by the American Tract Society.

These tracts may be obtained in packets of 50 from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company.



Africa—

Manya Ivanne Samarin.....October 23, 1949
Nancy Jo Miller.....October 24, 1944
Mrs. Harold Dunning.....October 29

Argentina—

Rev. J. Paul Dowdy.....October 18
Mrs. Donald Bishop.....October 24

Brazil—

Mrs. Bill Burk.....October 18
Mrs. John Zielasko.....October 28

Mexico—

Mrs. Leroy Howard.....October 7

In the United States—

James Stephen Beaver.....October 1, 1949
Edward Douglas Miller.....October 8, 1952
John Wayne Beaver.....October 14, 1948
Mrs. Roy Snyder.....October 20

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IT COULD HAPPEN

By Mrs. Olive Deloe, Literature Secretary

"The 1956 session of the National WMC will please come to order. We will be led in prayer by our national secretary."

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"Will the chairman of the credential committee please give us her report?"

"I'm sorry, madame president; we have no credential report as there was *no money* to have credential blanks printed this year."

It was necessary to take a roll call of the many councils, getting the number of delegates allowed for each council, and then seating those ladies present who represented the various councils. Of course, this took much of the time that should have been devoted to other business.

After this delay it was time for the treasurer's report. She apologized for not having the usual mimeographed copies of the report to give to each one, as there hadn't been enough *money* in the general expense fund to have it done. After reading her lengthy report, with the delegates trying to take notes to carry back to their local

groups, many were feeling pretty bad about the whole situation.

When the statistical report was called for there was none to give, as there was *no money* for the material needed to send out to the councils for their report of progress during the year; so no way for us to know just how we have grown in numbers, new councils organized, projects participated in, Bible reading, and the numerous other activities we all are so interested in. The meeting slowly progressed and when the time for the election of officers arrived, it was decided to eliminate the office of literature secretary due to the lack of material needed for this office.

Well, ladies, you see how important it is that we have a GOOD offering from each council for the general expense so that this hypothetical meeting will never take place. If each member of each council gave at least 60 cents during June, July, and August for this fund, we would meet this objective with little trouble and all expenses could be cared for. I, as your literature secretary, will pledge to do this. Will you help so that we can change the topic of this article to read, "It Won't Happen"?

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Your editor feels that our WMC should express through the pages of the Herald our deep sympathy to our beloved national president, Harriet Ashman, on the recent homegoing of her mother. Mrs. Parmenter was instantly killed in an auto accident while returning to her home in Ohio from a vacation trip to California.

While Mrs. Parmenter did not belong to the Brethren Church, she was a Christian and was a life member of the Women's Missionary Federation of the Lutheran Church, to which she belonged.

As our hearts go out in love and sympathy to Harriet we can rejoice with her in the fact that for her mother to be "absent from the body" means to be "present with the Lord."

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An Italian woman, whose husband had accepted the Gospel and become a Christian, was asked, "Is it true that your husband has changed his religion?"

"No," she replied, "but his religion has changed him. Now he has Christ, and Christ has certainly changed him. You must have noticed yourself that he doesn't get drunk any more, and that he does not swear and scold as he used to."—*Selected.*

DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER

Bible Study—"Our Daily Walk in Christ Jesus. Confessing Christ Before Men," L. L. Grubb.

Mission Study—"Home Missions in York, Pa.," Gerald Polman.

A PARABLE

One night a man took a little taper out of a drawer, lighted it, and began to ascend a long, winding stair.

"Where are you going?" said the taper.

"Away high up," said the man, "higher than the top of the house where we sleep."

"What are you going to do there?" said the taper.

"I am going to show the ships out at sea where the harbor is," said the man. "For we stand at the entrance to the harbor, and some ships far out on the stormy sea may be looking for our light even now."

"Alas! no ship could ever see my light," said the little taper; "it is so very small."

"If your light is small," said the man, "keep burning brightly, and leave the rest to me."

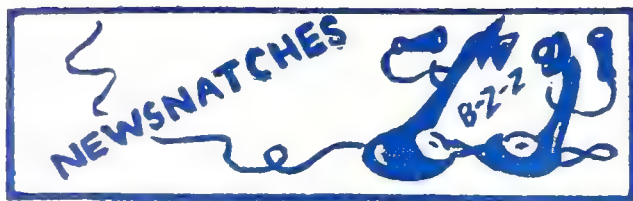
When the man got up to the lighthouse he took the little taper and with it lighted the great lamps that stood ready there with their polished reflectors behind them.

You who may think your little light of small account, can you not see what God may do with it? Shine, and leave the rest to Him.—*Selected.*

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will exalt you. Water always fills the lowest places. The lower and the emptier man lies before God, the speedier and fuller will be the inflow of divine glory.—*Andrew Murray.*

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Your editor is writing these Newsnatches from Whittier, Calif., where we have been vacationing with our family and friends. During our three weeks here we have had the privilege of presenting the work of National WMC to the council of the First Church of Whittier, Calif., and of presiding at the installation and candlelight service at the joint meeting of two of the councils at Inglewood, Calif. Some of our mail has followed us to California and from it we glean the following news:

At the Peru, Ind., mother-daughter banquet the theme was "Graduation" and Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum was the speaker.

The Peru Jr. council reports that they've been very active in meeting their goals and projects. The spring rally of Indiana District was held at Peru.

Since the new Norwalk, Calif., church building is not yet completed the ladies and girls of that congregation held their mother-daughter banquet at the Whittier church, with 62 women and girls present and 18 men and boys to wait tables and do dishes. Their decorations featured "little women."

The Glendale, Calif., council reports an enjoyable mother-daughter banquet, also the organization of a sisterhood with Mrs. Keith Altig as patroness.

The WMC at Everett, Pa., invited their husbands to a covered-dish dinner the night they took their birthday offering for our WMC missionary and raised \$37.25. [The men have birthdays, too, ladies.—Ed.]

Although the Summit Mills, Pa., WMC has only 13 members they are active in WMC projects. Their local project is a monthly offering to the local Gospel Truth radio program.

The Sr. WMC at Canton, Ohio, is "thriving and the Lord is richly blessing in every way." They have helped the SMM roll more than 600 bandages and carry on an active program in child evangelism.

The Michigan District rally was held in the Lake Odessa church with a feature attraction being a helpful panel discussion on the "Family Altar." The WMC members sponsored and taught the DVBS, where more than 100 children were in attendance. The newly elected officers were installed recently at a morning church service.

The two councils of the Ghent church at Roanoke, Va., held a potluck dinner at which they entertained the Washington Heights WMC. At the mother-daughter banquet special recognition went to the oldest mother, the youngest mother, and the mother of the largest family. The Lord has blessed with an average attendance of 24 and total offerings of \$315.00

From the Atlantic conference held in Waynesboro, Pa., in May comes this information:

"The new officers of the Atlantic Conference WMC are: president, Mrs. Gerald Polman, York, Pa.; vice president, Mrs. Russell Weber, Hagerstown, Md.; treasurer, Miss Pauline Seitz, Philadelphia (First), Pa.; sec-



Conference date is just about one week away. We are looking for you, and you, and you to meet us there on August 23. Come earlier, if you can, and share in the weekend Sunday-school rally.

Remember to bring your properly signed credential.

Remember to bring your local or district display.

Remember to bring a notebook and pencil to jot down all the important helps and suggestions that will be given.

Remember to bring a determination to make this the finest conference WMC has ever had by being present at every session, by gladly doing any task you may be asked to do, and by taking home with you a heart, mind, and notebook full of blessing, inspiration, and helpful suggestions for the growth in numbers and in spiritual power of your own local group.

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retary, Miss Rena G. Bauer, Philadelphia (First), Pa.; prayer chairman—Mrs. J. W. Stouffer, Hagerstown, Md. The fall rally of the WMC conference is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, at the Philadelphia, Pa., Third Church.

The Philadelphia First Sr. WMC held a mother-daughter fellowship on Tuesday, May 27, with approximately 70 in attendance. A Sisterhood of Mary and Martha has also been reactivated under the guidance of Mrs. Edward Graham and Mrs. Stanley Marshall. The girls are showing increased interest in sisterhood work.

The Indiana District reports the organization of a WMC in the new church at Goshen, Ind., on April 22. Some of the district officers were present and helped in the organization.

The mother-daughter banquet of the First Brethren Church of Los Angeles, Calif., was sponsored by the three local WMC groups. An inspiring program was built around the theme, "Reflections of a Lady." Table decorations carried out the theme with silhouettes of the WMC officers and sisterhood patronesses centering each table and with the program covers made to resemble picture frames with a small mirror pasted in the center surrounded by raised construction paper which had been sprayed with gold flint. An added joy at the

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SISTERHOOD of MARY and MARTHA---1954-55 THEME

Footprints of Jesus

ARE YOU CONSULTING YOUR ROAD MAP?

By Miss Ava Schnittjer, Winona Lake, Ind.

Alice: Miss Chadwell, we're all looking forward to our study of the Bible. Isn't it to be the Book of Colossians this year?

Miss Chadwell: That's right, Alice.

Alice: Miss Chadwell, how did these books of the Bible like Colossians get their names? Were they just named like other ordinary books?

Miss Chadwell: It depends on just what you mean by "like ordinary books." The names of the books of the Bible mean something. Now you know how the Apostle Paul went about preaching the Gospel; as a result churches grew up in these places where he had preached. Then later, after he had gone on to another group, Paul wrote letters back to these churches. Sometimes he wrote because he had heard of some trouble in the church.

Alice: He was sort of like a parent keeping track of his children, wasn't he?

Miss C.: In a sense, yes. And he wrote this letter, which we know as the Book of Colossians, to the church at Colosse.

Mary: Well, was Colosse one of Paul's churches?

Miss C.: No, actually it wasn't. But of course that made no difference to Paul if he saw or heard of some need among the children of God. Any time he heard of a new Christian, or a new church, that was a signal to Paul to start praying for them.

Alice: Who did start the church at Colosse then, Miss Chadwell? And how did Paul happen to write to them?

Miss C.: I see you have your Bibles open to Colossians.

If you'll notice in chapter 1, verse 4, he says, "Since we heard of your faith," and in verse 7, "as ye also learned of Epaphras." Apparently Epaphras was their minister.

Alice: And where was Paul when he wrote this letter?

Miss C.: Let's take a look over at chapter 4 for a moment. Verse 10. Read the first part, Alice.

Alice: "Aristarchus, my fellowprisoner saluteth you."

Miss C.: There. Where was Paul, Alice?

Alice: Was Paul in prison, Miss Chadwell?

Miss C.: That's right. He was in prison. In prison at Rome. Now will you read verse 12, Mary?

Mary: "Epaphrus, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

Miss C.: Who is there with Paul, Mary?

Mary: Epaphras is there with him, the minister from Colosse.

Miss C.: Yes. And what did he say they were doing? Did you notice? "Always labouring fervently for you in prayers."

Alice: Oh, Miss Chadwell, I see it. Isn't it wonderful? We would think that if someone was in prison all he could do would be to sit and wait till he got out.

Mary: Miss Chadwell, I know a man who is an invalid—you know, Daniel Richards. And he was such a good man and had that nice farm and a nice family. Everybody wondered why such a thing should happen to him. And then, in bed, he heard the Gospel and he was saved. Do you suppose that's why God let him be an invalid, so he could hear the Gospel and be saved?

Miss C.: It certainly could be, Mary. Perhaps we shouldn't try to say just why God did this or allowed that; we never know all the circumstances. But I'm sure we'd agree on this: that we praise Him for the trials, whether it's imprisonment or becoming an invalid, that work out to be such a blessing.

Alice: You know, we girls like to do things. And the busier we are, the more we think we're accomplishing. We roll bandages, have meetings, learn choruses; and we think we're serving Christ, our Saviour. I wonder.

Miss C.: Alice, it really is a pleasure to teach you girls and to see you lay hold of spiritual truths. But now you mustn't belittle the things you are doing. They are all very important. In another place in the Scriptures you'll find the Spirit instructing you to keep busy with your hands, doing good. At any rate, Paul was in prison, but he wasn't wasting time. He was writing to the churches and praying for them. And did you notice,

PROGRAM GUIDE FOR SEPTEMBER

THEME SONG—Open by singing theme song, "Walking With Jesus," and repeating the year's verse, Colossians 1:10.

PRAYER CIRCLE—Pause for a time of blessing in the shade of the tree of life. Ask, and it shall be given you. Let your requests be made known unto God.

LIFE'S ROAD MAP—Read the Scripture—Colossians 1:1-10.

HELP FOR OUR CHRISTIAN WALK—Seniors, study "Are You Consulting Your Road Map?" Middlers study "Worthy of the Lord?"

TALENT—Give a special number in song.

SOMETHING NEW—Consider and discuss "History of the Brethren Church (I)."

BUSINESS MEETING.

SMM BENEDICTION.

girls, just what he prayed for, there in the last part of verse 12? Read it for us, Mary.

Mary: "That ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

Miss C.: Now here's the wonderful part. Not only was Paul's letter to the Colossians divinely inspired so that it was God's message to that church, but it is divinely preserved as a part of God's word to us—to you, Alice, and Mary, and to each of you girls.

Alice: Miss Chadwell, it's just wonderful to know all this about how the book was written. I feel just like I do after I finish one of Mother's good meals—so full and fed.

Mary: I feel just like Alice does. But, Miss Chadwell, could you maybe take some little portion that's especially for us girls today—something we can take with us all week?

Miss C.: I'm so glad you asked for that. You know, girls, "Ask, and it shall be given you."

Mary: I know another: "Seek, and ye shall find."

Alice: "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

Mary: "Ye have not, because ye ask not [or] because ye ask amiss."

Miss C.: Right, girls. And you're never asking amiss when you are seeking to know and do God's will. Our theme for this year is found in the first chapter of Colossians, verse 10: "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing." No thoughtful person would ask you to do something and do it perfectly without giving you instructions on how to do it. Another time, perhaps next month, we're going to study that verse itself. But today we're going back to verse 9, the last part—"that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."

Alice: Does that mean to know what God wants us to do each day, Miss Chadwell?

Miss C.: I'm sure that's part of it, Alice. But when the Spirit says, through Paul, "that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will," I believe He means

more than that, too. His will, girls, means that whole wonderful plan of God the Father, known from eternity, from the foundation of the world, and now being carried out in time. It's really a kind of superknowledge, not really anything that we could know or learn through mere human intellect but only by divine revelation.

Mary: Oh, I'm beginning to see what you mean. This divine revelation you spoke of is given in God's Word, in the Bible, isn't it?

Miss C.: Yes, Mary. From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is a record of God's will, His will for you and His will for the whole world through the ages. But now notice what follows: Paul wants his converts to comprehend these things "in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."

Alice: Aren't knowledge and wisdom the same thing, Miss Chadwell?

Miss C.: Too often they aren't, Alice. Wisdom is the ability to use knowledge rightly, and it is given to us only by the Spirit of God. It is He who gives us true understanding.

Mary: Miss Chadwell, I know you're going to tell us one more thing, aren't you? You're going to show us how this can work for us, how we can be "filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding" so that we can "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing."

Miss C.: Yes, Mary. Perhaps if you would all close your eyes so you can listen without any distractions while I tell you softly: His first will for you is that you should be saved, that you should receive Christ as your Saviour from sin. Then if you would further learn the mind of God as revealed in His Word, your heart must be subject to the divine Teacher, not trusting yourself, but in humility reading God's Word, with lowly dependence on the Holy Spirit, the One who inspired the Holy Scriptures, and who alone can give you wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that you, His precious souls, can "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing."

HISTORY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH—I

You should know the history of our denomination, the Brethren Church. There have been several brief sketches of the history and a number of articles have been written, but only one complete history book—"History of the Tunkers and the Brethren Church," by H. R. Holsinger. There is a lot of good interesting reading in this book, and you should try to get a copy for reference. Some of the information will be taken from this book and you may want to know more detail.

The beginning of the church was back in Germany in the early 1700's. After the Reformation, the church Martin Luther started became the state church in Germany, and it became almost as powerful and as dictatorial as the Catholic Church had been. But here and there, godly people became dissatisfied with the state church. They felt it was not true to the Bible. Among this group were the so-called Pietists or Separatists. They suffered bitter persecution from the state church as well as the Catholic Church.

In the village of Schwartzenu, under the protection of Count Cassimir, there was one of these groups led by a man named Alexander Mack. They discarded every creed and every existing confession of faith and declared it to be their intention to follow the truth of God's Word

as they should find it by study wherever it would lead them. They were soon led to adopt the New Testament as their creed and declared that they would literally obey all the commandments of the Lord found in it.

Under the leadership of Alexander Mack, as they studied their Bible, they became convinced that sprinkling was not baptism at all, and the baptism the New Testament taught was triune immersion. They were also convinced that the church ought not to be mixed up in government, and that Christians ought not to conform to the practices and habits of the world, but really should be different. They also believed that the communion Jesus established was more than the traditional bread and cup, but also included the love feast, and the feetwashing service. They didn't believe in going to war, or engaging in lawsuits, either. There were some other things, too, but these were the main ones.

These folks believed that they ought to practice these truths that were new to them, and which they had found were clearly taught in God's Word. Of course, they couldn't practice them in the state church, so they withdrew from it. Their real problem was—how to start? It seemed that the proper place for them to begin to obey God was in baptism—Matthew 28:19.

WORTHY OF THE LORD?

By Mrs. James Dixon

Our Bible studies this year will be on the theme, "Walking Worthy of the Lord." Our verse for study is found in Colossians 1:10. This verse is a part of Paul's prayer for the Christians at Colosse. We believe that this prayer is God's will for each Christian.

In Colossians 1:9 Paul prayed that they might be filled with the knowledge of God's will. God's will is revealed in the Bible. The knowledge of God's will is absolutely necessary if we are to "walk worthy of the Lord."

When a girl marries a man she takes his name. From that time on, whatever she does or whatever she says reflects on her husband. Proverbs 12:4 says, "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband; but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness to his bones." Here we learn that a good wife is an honor to her husband. She is like a beautiful crown for him to be proud of, but a wife who makes her husband ashamed is like a dreadful disease.

When a person becomes a Christian he takes Christ's name. "Christian" really means "little Christ." From the moment a girl confesses Christ as her Saviour publicly her life reflects on Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

You have known "Christians" whose lives have brought shame to the cause of Christ. People of whom you have heard it said, "If she's a Christian, I don't want to be one."

In Titus 2:10 we are told that we may "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things." It is like a beautiful diamond whose beauty is shown forth by being placed in a beautiful ring.

Let us read our Bibles and obey God's Word that our lives may show forth the beauty of Him whose name we bear.

As we close our Bible study let us bow our heads and prayerfully sing, "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me; all His wonderful passion and purity. Oh, Thou Spirit divine, all my nature refine, till the beauty of Jesus be found in me."

Questions for the leader to think through while preparing the lesson. If you really think through these questions, you'll get ideas of your own that will add to the lesson and make it more interesting.

1. How could a wife make her husband ashamed?
2. If she really loved him would she ever make him ashamed? Would she always try to make his name honored?
3. How could a Christian make Christ ashamed?
4. Do you think that a Christian who brings reproach on Christ just doesn't know Him and love Him enough?
5. How can a Christian bring honor and glory to Christ?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the new year ahead, especially for the new officers—local, district, and national.

Pray that the new program will be a blessing to each sisterhood girl.

Pray that the Lord will bless and guide in the new projects and goals.

Never forget our missionaries, both home and foreign.

HOP, SKIP, AND A JUMP

New Material! Remember—if you failed to send in a statistical blank you probably didn't receive any new material. However, if you didn't get yours at national conference, write the literature secretary, and she will send you what you will need. Be sure to tell her how many are in your SMM.

Topics! The middler and senior topics will be printed in the Herald each month. The junior topics are put up in packets again this year. If you haven't received yours yet, write the literature secretary, and she'll send you one.

Fall Cabinet Meeting! Now is the time to start thinking about that fall cabinet meeting. Start the year out right by having this soon. Talk over your new goals and make plans to meet them all this year.

Please watch the Herald for new ideas and notices each month. You will miss something if you don't.

NEWSNATCHES

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banquet was the presence of a Jewish lady who attended as the guest of Isobel Fraser.

The Southeast District WMC rally was held at *Limestone, Tenn.*, April 22. Since most of the ladies live about 200 miles from Limestone it was made a two-day affair. Guests were able to attend the Wednesday-night prayer meeting. Dr. and Mrs. Barnard were both present and gave messages about their recent visit to the South American mission fields. An offering was taken for the maintenance of the missionary residence and also the district project offering for the Washington Heights church. This district offering amounted to \$180.

The Sr. WMC of the Pike Brethren Church at *Mundy's Corner, Pa.*, reports that they are putting special emphasis upon the 15th day of the month by using their telephones and reminding each one that it is Prayer Day. They have also completed a number of worthwhile projects.

A report from *Sterling, Ohio*, informs us that the ladies have been busy. One important project was the redecorating of the nursery. Mrs. Barnard brought a report of the South American work at the mother-daughter banquet. Each month the two sisterhood girls away at college were remembered with a personal gift.

The business women's council of the *Los Angeles, Calif.*, First church carry out the idea of our being "yoke fellows" with the missionaries by wearing yokes as bibs. Each yoke had the name of a missionary on it and the wearer went by that name throughout the meeting. Whenever anyone called someone by her own name rather than her "missionary name" she had to put a penny in the bank.

The *Ashland, Ohio*, WMC makes the daily vacation Bible school their project each summer. The director this year and all seven department heads were WMC members. There were over 300 attending the school; two families had three generations present and another had four. The director's mother and daughter-in-law were helping in the school and her grandchildren were pupils.

Would you like to go to church with us here in Brazil? Well, today we are going to visit a town by the name of Mazagao. Mazagao is just a small town where most of the people are farmers and grow rice, beans, and corn. In this town we have a small Brethren church. You know there are no roads to Mazagao, so we can't go by car. When you want to go to church you just get in the car or bus and in a few minutes you are there. However, in this big country of Brazil there are lots of rivers and jungles with just a few roads. So how do you suppose we are going to get to church? Yes, that's right, we'll go by boat.

We have a small boat with a motor on the back and whenever we want to go to Mazagao we go in our own little boat. It takes us about two hours to go from Macapa to Mazagao. We have a friend that lives along the river and he takes care of our boat for us when we are not using it. So we go down to the river in the truck with all our baggage and load up the boat. Sometimes the river is a little rough and our boat bounces around quite a bit. It is always lots of fun to make this trip as we pass all kinds of boats and houses along the shore. Sometimes there are just little huts with grass roofs and built up on stilts. Others times there are many little houses built close together. The nicer houses have tile on them instead of just grass or palm leaves.

On our way to Mazagao we travel in the main branch

of the Amazon River, but just before we get to Mazagao we enter a smaller river that is much clearer than the muddy Amazon River. As we approach the little town there are lots of people standing along the shore. Some are just waiting for other little boats to come with fish and bananas and maybe eggs for sale. The rest of the people are just sitting around waiting for supper.

The day that we arrive there is no one to meet us, as the people from our church do not know that we are coming. But it doesn't take long to tell everybody that the "missionary" is here and is going to have a meeting. Since it will be too dark after the meeting to return to Macapa we will have to stay here all night with some of our Christian friends.

But let's go to the church, for it's almost time to start the service. Our church building has just one big room filled with benches, and tonight it is almost full by the time we arrive. The first song is "Only Trust Him," but you won't understand the words as they are all in the Portuguese language. Here are the words of the chorus: "*Cristo salva, Cristo salva, Salva o peccador*" (Christ saves, Christ saves, He saves the sinner). Don't you think those words are nice? Jesus came to save sinners, you know, and even these Brazilians in Mazagao are sinners who need Jesus as their Saviour. After preaching and telling these people about Jesus, one girl accepted Jesus as her Saviour and was saved.

WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE?

(Written by Dr. Harry A. Ironside at the Age of 17)

You don't have to go to heaven,
You don't have to live for God;
You don't have to be forgiven
Nor be cleansed in Jesus' blood.
When beyond the shining portals
All the ransomed meet at last,
You don't have to be among them
When the fight on earth is past.

Tho' the Saviour died on Calv'ry,
Yet His pardon none need know.
Tho' the Spirit now is striving,
To the Lord you need not go.
Tho' a mother up in glory
For your soul may plead and pray,
You don't have to go to heaven,
Need not tread the narrow way.

You can choose eternal anguish,
Live the life that suits you best;
Turn your back on heav'nly treasures;
Vainly seek for peace and rest.
God will never make you serve Him,
Never force you to be saved.
You can go to judgment Christless,
Tho' your path with prayers be paved!
—Selected.

The strong opposition to the cause of Christ often comes from those who are pillars (pillows) in the Lord's house.—*Ram's Horn*.

HERE AM I, BUT . . .

I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
Real service is what I desire.
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
But don't ask me to sing in the choir.
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
I like to see things come to pass,
But don't ask me to teach boys and girls, dear Lord,
I'd rather just stay in a class.
I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord,
I yearn for the Kingdom to thrive,
I'll give You my nickels and dimes, dear Lord—
But please don't ask me to tithe.
I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
I'll say what you want me to say,
I'm busy just now with myself, dear Lord;
I'll help you some other day."

—*The Decatur Christian*.

CINEMATIC ALUM

The cinema has fed this generation upon sensationalism until today only the highly exciting is of the slightest interest. It reminds one of the deadening effects of alum. If the mouth is drenched with a solution of this drug, it penetrates the palate and coats the taste glands so that delicious food becomes a mockery and refreshing drink insipid. The "movies" feed the hearts of the people on sensational alum, and so they have no taste for the heavenly manna.—*Lester F. Sumrall*.

A stone fit for the wall will not long be left in the road.—*Selected*.



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HUINCA RENANCO, ARGENTINA. Rev. and Mrs. Carson E. Rottler are the proud parents of a daughter, Rosalie Ann, born July 24.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. Rev. and Mrs. Russell Ward are the proud parents of a daughter weighing 7 lbs.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Rev. John Neely has resigned as youth director of the First Brethren Church, effective Sept. 6. He will be available for a pastorate. His address is 1801 Chandler St., Apt. 2, Philadelphia 11, Pa.

COMPTON, CALIF. Rev. Dennis Holliday, who has served as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Waynesboro, Pa., for the past four years, has accepted the call to become pastor of the First Brethren Church here, assuming his new duties about Sept. 1. Rev. George Richardson has served as interim pastor.

GLENDALE, CALIF. Dr. Louis Talbot, chancellor of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, was the guest speaker Aug. 1 at the First Brethren Church. Rev. J. Keith Altig is pastor.

LISTIE, PA. Rev. Ralph Burns, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Clay City, Ind., was the guest speaker at the midweek prayer service on July 21 at the Listie Brethren Church. Rev. John Burns is pastor and brother of Ralph Burns. On July 25 a gospel team from the Philadelphia Bible Institute had charge of the service. Rev. Milton Jones was the speaker.

MEYERSDALE, PA. Rev. Ward Tressler, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Altoona (Juniata), Pa., will be the guest speaker at the Meyersdale Brethren Church on Aug. 15. Rev. Leslie Moore is pastor.

HARRISBURG, PA. Mr. Douglas Cassel, who will enter Grace

Seminary this fall, and Rev. Nathan Meyer, pastor of the Leesburg (Ind.) Brethren Church, were guest speakers July 25 at the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church. Rev. Conrad Sandy is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The quarters for the Oct.-Dec. quarter are being mailed to the churches. Pastors and superintendents please check to see that your order has been sent in to the Brethren Missionary Herald. Prompt, speedy service will result. Several additional churches have switched to all-Brethren Sunday-school literature. Samples will be gladly mailed free.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Delegates from 36 States and 9 foreign nations shared in celebrating "A Decade of Miracles" at Youth for Christ International's 10th annual convention held here July 4-18. This conference was the largest in YFC history.



SPECIAL. The address of Major Donald F. Carter, chaplain USA, is 2d Armed Cavalry Regiment, APO 696, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dr. Bernard Schneider, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, will be the guest speaker at the homecoming week to be held at the First Brethren Church Oct. 10-15. Rev. James Dixon is pastor.

ALTO, MICH. Rev. Lester Pifer was the special speaker at the Michigan District Conference of Brethren Churches held here July 26-29. Rev. Earl Funderburg was host pastor.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. Dr. Kenneth Monroe has resigned as dean of Westmont College in order to devote more time to teaching in the division of Old Testament and Philosophy. He has served as dean since 1950.

WASHINGTON, D. C. The extension of Social Security to ministers and members of religious orders is only weeks away. Agreement between House and Senate leaders is imminent. Under the plan it would be for the local church to decide if they desired to be in the

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REV. LEO POLMAN

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plan. Once decided to enter, then all ministers ever serving that local church would be compelled by law to accept coverage. It would also include all other employees of the local church.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Mr. Wilbur Snively has been called as the director of music at the Second Brethren Church. Rev. George Peek is pastor. Rev. Sibley Edmiston, graduate from Grace Theological Seminary in 1953, was ordained to the Christian ministry July 28. He is engaged in missionary work in Baja California.

JERUSALEM (E/P). A Biblical reference to the healing power of oleander leaves was the reason for researchers' recent investigation of this as a drug for cardiac trouble. "Foliandrin" is a glucoside, isolated in pure crystalline form from wild oleander, with effects similar to digitalis in heart disease.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (E/P). Statisticians of the American Cancer Society announced here before a group of doctors at the opening general session of the American Medical Association that the death rate from cancer of the lung is at least three times more common among cigarette smokers than among non-smokers. The announcement was made by Drs. E. Cuyler Hammond and Daniel Horn, of the Cancer Society. According to these doctors the death rate from all diseases is as much as 75 percent higher in heavy cigarette smokers. The death rate from coronary artery disease and from heart attacks is about 95 percent higher.

MUD-MIDNIGHT AT TAOS

By Rev. Sam Horney, Missionary

Editor: It is not our policy to print reports of meetings at such length, but this being an unusual meeting we have yielded to the request of Rev. Sam Horney to print it in full.

Can you imagine a city over 400 years old just now having its first tent revival meeting?

Taos, N. Mex., is the third white settlement in the United States. It was established in 1540 by Hernando de Alvarado, an officer of Coronado's expedition.

We have been told that never in the history of Taos have evangelistic revival meetings been held in a tent. In recent years different Protestant groups have established missions here. Opposition to missionaries has always been strong. So when the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade Team One came here we expected much opposition, stone throwing, and even violence. Much prayer was made that the Lord would protect the tent and the people.

There was opposition to the meetings and even among the "boos" of "*Carpa Protestanta*" (Protestant tent) the people continued faithful to the services nightly. Many who were afraid of entering a Protestant

church for fear of being condemned came to the tent meetings. The only damage done was to the Cañon Brethren Church when vandals defaced the front of the mission by throwing *mud*.

We had an aggregate attendance of 4,319 during the three weeks of meetings or an average of 180 persons per service. The poorest-attended service had an attendance of 141, while the largest meeting had 245 persons in attendance.

Daily prayer meetings were held by the staff workers, Crusade Team personnel, missionaries, and pastors. Brethren youth helping at this time were Carol Flora, of Camden, Ohio; Nancy Weber, of Hagerstown, Md.; Carol Peterman, of Juniata, Pa.; Vera Lee Kyker, of Limestone, Tenn.; Ilene Dernstein, of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Marilyn Steinberger, of Yellow Creek, Pa.

Mr. Dalta Myer, well-known Brethren layman from Flora, Ind., drove the tent from Berne, Ind., to Taos. After directing the erection of the tent, he then returned to his home to harvest crops.

Music for the crusade was in charge of talented Max Williams, of Team Number One. Everyone enjoyed the superb playing of Nancy Weber, of Hagerstown, Md. Summer workers provided special music from night to night, affording a choir of 20 voices.

I know you will rejoice with us in the results of these meetings. Evangelist R. Paul Miller preached fiery and convicting sermons nightly. During the crusade 40 accepted Christ as Saviour while 82 renewed their vows, making a total of 122 recorded decisions. Praise the Lord!

On Sunday morning, July 18, a baptismal service was held in the Cañon Brethren Church of Taos and 18 persons were baptized. Following the closing service the same evening and after the mission cars had taken the people home, at *midnight* there was another baptismal service.

Your staff of missionaries, local pastors, and workers at Taos are indeed grateful to the Hagerstown, Md., church for their generosity in underwriting the expenses of this crusade and making it possible.

FIRST EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN IN TAOS

By Evangelist R. Paul Miller

When Bro. Sam Horney first wrote us about the possibility of holding a campaign in Taos, where there had never been such a meeting attempted before, we confess that it was with much trepidation that we considered it at all. *Me speak to Spanish people? How could I make the Gospel clear enough to them to expect immediate decisions? Could I tell the Gospel in their way of thinking?*

Then there was the matter of weather. The meetings were first planned for the Easter season when religious fervor runs high in Taos. Cold nights made that impossible. Even in June, during the first week of the meetings, it was so chilly that folks had to bring wraps for comfort. But the last two weeks were fine. The real facts are that it is the cool nights with warm days that makes Taos such an attractive place to live for those who can be choosy. Being

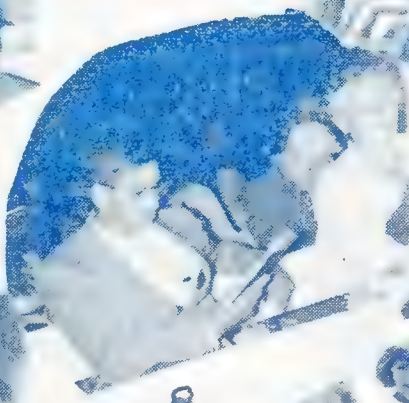
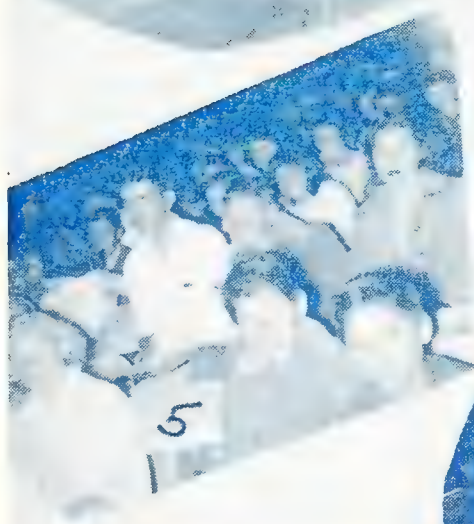
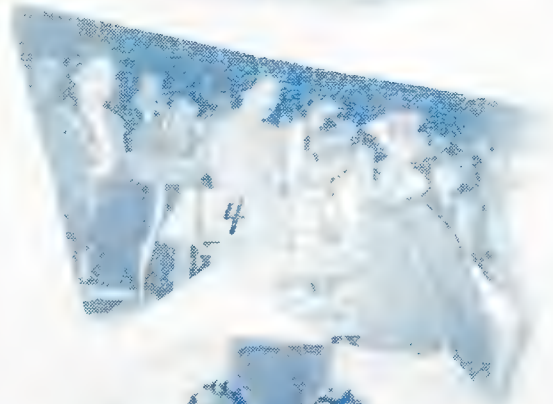
at an altitude of 7,000 feet gives the atmosphere a most invigorating effect. There were some storms, but the Lord kept the tent with His own hand.

The Lord finally dissolved all the difficulties, and in due time Bro. Dalta Myer offered himself and his truck to haul the tent to Taos. Max Williams left the Washington Heights meeting a week early to accompany him. They had the tent erected and everything ready except the electric wiring when I arrived the day before the meeting started. We got this up in short order and on Sunday, June 27, we started.

From the very start it was apparent that God was leading toward a real harvest of souls. However, He tested the faith of all of us by withholding His power during the second week till the hearts of all the saints were deeply burdened in concern and prayer. Then He poured out

the blessing. Many came to Christ. Many homes were transformed. Those from all stations in life were saved. There is some very high-class Spanish blood among them. A bevy of young people attended the meetings. The real future is among them. The attendance ranged from 141 to 245. One local educator said to me, "I have never seen anything like this during my lifetime in Taos. I believe a campaign like this every summer in Taos would be most profitable and wise." Some folk drove 40 miles night after night to attend the meetings.

(1-6-9) Children attending afternoon meetings. (2-3) Tent erected by Mr. Dalta Myer, member of Grace Brethren Church of Flora, Ind., who trucked the tent to Taos, and was assisted by Max Williams, song leader, in the erection. (4-5-7-8) Pictures taken during the evening services.



MOTHER'S DREAM

The roast leg of lamb was done to a turn. The cake's frosting was pretty enough to have been done by a professional decorator. No church league baseball game or paper-route delivery kept the family from gathering together with the guests around the lace-spread table. The four little children at the folding table close to Mother behaved like lambs. Ardyth didn't spill a drop of her milk. Althea never moved from her chair during the entire meal, and she ate like a thresher. Minor miracle! Kent kept his hands to himself and Sharon didn't tattle on one brother or sister.

This was the kind of casual, courteous, unhurried entertainment which Mother had long dreamed about. She never before had enjoyed the fellowship of her guests or the meal as she was now doing. Everything was so peaceful she could hardly believe her eyes and ears. Not a fleck of dust marred the furniture and nary a thing was out of its proper place. When the children had bathed and dressed before the guests arrived they had carried all their soiled clothing to the hamper without having to be told.

Mother's heart glowed with a warmth of satisfaction. She knew that someday this experience was due her. Hadn't she hoped and worked and prayed for years on end for this very thing? Wee Mark had entered into the story with full cooperation. He had had his meal before we sat down, and during our meal he squealed and cooed and made himself as enticing and sweet as any baby should be.

But say—weren't the children a little too quiet? Perhaps they were sick. No-o, Mother had not noticed any fever or anything which would indicate illness. Could it be possible they had suddenly absorbed all she has sought to instill in them down through the years? No-o, because the next day there was an "epidemic" of spilled milk, pinched arms, tales about the wrongdoings of others, two of the older boys missing for ball games and Youth for Christ meeting. The chicken backs and necks had been cooked to death and their bones mingled throughout the noodles 'til Mother was afraid someone would surely choke. David and

Bill had not taken their soiled clothing to the hamper. David was anything but the well-mannered gentleman he'd been the day before.

Could this have all been a dream? Mother pinched herself in a cloud of wonder. A bright light shone in her eyes. It was the sunlight well on its way through the morning. She sat up in bed. This HAD been a dream! Overwhelmed with disappointment she burst into tears. (Aren't ladies silly? Or maybe it's just this lady.) Just yesterday the opposite of what she had dreamed had taken place. The leg of lamb refused to get done for the hour we had elected to eat. Mother had not placed it in the oven in time, thanks to endless interruptions, naughty youngsters, and two days work to get done in five hours.

As she went about her work Mother pondered long and well the



wide gulf there seems to be between her ideals and reality as they affect a large family. Are her ideals too high and difficult of attainment? Are they wrong, then, for her family? Is she mistaken in her attempt to reach so high? Didn't the Apostle Paul say, "So run that ye may obtain [attain]" (I Cor. 9:24)? No, it is not wrong to have high ideals and strive toward them. Nothing is ever accomplished without striving. The wrong would come in allowing frustration to take over where sweetness and patience should rule. The learning process is long, tedious, and expensive. "Blowing one's top" when the ideal is not immediately attained removes that very ideal farther from the reach.

Along with *ideals* toward which she strives, and *reality* as she lives it, Mother has hope of a brighter day when ideals will become reality. In the meantime, Mother always hopes her guests will understand her limitations and not be too annoyed with

the few interruptions which make up our life. She wants her guests to want to return. She further hopes, and prays, that all she does for her Lord, and family, and church will redound to Christ's honor and glory, regardless of the price to her. That her ideals for entertaining will some day be realized, Mother is confident, but at a sacrifice. There will be no small children around. And Mother is not too much in a hurry for that experience!

In the time left to her on this sin-wracked earth this mother wants to remember: "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air; but I keep under [buffet] my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway [rejected]" (I Cor. 9:24-27).

Mother's dream was a tonic.

GOD'S MODEL PREACHER

(As Described in I Thess. 2:1-12)

1. Undaunted by suffering and shameful treatment (vs. 2).
2. Proclaims the Gospel boldly (vs. 2).
3. Preaches in truth and purity (vs. 3).
4. Sent by God, whom he pleases (vs. 4).
5. Exercises neither flattery nor covetousness (vs. 5).
6. Claims not his rightful authority (vs. 6).
7. Ministers with gentleness (vs. 7).
8. Constrained by love to give himself (vs. 8).
9. Labors night and day to be unburdensome (vs. 9).
10. Manifests holy, righteous, unblameable conduct (vs. 10).
11. Deals with each one as a father (vs. 11).
12. Seeks to have his converts walk worthily (vs. 12).

—The Prophetic Word.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

Everett, Pa.

We continue to praise the Lord for the three-week revival-evangelistic meeting held June 1-20 with Evangelist Walter A. Lepp, Rev. Charles Bergerson, and Mr. Frank Coffin.

We thank the Lord for the ministry of these three men; not only do they do an excellent work in the services, but they know how to do personal work in the home. Many homes were visited and most of the decisions made for Christ in the campaign were first made in the homes and then made public in the services.

These men also conducted children's meetings one hour before the services in the evenings, which proved to be a real blessing, because of the decisions made for Christ.

Souls were saved and many rededications were made. A real burden was placed on hearts to be soul-winners.—*Rev. Homer Lingenfelter, pastor, Everett Grace Brethren Church.*

Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)



Fathers present at closing day of meetings of Crusade Team One. Several of these accepted Christ during the meetings.



Those pictured above brought others to the last Sunday-morning service of the Crusade meetings under Evangelist R. Paul Miller. Rev. Carl Miller is pastor of the Washington Heights Brethren Church.

Dayton, Ohio

It was my happy experience to work with the Bethany Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, and the pastor, Rev. Charles Gantt, in a re-

vival effort July 11-18. This is one of our more recently organized churches and is located in a fast-growing community at the edge of Dayton. A large percentage of the people in the community do not have a church home and many of them are without Christ.

The pastor is getting the confidence of his constituency and the time may not be far away when the Bethany church will begin reaping a harvest of souls from his faithful witnessing. Even though the meeting was held during some of the hottest days of the summer, the members for the most part were very faithful in attending and in inviting and bringing visitors.—*Dr. Herman Koontz, evangelist.*

The Bethany Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, has been greatly blessed during two weeks of revival effort, July 11 to 25, during which time Dr. Herman Koontz, pastor of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, ministered to us.

Not many unsaved attended the services, but a good program of visitation was carried on and interest was quickened in many hearts by this means.

The church has achieved a fine spirit of revival also, and we have bright hopes for the future.

Brother Koontz is a very capable, sincere, and earnest worker among people, and was greatly used of the Lord here.—*Rev. Charles E. Gantt, pastor.*

Harrisburg, Pa.

We praise the Lord for the Sunday-school attendance the past two weeks. July 18 was our highest attendance, when 136 were present. This was soon broken, when on July 25 there were 152 present. This topped our enrollment by eight. It was this record that gave reason for Superintendent Allen Zook singing his Dutch song, in keeping with his promise.—*Rev. Conard Sandy, pastor, Melrose Gardens Brethren Church.*

It is easier to criticize the best thing than to accomplish the least thing.

The less we know the more we suspect.

The fundamental rule of progress is to do what you can with what you have where you are today.—*Fifth and Cherry Light.*

A Judge Who Prays

Harold R. Medina, a United States Circuit Judge, Court of Appeals, second circuit, believes in prayer. While hearing the case of the nation's leading Communists, he was under tremendous pressure; his life was threatened and the case dragged on for months over technicalities designed to wear down his resistance; but Judge Medina found refuge in prayer.

"I do not see why a judge should be ashamed to say that he prays for divine guidance and for strength to do his duty," he says. "There came a time when I did the most sincere and fervent praying in my life. It was when I was in the midst of that trial of the Communists. It took me a long time to realize what they were trying to do to me. But as I got weaker and weaker, and found the burden difficult to bear, I sought strength from the one Source that never fails. . . .

"After all is said and done, it is not we who pull the strings. We are not the masters, but the *servants* of our Master's will; and it is well that we should know it to be so."—*Pentecostal Evangel.*

CLEAN UP

Dick, aged 3, did not like soap and water. One day his mother was trying to reason with him.

"Surely you want to be a clean little boy, don't you?"

"Yes," tearfully agreed Dick, "but can't you just dust me?"

It makes us think of some folks who go to church and complain about the preaching. They don't want to be washed from their sins. They just want a little dusting.—*Fremont Bulletin.*

STREET CORNER CRITICS

Any old gas bag of the street corner fraternity can find plenty of professing Christians whose lives are glaringly and disgustingly imperfect, and if they get any pleasure out of licking the sores of these inconsistent or unsaved members of the church, let them indulge themselves, but out of respect of Christ and His cross, let them keep their slanderous tongues off the great spiritual church of which Christ is the Head.—*John E. Brown.*

For Parents Only

(From the Missouri Presbyterian)

THINKING that three hours of any movie are harmless for the child, but that two hours of church and Sunday school are too much for his nervous system is just bad thinking.

GIVING him a nickel for the collection and 50 cents for the movies not only shows a parent's sense of values, but is also not likely to produce a proportionate giving.

LETTING him listen to several hours of radio thrillers a day with no time for one short prayer and a few Bible verses is criminal unbalance.

BEING careful that Junior has his weekday lessons and caring not that he knows not his Sunday-school lesson makes for spiritual illiteracy.

SAYING that a child must make his own decision as to whether or not he should go to church, or to what church, is shirking parental responsibility.

WHEN FATHER spends Sunday in mowing the lawn, cleaning the garage, washing the car, tending the garden, or playing golf, his sons are left to walk alone.

WHEN PARENTS idle away Sunday morning in reading the paper or listening to the radio, while brother and sister are sent by themselves to church, something happens to the children's evaluation of church attendance.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

FOR YOUR BOOK SHELF

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THE SERVANT OF JEHOVAH, by David Baron. Zondervan Publishing House, 1954 edition. Cloth. 158 pp. Price, \$2.95. Portraying the Son of God as a servant, the author, who is an authority on the history of Israel, expositionally treats Isaiah 53. This is a valuable source of material on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

GOOD NEWS IN BAD TIMES, by J. Edwin Orr. Zondervan Publishing House, 1953. Cloth. 259 pp. Price, \$3.50.

Believing that we are seeing real revival in our times, the author takes you behind the scenes in Washington and Hollywood, on college campuses, and at breakfast clubs, and gives evidence that his premise is true. He gives an impressive account of the signs of revival in America.

THE EPISTLE OF ST. JAMES, by Joseph B. Mayor. Zondervan Publishing House, 1954 edition. Cloth. 264 pp. Price, \$6.95.

Using the Greek text, Dr. Mayor exegetically deals with each sentence, phrase, and word. This is a critical treatise of the Book of James.

GOD'S REMEDY (Vol. III), by Donald Grey Barnhouse. Van Kampen Press, 1954. Cloth. 387 pp. Price, \$4.

This expositional study of the Epistle to the Romans is but a volume of a series. Volume I ("Man's Ruin") covers the first chapter of Romans. Volume II ("God's Wrath") is an exposition of Romans 2-3:20. This volume is a study of 3:21-4:25. Volume IV ("God's River") covers 5:1-11; and Volume V ("God's Grace") is a treatise of Roman 5.

THE FALL AND RISE OF ISRAEL, by William Hull. Zondervan Publishing House, 1954. Cloth. 424 pp. Price, \$3.95.

Tracing the history of Israel for 2,000 years, the book affords a documented source of material by a man who lived there for 19 years. While the author deals with the historical aspect, in the main he is chiefly concerned with present-day conditions and developments. Present-day fulfillment of prophecy will prove to be of tremendous interest to the reader. If you want to know how Israel, outnumbered 40 to 1, was able to defeat seven Arab nations, read this book.

THE WALK, CHARACTER, AND CONVERSION OF OUR LORD, by Alexander Whyte. Zondervan Publishing House, 1953 edition. Cloth. 224 pp. Price, \$3.50.

This biography of Christ traces the life of Christ in such a way that the reader is made to feel an intimacy with the Saviour. This is a classic to be used as a supplement to the Bible in gaining a deeper appreciation of the person and work of Jesus Christ.

SIMON PETER, by M. R. DeHaan. Zondervan Publishing House, 1954. Cloth. 184 pp. Price, \$2.50.

A book written to enlighten and encourage Christians who face the problem of victory

in their life. The book is written to provide the secret for getting the most out of the Christian life. Have you ever had the problem of victory over sin? Have you ever faced the paradox of the good and evil that is in you? Read this book.

YIELDED BODIES, by Robert G. Lee. Zondervan Publishing House, 1954. Cloth. 180 pp. Price, \$2.50.

Gifted in the art of eloquence, the author introduces the reader to his own human body and its relationship to spiritual living and victory.

OTHER BOOKS NOT GOOD FOR COUPONS

SIMPLE SERMONS FOR SAINTS AND SINNERS, by W. Herschel Ford. Zondervan Publishing House, 1954. Cloth. 152 pp. Price, \$2.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY, by C. Wade Freeman. Zondervan Publishing House, 1954. Cloth. 149 pp. Price, \$2. A book of sermons by Billy Graham, W. A. Criswell, Paul B. Brooks, Stanley Wilkes, Warren Walker, and others.

MORE POWER IN SOUL WINNING, by David M. Dawson. Zondervan Publishing House. Paper. 128 pp. Price, \$1.

LEAPING FLAME, by Jack Wyrzten. Fleming Revell Company, 1954. Cloth. 56 pp. Price, \$1.

THE SEVEN LAWS OF TEACHING, by John M. Gregory. Baker Book House, 1954. Cloth. 129 pp. Price, \$1.75.

JOHN PLOUGHMAN'S TALKS, by Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Zondervan Publishing House, 1953 (third edition). Cloth. 157 pp. Price, \$1.95.

THE DELIGHTS OF LIFE, by V. Raymond Edman. Van Kampen Press, 1954. Cloth. 268 pp. Price, \$2.

OBJECT LESSONS . . . USING COMMON THINGS. Scripture Press, 1954. Paper. 78 pp. Price, 75c.

JOHN WESLEY'S TWO QUESTIONS

John Wesley used to ask his young men whom he had sent out to preach on probation two questions: "Has anyone been converted?" and "Did anyone get mad?" If the answer was "No," he told them he did not think the Lord had called them to preach the Gospel, and sent them about their business. When the Holy Spirit convicts of sin, people are either converted or they don't like it and sometimes get angry.—*Selected*.

The persons who ride with the Devil when he is going their way, do not seem to realize that he is never going their way unless they are going his.—*Fifth and Cherry Light*.

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Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



The Key to Brethren Church Expansion

Prayer is the key that opens the door to church expansion!

The number of dollars in any home-mission offering is the number we *unitedly* prayed for. The number of new Brethren churches established each year is the number we *unitedly* prayed for. The number of additional Brethren pastors thrust forth into the harvest field for Christ is the number we *unitedly* prayed for.

The prayers of the home-mission staff members, including all of our missionaries in the field, cannot avail to bring the maximum in blessing for church expansion. *United praying* on the part of all Brethren home-mission warriors is absolutely essential to attain the goal. New Testament instances prove this fact many times. When God's people cried out in unison the Lord heard and "shook the place." This is what we need in Brethren home missions, a genuine, earnest stirring in prayer for God's "shaking" in power and grace to meet the scores of witnessing opportunities thrust before us.

The little folder, "Points for Prayer and Praise," now in all Brethren churches, gives you something intelligent to pray about. There is a home-mission request for *each day* during the home-mission season and you can repeat those requests as often as you like. These folders are available in any number you may desire. If you are interested in seeing new Brethren churches established this year you must first pray with us daily for the blessing from heaven.

The Means for Church Expansion

Just as there is a "key" to church expansion so do we have the "means."

The church of Jesus Christ cannot expand its testimony properly and most effectively to the lost without "dollars." This is one of the basic means God uses to accomplish the glorious end of regenerating lost men.

Today, in a highly social-conscious and proud age, this is more intensely true than in other periods. If we are to use every legitimate appeal to men in winning them to Christ, then a simple but attractive and functional church building is essential. Today such a building costs three times as much as it did in the days of our fathers. Yet missionary offerings have not increased proportionately. So the problem of church financing has become extremely acute.

More Christian dollars will solve this problem! To whom can we go for help in meeting the needs of a Christian witness? Certainly God's children should provide for the needs of their Father's house and its administration. The privilege of Christian giving is one of the most satisfying aspects of Christian service. To know that one has had even a very small part in building

a Brethren church where souls are saved and then honor the Christ, is a joyous experience. The assurance that dollars given to Brethren home missions *all* preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings a sense of a job well done for the Saviour.

Seventeen New Church Buildings Needed

This is the unprecedented total of new Brethren home-mission buildings we need in order to function at our best for Christ.

This represents a need of close to \$600,000. Not a penny of this money is in our home-mission treasury at this moment. By gifts and by loans from our Brethren people and the friends of our church, we believe God will send these funds to meet this pressing need.

As our construction company moves into Wheaton, Ill., this week we are starting the construction of a new church building, not knowing exactly where all the funds will come from for our construction.

Banks and loan institutions in general are not interested in church loans. For this reason we have earnestly appealed to Brethren investors to help us by loaning funds for church construction which may now be in other forms of investment. Many have responded and have helped make possible the great advances in our church-building program. But there are *many* others who could help us with investment funds in this time of great need.

If God has given you some material means that can be invested in His work we invite you to write the Brethren Home Missions Council office, Winona Lake, Ind., for further information.

God Has No Hard Times

In a recent Brethren district conference the subject of the present readjustment or "hard times" was presented as a reason why people cannot give as much for missions this year as they did last year. Many are out of work. Others are working part time. Even though there is now a general upswing in new jobs and general working conditions the present economic problem is advanced as a reason for adjusting God's budget.

A Brethren pastor presiding in the meeting stated, "But there are no hard times with God!" How true! It is not necessary for God to readjust His budget in so-called "hard times." There is never a time "my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" is any less true than at any other time. Whether recession, depression, prosperity, or adjustment, the riches of God in Christ Jesus, including all the physical blessings needed by His children, are fully available.

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WHAT GOD HAS DONE

By Rev. Kenneth L. Teague

The writer of the 126th Psalm expressed, many years ago, the feeling of our hearts on this day of groundbreaking when he wrote, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." This is indeed a red-letter day in the life of our church here at Wheaton, the groundbreaking service coming exactly one year to the very Sunday on which the Grace Brethren Church was organized. Surely in that one year much has been accomplished for Christ and His kingdom. Let me tell you briefly of the great things God has done for us.

GOD HAS TAKEN A VERY HUMBLE BEGINNING AND MADE OF IT A STRONG TESTIMONY FOR CHRIST.

The Wheaton church, like so many other home-mission works, began on a very small scale, and in a humble way—four people to hold a Sunday-school class. In the weeks that followed others came in to study the Word. After a few months the home was sold and the little group moved into town to an old YMCA building. It was there that our home-missions director organized the group into a church with 10 members. A few months later the building was sold, and once again the church moved, this time into the Christian Grammar School, its present meeting place. This is an adequate building, but is much too far from our field to be of full value and service.

From this beginning the work has developed into a fully organized congregation. A church with a full-time minister on the field. A church with Sunday school, morning and evening services, a growing prayer meeting, and one that is being strengthened locally. When the work began it depended greatly upon Brethren students here in the college. They have been a great blessing in the work. Since their departure for the summer, the work has continued to hold up in attendance, and we have just enjoyed our best month financially in the history of the church. This leads us to believe the work is being strengthened on a permanent, local basis.

GOD HAS TAKEN A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE AND GIVEN TO THEM A GREAT FAITH.

Our little group in Wheaton stepped out in faith the first part of this year, and called a full-time pastor to the

field. Since his arrival they have most faithfully supported him, carrying their share of the burden as set by the Home Missions Council. God has blessed them for this step of faith, and has not failed to supply our every need.

In a new step of faith, our congregation has recently purchased a four-room parsonage, just back of our church lots. Through hard work and sacrificial giving on the part of our people the house has been purchased for the pastor and family and we are well on the way of handling it from the standpoint of finances.

With these two accomplishments behind us, our church is now ready to move forward in even a greater step of faith—the erection of a permanent church home. Truly God is honoring the faith of His people here in Wheaton.

GOD HAS TAKEN A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE AND WELDED THEM INTO A PRAYING, SACRIFICING, COOPERATING CHURCH.

Our heart has been blessed and challenged as we have watched God bind together this group of people in prayer. One of the most encouraging signs of our work has been the development of this sense and need of prayer. At the present our midweek service is almost as well-attended as our Sunday services, and our people come to pray. All of our decisions have been made in a spirit of prayer. This has led to a wonderful spirit of cooperation and agreement among our people. The fellowship is indeed sweet, and the spirit and burden of prayer is most encouraging. Surely God is among us and we are trusting Him for great things.

Our people not only pray, but they know how to sacrifice for the work of God. There is a deep sense of responsibility, and a burden to get the Gospel out to others. This has given us a missionary-minded church. We thank God for the missionary vision of His people here in Wheaton.

GOD HAS GIVEN TO US THE SIGN OR SEAL OF HIS APPROVAL.

Our work here has not been a fast mushroom sort of growth, but rather has been slow and even difficult at times. However, we have kept in mind the Scriptural principle that there is a time for sowing and a time for reaping. We have been sowing the seed, and God has given the sign of His approval by giving us some very fine decisions for Christ and the church. The work has been greatly strengthened on a local basis by these decisions. There have not been a great number saved, but we have seen enough to lead us to believe that God has given a token of approval upon this work, and that there will be many souls saved through this testimony in the years that lie ahead.

We are still in the struggling stage, far from our field and much in need of a building in order to expand more fully our testimony. We here at Wheaton are confident that the God who has so marvelously blessed in bringing to pass this testimony will go to complete that "good work which he has begun in us." We look forward with confidence, knowing "whom we have believed," and fully persuaded "that he is able." We covet your prayers for God's work in this section of His vineyard.

THE COVER PAGE

The cover page pictures follow very closely the word pictures given in "What God Has Done," by the pastor, Kenneth L. Teague. First, Pastor Teague is standing on the location for their future new building. Next shows the first meeting place, a model home. The next picture shows the class meeting in the YMCA, and at the bottom the present meeting place in a new Christian day-school building.

Inset: Mr. D. A. Spangler, Rev. Kenneth L. Teague, Mr. B. C. Whitmore, Mr. Henry Brubaker, and Mr. Clark Myers, the building committee, are shown as ground was broken for the new Wheaton Grace Brethren Church. The Brethren Construction Company has moved in and the project is under way.

TESTIMONIES OF NAVAHO CHRISTIANS

God Helps Me Talk to My People

By Lee Trujillo

(Lee Trujillo accepted the Lord in July 1952. He has helped with the work of the mission at various periods through the four years of the mission's work here at Counselor Post. He has had two of his boys enrolled as students at the school. His life is typical of the difficulties encountered by Navaho Christians in standing true to the Lord, their Saviour. Lee was baptized on May 6, 1954, following almost two years of struggles to grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord. He is the most steady of the Navaho Christian men in the area. He recently began helping with the preaching services at the mission in the capacity of interpreter. What he lacks in polish and perfect linguistic ability is compensated for by the earnestness of his desire to see his people come to the knowledge of the truth, the Word of God. His case is typical of hundreds of other Navahos without even a rudimentary knowledge of creation, living in our backyard today.—Evan M. Adams.)

When I was in school I heard God's Word only on Sunday. I went to school six years. I started school when I was 10 years old. And now I am 39 years old.



Mrs. Grace Trujillo and
Mr. Lee Trujillo

About 20 years I was away from school but I never thought about God. I just thought about Navaho things—sings and dancing and everything going on. They told me everything is god; the mountain is god and the sun is god. The medicineman taught me to pray to the mountain. He taught me how to make medicine and to sing many songs; to sing every night over the sick children. Sometimes they not get well. The old man who taught me medicine was Castillo. He was my uncle. He died 10 years ago. About

eight years I am doing medicineman and praying to everything. I never go to church. There was no church or mission near us. I just stayed at the hogan.

Now four years ago the mission came here. I lived near Counselor's store one year and help with the work at the mission. I heard God's Word at the mission and every Sunday I be here. I keep thinking about one year. When I think about it I know it is true. I can read the Bible a few. Now two years ago I became a Christian and believe God. I never do anything anymore; no singing medicine song, and never go to a squaw dance for two years now. Last fall at Bible school I learned plenty things from Bible. I learned how to read Navaho Bible too. And I tell all the men who come to my camp it is true. Some say it is true; some don't say anything.

When first time I try to talk about it I am too afraid. My legs won't stand up. I am afraid Navahos laugh from me. Now everything is all right. Everything is true now and I tell the people every Sunday and not afraid now. God helps me talk and I pray every day and every night.

Now all my family is Christian—all my boys. Every night I tell the story and tell my boys to pray every day. I tell about Genesis 1:1—how God made every-

thing and making man too. And how sin came to man. And tell about how God so loved the world His one Son died for us. And He pay everything for wrong and sin. Just give your heart to Him. Nothing to pay; just your heart. Now I work for the Lord every day. I never give up now. I never go back again to wrong things.

When I think about Christian things I am happy to know Jesus died for me and I am going to have new body.

I Am Happy Jesus Died for Me

By Grace Trujillo

Four years ago I heard God's Word here at Counselor Trading Post for the first time. I thought about the stories of God's Word for about two years. When I heard I thought it must be true and that's what I was thinking about for two years. All the time I was afraid I was going to die. But I thought I wasn't a sinner like God's Word is telling about. For two years I was thinking about who was right. Navaho stories or God's Word. When I was going to Bible school at the mission I was sure that it is God's Word that is true. So when I believe and know that it is true I am very happy and I told my mother and my sisters and every Navaho when he comes to my hogan. I believe in my heart that all the Word of God is true.

I didn't think about who made the world and the man until I heard you missionaries tell us about God making everything and me too. Now that I think about God I am very happy to know that I have a Father in heaven. I went away from that Father in sin but I came back now. I know Jesus died on the cross for me to pay for my sins so I can come back to God and He is my Father now. I never go away from my Father again.

When I first heard about Christian life I thought it's too hard for me. Now it's not too hard. I can talk to my people about God and His good stories.

I Want To Be a Navaho Missionary

By Nellie Sala

I am Nellie Sala. I am 16 years old. In October 1952 I became a Christian. The first time I heard God's Word



Miss Mary Sala

was at the trading post four years ago when Dorothy Dunbar played some records for my sister and me. I don't remember the first story I heard. I kept thinking about it. My folks told me to go to the squaw dance and sing and have a good time, but I didn't want to do it. We would talk together to my mother and I would ask her which one is true, but she wouldn't answer me.

Then I went away to Intermountain Indian School. At school I heard God's Word. I went to school for two years. Then I came home from school in the summer and lived near the mission with my cousin. Then we started going to church every Sunday and every evening. I lived in a tent on the mission property. We were talking about God's Word and how to live the right way. We said that it is good things. My cousin said that she

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wanted to be a Christian. I said that I did too. We wanted to learn to sing Christian songs in Navaho. But all the people began laughing at us. And Suzie said she was going back to my mother's camp and not come back to the mission any more. I stayed at the mission and helped work a little bit. I didn't care if people laughed at me.

I was learning some things about God's Word but I don't understand too much. I tried to think about it real hard and pray about it. Sometimes I thought it is too hard to be a Christian, but I try to learn better. Then I began to understand more.

When I first was a Christian I was afraid to talk and pray to the people, because the people all laughed at me. But now I am not afraid of the people and I stand up for Jesus and give a testimony every time. My mother says both ways are the same, but she doesn't know what it means to be a Christian.

One year I stayed out of school and then I wanted to go to school again to learn more things. Now I have been in school three years and will start my fourth year this August.

I want to be a missionary when I finish school and tell my people God's Word. I want to work at the mission. Last week I won a nice Bible at the mission church for being first place in Scripture memory contest this summer.

SEATTLE BURSTING AT THE SEAMS



"We need a new church building," is the cry we hear ringing from Seattle, Wash. We hope it reaches each Brethren heart in the nation and around the world.

It is an appeal which must be met soon or we will lose our golden opportunity in this great city. The congregation is filling the pastor's living room and little growth may be expected until a new church building is provided. We have church lots beautifully located. We have complete building plans, but no money to launch out in construction.

The Seattle Brethren need your help NOW!

CORNERSTONE-LAYING SERVICE AT YORK, PA.

By Rev. Gerald Polman



Top—Building Superintendent Tom Bailey places the York cornerstone, and Rev. U. L. Gingrich (left) and Pastor Gerald Polman (right) seal it in place. Center (left)—Pastor Gerald Polman places the various articles of historic value in the cornerstone; at right the new church now being used for services. Bottom—Pastor Polman presenting the cornerstone dedication message.

UNIQUE DEDICATION SERVICE AT YORK, PA.

Leo Polman, a home-mission pastor, was the dedication speaker for the new home-mission church at York, Pa., pastored by his son, Gerald Polman. This is the second home-mission church to be dedicated in less than six months by this father-and-son combination. The Temple City Brethren Church was dedicated February 28, 1954, and Leo Polman is pastor of it. You'll be hearing more about the York dedication on August 14 and 15 in your September Home Mission Number.

The Sunday morning of July 4, 1954, marked another important event in the brief history of the Grace Brethren Church of York, Pa.

An early-morning shower could not dampen the hearts of the people as they assembled at the new church building for the cornerstone-laying ceremonies. Regular Sunday-school and worship services had been held in the temporary meeting quarters of the group a few blocks from the site of the new church. Then all proceeded quickly to the new church, so near ready for occupancy.

Pastor Gerald Polman and Elder U. L. Gingrich stood on a platform near the front entrance, where the cornerstone was to be placed. Various officials of the church placed in the box a brief history of the church and building program, a copy of the Brethren Missionary Herald, church bulletins for June 27 and July 4, local newspapers, a list of the church officers, a New Testament, and the charter membership roll. This roll included the names of 56 members and 5 at present awaiting baptism.

The pastor placed the cornerstone, assisted by Rev. U. L. Gingrich and Mr. Tom Bailey, building superintendent of the Brethren Construction Company. The stone is of white Vermont marble, engraved with the year "1954." It was a gift of Geo. M. Sunday & Son, local monument firm.

The congregation will be holding its first service in the new building on Sunday, August 1. The Brethren Construction Company is now putting the final touches on the work, and dedication is planned for August 15.

HOME MISSION FIELD REPORTS

Phoenix, Ariz. (J. C. "Bill" McKillen, pastor)—

Vacation Bible school closed with 220 present for the program. This is by far the largest number we have had out for any occasion. Over 200 were registered for the school and a total of 33 decisions were made for Christ.

The Bible school continues to grow and we already need more class room and auditorium space. We are almost 100 percent ahead of 1953 in our Sunday attendances. The membership now stands at 60, with others to be added soon.

Dryhill, Ky. (Miss Evelyn Fuqua, missionary)—

The Lord is blessing in our work. The faithful ones are showing real spiritual growth. Perry Huff is really witnessing and working on the fellows and I believe if the Lord continues to lead he and his brother, Merle, will be going to Bible school this fall. Of course, finances is the problem. I am bringing five young people to Bethany Camp if I can scrape up the funds some place.

West Covina, Calif. (Marvin Goodman, Jr., pastor)—

A new location has been obtained for our meeting place. The Lord opened the way to use the Boy Scout Hall which provides larger quarters and is closer to our lots. We are able to work in the community of our future church and already much interest is shown in the new work.

Sunnymede's Smiling Sunday School



Where have you seen so many smiling faces in one picture? The assistant field secretary, Lester E. Pifer, took these pictures on a recent visit to the Sunnymede Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind. They represent the various departments, a group picture, and the interior of the church. The smiles indicate victory in Christ, first of all, and then victories in the Sunnymede Church for Christ. (The pastor, Russell Ogden, is always seen wearing a smile, so it could be that this Sunday school is just following their leader.)

EDITORIALS

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The problem lies closer to the earth. When money does not flow so freely, often the missionary offerings feel the pinch first. Judging from the primary importance of this aspect of Christian service, it would seem that the child of God would first sacrifice some little-

needed material luxuries and maintain his witness at home and abroad.

Emerson once said, "This time, like all times, is a very good one if we know what to do with it." That is easy for the Christian. Paul says, "Redeem the time." Buy it back. Make it count for Christ.

In spite of any problem our Brethren home-mission offering can be the largest in our history if God's people will heed this advice of His Word.

QUOTES FROM "MINUTE-MAN" LETTERS

The following are only a few lines taken from the many Minute-Man letters sent us on West Covina, Calif. We appreciate the donors taking a few minutes to enclose a note with their letters and we feel you too would appreciate some of their comments. Our thanks goes out to every one of you who have said you would pray but were unable to give for various reasons. Also our thanks to you who have given and are giving financially in addition to helping by your prayers.

Lanark, Ill.

Enclosed find our contribution for the new work at West Covina, Calif. We feel it is a privilege to be called upon by the Minute-Men and pray a blessing upon the work.—Mr. and Mrs. H. M.

Marion, Ind.

I am sending a gift to help West Covina, but I feel we need more churches in the South and East. California is well represented, but I try to help them all.—Mrs. S. D.

Dallas Center, Iowa.

We must not let an opportunity for saving souls like West Covina pass by. We will also be praying for them.—Mr. and Mrs. J. D.

Los Angeles, Calif.

I am herewith enclosing \$2 for starting another Brethren church in West Covina. I wish I were able to send more, but trying to live on a state pension isn't too easy. I hope every member of the Brethren Church will do as much and I know your project would go over the top in a big way.—L. M.

Huntington, Ind.

Being a Minute-Man is a pleasure, I assure you. My contribution is small, for money does not go very far these days, but I will pray for West Covina.—Mrs. F. G.

Jenners, Pa.

I received your Minute-Man letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you. I would like to send a gift, but I have not had any work since I was laid off January 29. I pray that I will have work and can help the next time. I sure will pray for West Covina.—Mr. J. P.

Hagerstown, Md.

I am sending a small gift to help establish a Brethren church in West Covina with a prayer that God will use it for His glory in bringing many precious souls to Christ.—G. E. S.

Glendale, Calif.

It is a great privilege to have a part in the Minute-Man fellowship. It is truly a unique way and should be used more often. I feel a keen interest in such churches because of helping them in a small way and having prayed for them.—Mrs. A. L.

Long Beach, Calif.

Here is \$2—not much, we know, but with prayer and honest effort these small amounts grow marvelously. We are praying that all those new places will find willing hands to work and, if we do our part, we know God will provide. Tell West Covina to see what Cherry Valley has done and then they will know they can have a nice church, too—for the glory of God.—R. A. E.

Parker, Kans.

I am more sorry than I can say that I am unable to send any money for West Covina, but I will pray definitely every day. I am bedfast and have such a small amount of Social Security. I do pray for all our Breth-

WMC NAVAHO PROJECT UNDER WAY



Ground was broken on Sunday, June 27, for the new school building to be erected at the Navaho mission as part of a two-year project for the Women's Missionary Council. Following the ceremony on Sunday, two Navaho men began excavating on Monday and the work has been progressing ever since that day. Many volunteers from various churches have been helping with the labor and you will be hearing more about this project in the WMC issue.

Volunteers Danny Blake, Kenny Erickson, and Frank Ruiz, from the First Los Angeles Church, mixing concrete after the excavation was done by the Navaho, Mr. Robert Keetso, on the right. Mr. Hubert Sylvester (center) was assisted by Larry Sandoval, Mary Sala, and Mr. Lee Trujillo in the groundbreaking service. Sixty-five Navahos and the mission staff look on in the bottom picture.

ren work everywhere. It is the church of my choice and I have missed it these many years. Pray the Lord's will for me will be accomplished.—Mrs. M. D.

Winchester, Va.

I was unable to respond to your last two letters and so I am enclosing two extra dollars to make up for them. Please don't take my name off the list. It's such a thrill to get a letter knowing that the Brethren Minute-Men have been called into action to help start another Brethren Church.—Mrs. V. K. O.

ISRAEL CALLS!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

By Bruce L. Button

Each Wednesday evening I leave the mission at 7:15. I spend the next 20 or 30 minutes driving through the Fairfax District of Los Angeles picking up those who are anxious to attend our Bible class. Usually it takes two trips to gather them all up, but even so we do not have *great* numbers. As the folks get in the car we make "small talk" so that all will feel at home. A few minutes before 8 we are in the reading room of the mission ready for the service.

As I glance over the room I see that Mr. Israel, Mr. Rifkin, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Turek are there. These are our Hebrew Christians. Mrs. Israel is also there, as well as Mrs. Neihause, Mrs. Finberg, Mrs. Birnstein, and Mr. Gandell. These are unsaved Jewish people who are interested enough in the message of the Word of God to come to the meeting each week. These are the ones we hope to win to the Lord!

The hymnals have been passed out; Mrs. Button is at the piano. I call for attention and give the page number of the hymn we are to sing. After the singing of the hymn we have prayer and then another hymn. After this I bring the message, "Messiah Is Coming Again!" The attention is excellent! And the message does seem to strike home. I know the Spirit of God is working. Then the message is over and our period of fellowship begins. Mrs. Button goes to the kitchen to prepare coffee and a "snack." I stay in the room listening to the general conversation and at the same time praying for the opportunity to witness to one of the unsaved in that room. Within a few minutes the Lord presents such an opportunity.

As I gather up the Bibles Mrs. Neihause calls to me and says she has a question. I go over and take the chair next to her.

"What is the question?" I ask.

Mrs. Neihause then proceeds to tell how she has just attended the funeral of a young man who was her nephew. Here was a young man on the way to a successful career in the field of law. Here was a man who had a lovely wife and two fine children. Here was a man who had a fine home, car, and all the better things of life. Here was a man of high moral character and great ability. Here was a man in the prime of life, one who would be of great value to his fellow men, an asset to his community.

"Why," she concluded, "would a good God, a just God, permit him to die when there were so many old, infirm people who would welcome death, and so many young no-goods who should be taken by death for the betterment of the community? In fact, if there is a God, why does He permit such things to happen?"

Now from the theological standpoint such a question is not difficult to answer. But many times, at least among the people we deal with, "cold" theology does not hold the complete and satisfactory answer. Thus I find it

necessary to be very tender-hearted when I answer such questions. While I do not deviate from God's revealed truth as found in His word, nevertheless I try to present it in a way that will not repulse the seeker.

In dealing with Mrs. Neihause I first stressed the point that our ways are not God's ways. I tell her that His ways are far above ours and thus His dealings with us often seem to be harsh and even wrong. "We only see the immediate," I tell her; "God sees the over-all picture. He takes not only the immediate circumstance into consideration but he also looks to the result and the end." Then I take her to the third chapter of Genesis and point out how man himself is responsible for sin and how death is the result of sin. I point out how that God did not create sin but rather man committed sin through the exercise of his own free will. I tell her that man was and is a free, responsible person and that God is just when He maintains "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). "This," I tell her, "is what the unsaved sinner can expect at the hand of God. It is because of the holiness and justness of God that we can expect such treatment, for it is what we *all* deserve at any time."

"But," I continue, "God is a very gracious and loving God. It is not His will that any should perish. He gives the open invitation, 'Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved' (Rom. 10:13). Some men respond to this invitation; others reject it. Those that respond are a saved people and have the hope that Paul had and even in the most adverse circumstances they can say with him, 'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose' (Rom. 8:28)."

As an illustration I take her to the Book of Job and demonstrate how God permits the most distressing of circumstances to happen to this man. I point out how through the loss of health, wealth, and family, Job almost lets friends lead him astray; how that in the end Job sees God and realizes some of His eternal purpose and repents in dust and ashes. Then I point out the good which comes from all the misery Job experienced in that he was able to lead his three friends into fellowship with the Lord. Finally, I spoke of how the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning; how he had double of all that he had had before, even to his children; and how the Lord was faithful in this matter.

Then I asked this question: "You wonder how good can come from this young man's death? Let me tell you. It could be the means of causing you to see the need of a Saviour and of a hope beyond the grave. It could result in the salvation of yourself and of your loved ones and his loved ones. You should think on these things, Mrs. Neihause." Her answer encouraged me, for she said, "Why do you think I come to these meetings?"

Be praying for her and for your workers also.

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EVERETT, PA. A building committee has been elected by the Everett Brethren Church to proceed with plans for the construction of a new Sunday-school unit. The average attendance for April through July was 125. The record attendance was 164. Rev. Homer Lingenfelter is pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO. The Northern Ohio District WMC met here on July 26, simultaneous with the district ministerium. Rev. Miles Taber was the host pastor.

ALTOONA (JUNIATA), PA. The Sunday-school attendance is showing a marked increase at the Grace Brethren Church. The average for the first quarter was 120 and for the second quarter of their year, 143. Rev. Ward Tressler is pastor. A new neon sign to advertise the church has been erected.

CHICO, CALIF. Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Jack Simmons are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Brother Simmons is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church.

AKRON, OHIO. Recent improvements at the First Brethren Church include erection of retaining walls around the front of the church and landscaping, and the laying of a new sidewalk. Rev. Harold Etling, national Sunday-school director, former pastor, along with Mrs. Etling were present at the services on July 22. Rev. M. L. Myers is pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Rev. Clair Gartland, pastor of the Pike Brethren Church at Mundy's Corner, is the newly elected moderator of the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

DAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Russell Ward, who recently resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Cleveland, Ohio, has accepted the call of the North Riverdale Brethren Church to become pastor in the near future.

NESBITT, MISS. Rev. Dorsey H. McCay, of Nesbitt; Rev. James Lentz, of Memphis, Tenn.; and Rev. Ellis Tuckers, of Guntown, Miss., have resigned their pastorates because of modernism in the Methodist Church. It was this conference that rejected Jack Shuler as "unsafe leadership for Methodist youth." Rev. Blake Craft, of the North Georgia Conference, was recently "purged" from the Methodist church because of his statements properly charging the church with being modernistic, socialistic, and communistic.

CLEAR LAKE, IOWA. Over 65 decisions for Christ were recorded in the Iowa District youth camp held July 19-24.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Eureka Jubilee Singers will appear on the Winona Lake Conference on Prophecy and the Jews Aug. 30-Sept. 6. Dr. Alva J. McClain and Dr. Paul R. Bauman will be among the speakers.



SPECIAL. The Jan.-Mar. quarter Sunday-school material will cover the Gospel according to John. Dr. Bernard Schneider is the writer of the teacher's quarterly and Rev. Mark Malles the adult quarterly. This will prove to be an interesting study.

WINDOW ROCK, ARIZ. A group of Navaho Indians have sought to defend themselves in the use of the peyote drug on the grounds of religious freedom. The group, members of the Native American Church, testified at the tribal council hearing that the drug is the medium "whereby you see God." They claimed that about one-fifth of the tribe's population use the drug. [Editor: Pray for our missionaries to the Navaho Indians that God will mightily use them in winning such out of sin and pointing them to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is not found through the use of drug, but through faith.]

SIDNEY, IND. The Sidney Brethren Church will have an all-day homecoming service on Aug. 22. This will be the 50th anniversary since the church was built. John Evans is pastor.

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OSCEOLA, IND. Dr. James Boyer was the guest speaker at the Bethel Brethren Church on Aug. 8, and Rev. Lester Pifer on Aug. 15. Rev. Scott Weaver is pastor.

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH. A son, Lloyd Wenard, weighed in at 8 lbs., 1 oz., on July 27 at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Markley.

CHEYENNE, WYO. Rev. Evan Adams was elected moderator of the Midwest District of Brethren Churches held here Aug. 6-8.

DAYTON, OHIO. Final plans for the new building of the First Brethren Church have been approved and they are now in the hands of the architects for completion. Rev. Wm. Steffler is pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH. Plans for the new church building for the View Ridge Brethren Church have been presented to the church. The new building will be erected at 35th Ave. NE. and East 68th St. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

TRACY, CALIF. Contrary to the usual, the First Brethren Church reports that there has been no summer "slump" in their Sunday-school attendance. This church plans to burn their mortgage in October. Rev. Wm. Clough is pastor. It will interest our readers to know that Rev. Clough has completely recovered from his recent surgery.

ALLENTOWN, PA. Rev. William Gray, pastor of the First Brethren Church, has resigned his 8½-year pastorate and accepted the call to become the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Waynesboro, Pa. He will assume his new duties Oct. 1.

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE BOOK OF AMOS

By Rev. Richard Grant
Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

The Book of Amos is a protest and a prophecy against Israel and her neighboring cities during the days of Uzziah and Jeroboam. The writer of the book was a layman, a plain shepherd of Tekoah named Amos. Without dedicating himself to be a prophet, and without even being trained in the schools of the prophets, he was called by the Lord away from his flock to be a prophet, to prophesy against Israel, to announce the approach of divine judgment, and destruction of the kingdom.

Indeed this prophecy of the fall of the kingdom of Israel must have appeared strange in the light of the immediate situation. For the kingdom stood at the summit of its prosperity. Jeroboam had completely overcome the Syrians and restored the original borders of the kingdom. After the power of the Syrians had been broken Israel apparently had no need to fear any foe, for Assyria had not yet arisen as a conquering power. The inhabitants felt themselves perfectly secure in their own might. That feeling of false security was everywhere present. It seems the sinner is always found hiding behind something that does not provide adequate protection. Even the rulers, the intelligentsia, trusted solely in the power of their military might and resources and were concerned only about increasing their wealth by oppressing the poor, and then to spend their time in pleasures and earthly luxuries.

But Amos stood his ground; he fearlessly declared that they would certainly fall victims to the judgment on account of their unrighteousness and idolatry no matter how secure the immediate situation might appear on the surface. Nothing could seem more improbable than the fulfillment of Amos' warnings, yet within 50 years the kingdom was utterly destroyed. Amos not only preached a message of inevitable judgment upon their utter wickedness, but also promised the restoration of the fallen kingdom and its final eternal glorification. Doom was pronounced as inevitable for such a nation that was brazen in idolatry

and reeking in moral rottenness, full of stealing, injustice, oppression, adultery, murder—a land red with blood. But a remnant would be saved from the captivity and return and acknowledge again the kingship of the house of David. But the days would come when the throne of David would be restored, and rule again—not over one nation, but over a world of nations in eternal glory.

IMPENDING JUDGMENT (Chapters 1 and 2).

Amos announces the wrath of the Lord, which will fall on the surrounding peoples. Those nations specifically mentioned by name were Damascus, Philistia, Tyre, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Judah, and Israel. The first six nations mentioned are heathen nations. They are to experience the judgment of God because of their hostility to the people of Israel. They sinned indirectly against the living God by oppressing His chosen people, and thus were fit subjects for punishment. The instrument of punishment would be a flood of wars. The specific instruments were the Chaldeans who unwittingly fulfilled these prophecies by conquering most of these nations and carrying the people away into captivity.

With the announcement that the storm of the wrath of God will also burst upon Judah, Amos prepares the way for passing on to Israel, the principal object of his prophecies. In the case of Judah, he condemns its contempt of the law of its God, and also its idolatry. The punishment which involved Jerusalem being reduced to ashes was carried out by Nebuchadnezzar.

After dealing with these other nations, the prophet's address turns to Israel of the 10 tribes and announces the judgment as irrevocable. Since there was no repentance on the part of the people judgment must necessarily be inflicted. The sins of Israel being judged were injustice and oppression, shameless immorality, and outrageous contempt of the holy God. It seems altogether strange

that those Israelites would not repent in the face of the judgments that Amos was prophesying. There is only one reason they didn't repent. They didn't believe the message that was being proclaimed by the prophet. It is the age-old reason; today it is the same. People will not believe God's message of repentance or judgment.

INDICTMENT OF ISRAEL (Chapters 3-6).

Commencing with his right to predict judgment to the nation on account of its sins, the prophet exposes the wickedness of Israel in general, and then shows the worthlessness of the nation's trust in idolatry, and lastly announces the destruction of the kingdom as the inevitable consequence of the prevailing injustice and ungodliness.

Because God has chosen Israel as the nation best fitted to be the vehicle of His salvation, He must of necessity punish all its misdeeds in order to purify it from the dross of sin and make it a proper vessel of His saving grace.

Israel remains impenitent, and the Lord is thereby compelled to overthrow the kingdom of Israel. The Lord is gracious and longsuffering, but His righteousness and holiness demand retribution upon apostasy.

INFLICTION OF JUDGMENT (Chapters 7-9).

The Lord has done all that His righteousness will permit in trying to cause His people to return to Him. The nation gives adequate evidence that it is self-satisfied, and there is no disposal to return. The Lord is finally forced to overthrow the temple, that the whole nation be buried beneath the ruins. Nevertheless Israel shall not be utterly destroyed, but simply sifted, and the sinful mass be slain. The kingdom promised to David will yet be set up. The Lord Jesus Christ will one day return from heaven to set up a kingdom for the sifted Israelites.

"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

PSALM 33

Today, more than ever, believers are finding it increasingly difficult to live an effective testimony for the Lord. Satan is about his business, trying to divert the Christian from his daily walk through this world—many times, sorry to say, succeeding. Many times the child of God finds it necessary to flee to the Word for spiritual strength during those times of severe trial. There seems to be Scripture verses in the Word which readily offer real help to the soul in time of trouble. Not that all Scripture isn't a source of help, but some verses seem to lend themselves to this ministry more readily than others. Such is the case with Psalm 33. There is a real source of blessing which few ever tap, so for a few moments let's look at the Psalm and try to dig into its wealth.

David was a man loaded down with a burden, yet he could praise the Lord. Look at Psalm 68:19 for a moment. "Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits." How long has it been, Christian, since you praised the Lord for that load? "When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done." Look up, Christian, and smile. Your redemption draweth nigh! Look at the first three verses of this psalm: (1) "Rejoice in the Lord"; (2) "Praise the Lord"; (3) "Sing unto him a new song." Let's look at that phrase, "a new song." You know, you only get out of the Christian life what you put into it. If you enter into it halfheartedly there won't be much joy. So many times when one is called into the service of the Lord, after the novelty has worn away he gets the attitude that "anything is good enough for the Lord." The writer tried that with his seminary education for a while and found himself the loser. We can't expect to play around with the Lord's work and be blessed for it. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might!

How can a child of God praise the Lord when he sees so much sin all around him and there seems to be so

many almost insurmountable barriers in his way? (vss. 4-5). Are you discouraged because a man's word isn't to be trusted? The word of the Lord is right. Are you hurt because you've discovered that some saint in whom you've put confidence has been found with no character? All *His* works are done in truth. Are you shocked because so many of the saints are guilty of loose living? *He* loveth righteousness and truth. Are you standing alone in your testimony. The earth is full of *His* goodness. "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees of which have not bowed unto Baal." Look up, Christian, your redemption draweth nigh!

If I should ask you why you accepted Christ as your personal Saviour, I dare say your answer would be: "Because He is trustworthy." He is the same "yesterday, and to day, and for ever," and you took God at His word. "By the word of the Lord" (vs. 6). He spoke and it was done. You took God at His word; can God take our word; can we be trusted? Many times we wonder why God gives to someone else a task which we feel should have been ours, and they receive our blessing. How about it, friend, could the Lord trust you with it?

There is great comfort in Psalm 3 for the man of God who finds himself in the midst of trouble. David says in verse 5 of this psalm (3:5): "I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me." That is peace that only God can give—deep lasting peace even in the



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midst of turmoil. That peace can belong to every child of God, who simply realizes that "greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

An incident took place a few years ago in the Grace Brethren Church in Hagerstown, Md. The teacher in the primary department of the Sunday school was telling the Easter story to her class. She had finished telling them that Christ died, when all at once a little boy ran out of the room crying as if his heart would break. When he refused to be comforted, they sent for his mother. When she asked what the trouble was, this was his sobbing reply: "Mamma, it's no use to come to Sunday school any more; Jesus is dead. Mrs. — said so. He's dead; they killed Him!" He refused to be comforted until his mother took him back into the classroom and heard Mrs. — explain that God raised Him from the dead. Then, and only then, would he believe it.

Now while this may seem very amusing to some, yet many Christians are in the very same circumstance that this little fellow was in. They do not know that Christ is living. "You ask me how I know He lives; He lives within my heart!" Cheer up, Christian, Christ isn't dead. He's a living Saviour! "I am he that liveth . . . behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen" (Rev. 1:18).

Finally, let's look at the last few verses (18-22) of the psalm. The psalmist is trying to persuade his readers to place their confidence in the keeping power of Jehovah God. I think it can best be summed up in the words of Spurgeon: "To rejoice in temporal comforts is dangerous, to rejoice in self is foolish, to rejoice in sin is fatal, but to rejoice in God is heavenly."

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us according as we hope in Thee. How about it, Christian, is your hope planted in Christ?

The fact that the subject of divine healing is being widely discussed among Christians in America is hardly news to anyone. There is hardly a community in America where either preaching or literature on the subject is not present.

I am not referring to Christian Science, so-called, nor to the occasional books and sermons of modernists which sometimes speak of psychosomatic medicine as if it were divine healing. I am speaking of the movement to restore miraculous divine healing to the church as it is supposed to have existed in the days of Christ's earthly life, and in the days of the apostles.

This problem has a way of coming up periodically. It was so in the Roman Catholic Church of the Middle Ages. It was so in the days of the reformers and later in the pietistic movement (out of which the Brethren Church arose). It was so among many in the revival movements of the 19th century. And it has been true in America and the Scandinavian countries, especially, during the present century. There are a few Brethren who will still remember the inroads of Dowie and the Dowieites of Zion, Ill. Within the last few years many members of established fundamental and evangelistic congregations have been taken away as proselytes to several "healing" evangelists and teachers.

Two things, at least, account for this recurring interest. The first is that like "the poor," the sick, the halt, the maimed, and the ailing "ye have with you always." The Bible has something to say about healing, and it is certainly the right of any believer to try to discover and interpret what it says. The second is that there has always been a latent, and at times very active, feeling in the Christian church that the practices and conditions of the earliest age of the church should be restored. Divine healing, of a miraculous kind, is known to have existed in the early church, hence should exist today, it is argued.

A DEFINITION OF TERMS

Before a sensible discussion of this subject can be carried any further

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there must be a clear explanation of several terms.

Divine healing. Divine healing may be simply defined as a cure of some ailment or disorder of the human body or mind accomplished by the power of God. Man is sick. God heals him. That is divine healing.

However, a little reflection will cause it to be observed that in the broadest sense all healing power is God's. A doctor may prescribe rest as a cure for tuberculosis. But who created and sustains the bodily processes which bring about healing by rest? God. Who sends the rain and gives fertility to the soil, etc., to make the necessary food available? God does. So, in a very real and important sense all healing is divine. Don't ever give Satan credit for healing, either. He is a great evil being and all his works are malevolent in character. He simply isn't in the healing business.

This brings about a necessity for distinguishing between different kinds of divine healing. There is first—

Providential divine healing. When something comes about by divine providence it is understood that it comes about by the ordinary and usual methods of divine operation. It is by laws that have been in continuous operation for long ages past. When a man has brought ill health upon himself by overwork and abuse of his body he may recognize that he has defied these laws and is paying the penalty. If he does, then he may decide to obey the laws by proper rest, sleep, and eating. If healing follows, then it may truthfully be said that the same divine providence that caused his illness also caused his healing.

On the other hand, maybe the man does not soon recover, so he may go to a doctor who may prescribe some medicines, vitamins, and tonics. These, together with the rest, sleep, and good food, may bring him back to good health. But it is still providential healing. The op-

eration of known natural laws brings about the healing.

Let us suppose, then, that the man is a Christian, and the man's case is so extreme that the best the doctor could do for him might not bring about a restoration of health. So a prayer meeting is held for him and God is asked to heal him. However, the man continues to employ the curative means prescribed by the doctor. In the process of time he recovers. It is still true, however, that the healing is of a providential kind. The doctor may know nothing of the prayer meeting and may be an atheist, and will probably claim all the credit and write up the story of his skill in a medical journal for the benefit of the medical profession. The saints, however, will honor God and thank Him for healing their brother. The point is, the hand of God is still veiled—seen only by the eye of faith.

Sometimes a distinction is made between two different kinds of divine providence. One is called general, the other special. To apply this distinction to the above hypothetical cases, it would be said that up to the prayer meeting the healing was all of a *general* providential kind (as far as man can see). The last should be called a *special* providence of God, according to this distinction.

The Bible, church history, and our own experience tell of many of God's operations on the behalf of his people in this way.

A third term which requires our attention is—

Miraculous divine healing. A miraculous divine healing is one in which God acts in a way that is above and different from the normal and usual. God may or may not employ natural means in the performance of a miracle, but for an event to qualify as a divine miracle it must be evident even to *the eye of the unbeliever* that God has acted, or at least some supernatural power has acted. An example is the case of the man born lame and healed by Peter. Openly Peter "took him by the right hand, and lifted him up:

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The Sin Offering

TEXT—LEVITICUS 4:5-13

The sin-offering was a sacrifice of a special kind peculiar to Israel and first mentioned at the consecration of Aaron and his sons (Ex. 29:36).

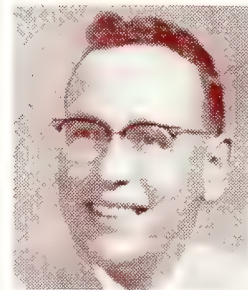
The particular purpose of the sin-offering was to atone for unwitting sins, sins of error, mistakes or rash acts, unknown at the time, but afterwards made known. In Leviticus 4:2 we read that "if a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the Lord concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them," that conduct would furnish sufficient reason for the presentation of a sin-offering. The meaning, of course, indicates that the participant involved has sinned "in error." These sins which are a weakness of the flesh are distinguished from those committed in haughty, defiant rebellion against God and His commandments. The one sinning "presumptuously" was to be cut off from among the people (Num. 15:30).

The object and the effect of the sin-offering were declared to be the forgiveness of sin and cleansing from the contamination of sin. This offering among the Jewish people typified the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross of Calvary as the great sin offering for the sins of the whole world. Thus the presentation of the sin offering presupposed the acknowledgment of sin on the part of the person presenting it. The laying on of hands of the offerer was to typify the transfer of the sin from the individual to the animal as a covering for his impure souls (Lev. 4:4, 14). During the sacrifice, the blood obtained from the slaughter is immediately applied to the holy place, where God is present. And to show that this offering of the blood in the sin-offering is of outstanding importance in the sacrificial act, the blood is here actually placed upon the horns of the altar, which were symbols of power and might. Thus the soul of the individual involved was brought within the full force and efficacy of that divine grace in order that his sins might be atoned for.

Not only did the Israelite realize that he was a sinner in the eyes of the law, but he further recognized the difference of treatment of the sin depending upon the office of the sinner. If the anointed priest sinned, he had to bring a young bullock for sacrifice or atonement and this was also the offering of the whole congregation. However, if a prince sinned, he was to bring a kid of goats or a lamb without blemish. If the common people were involved in a sin, they were requested to bring a she-goat, but if this were impossible, lesser offerings were acceptable, if the sinner was exceedingly poor. Certainly this carries the well-known principle, that the greater the light, the greater our God-given responsibilities. The sin of ignorance on the part of the priest was much more serious than on the part of a prince or an ordinary person. He should have known better as the anointed of God. God is no respecter of persons, and every transgression is recognized as sinful, whether arising from ignorance or wilfulness, whether an act of omission or commission and from when it cometh—whether it be the sin of the anointed priest or that of the average common person. Thus God requires an atonement for those in high places as well as those in the lesser offices. And it need scarcely be added that the atonement of which these sin-offerings were types is that of the Lord Jesus Christ, who "was once offered to bear the sins of many" (Heb. 9:28).

After the acceptance of the blood of the sacrifice at the proper place dependent upon the sinner and the presentation of his particular offering, there followed the acceptance of the best portions of the animal upon the altar, indicating that God is delighted with the accomplished atonement. It has been said, and I believe that it is true, that as far as God was concerned, it was as much a feast as the peace-offering. Certainly God was delighted with this type of reconciliation. May it be remembered that so many times we seem to be more anxious for a reconciliation than God. The actual truth of the matter is that reconciliation begins with God, and it is only by His marvelous grace and mercy that this

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reconciliation is accomplished and He looks down upon us and rejoices with "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

The logical order in the Book of Leviticus is to find the burnt-offering in chapter 1; the meat-offering, chapter 2; the peace-offering, chapter 3; and the sin- and trespass-offerings in chapters 4-5. When the offerings are presented together, the order is changed. First, the sin-offering taught the need of substitutionary atonement in order to have access to God; next, the burnt-offering represented the absolute surrender of man's will to God's will; then the meat-offering declared the loyal submission of the offerer; and then followed the peace-offering, symbolizing the joy that comes to the saint of God who is in communion with God.

May it be remembered that the sin-offering was brought again and again, but, praise His name, in due time there came One who died upon the cross of Calvary making the sin-offering complete once and for all, never to be repeated or continued. And as the Israelite laid his hands upon the sacrifice for the transmission of sin, so we in turn accept by faith believing the eternal Son of God, and may constantly plead the merits of the offering which cannot be renewed. If we fall into sin, we cannot renew the Great Sacrifice typified by the animal sacrifice, but we can come to the throne of grace through His shed blood. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Praise God, He was made sin for us, "who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him"!

Evangelism in the Armed Forces

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How does God work in the United States Army, the Navy, and the Air Force to win souls for Christ? The answer to this question is that sinners everywhere are converted in exactly the same manner, through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, hearing the Word, and responding through confession and conversion to be gloriously born anew. Service people come to Christ in exactly the same manner as others. The process is the same but the methods of evangelization are sometimes different than those used in a civilian community. Three factors have an important bearing upon evangelism in our armed forces and must be understood in evaluating the work in this field.

The Chaplain Himself

Not every chaplain believes in evangelism in the same way as the people of our persuasion. Chaplains represent nearly every recognized religious group on the American scene and are an excellent cross section of our religious life. In one unit there may be a chaplain with a deeply spiritual, Biblical, uncompromising message, while in another there may be only cold formalism, intellectualism, or a social gospel. It is therefore impossible to say that there is any uniformity in our evangelistic program any more than it can be said that there is such uniformity in a given city or town in America. Nevertheless, there are a surprising number of chaplains with a Biblical, evangelical message who are being used of God.

The Situation Itself

It is not always possible to conduct an evangelistic program in the service in the same manner in which it might be done in a civilian church. Fortunately many posts or bases or stations are of a permanent nature and have a set program not unlike that of a civilian congregation. It is possible for him to carry on a normal church program, invite in evangelists, organize prayer bands, workers groups, etc. However, in many cases the chaplain finds himself in a unit where things are far from normal. The constant shifting of units, rotation of personnel, the endless variety of training programs, and the emphasis upon mobility often com-

bine to make the accepted methods of evangelism impractical. The chaplain may discover that he has different people making up his congregation each service. He may be forced to seek out his congregation and conduct services for small groups in training areas, aboard ship, on the firing range or, at times, during combat. Upon these occasions he will have few of the aids to worship that are normally deemed necessary and will be forced to change his methods to fit the occasion.

The Personnel Themselves

It must be remembered that the chaplain, in most cases, deals with a highly restricted age group. Except in a housing area, his people are usually men between the ages of 18 and 35. Evangelism as we normally think of it involves the whole church. The wise pastor begins his program with the small children and enlists support of the congregation as a whole. Family ties, Sunday-school associations, young people's loyalties, and all the other facets of community and church life may be enlisted to aid his program. In the service we discover that the influence of church, home, mother, wife, children, and all the other forces that might tie men to the church have been considerably weakened by time, distance, and the service environment. Because these men are a specialized field for the minister of the Gospel, some of the accepted and traditional methods of evangelism must be altered.

In view of these three factors it becomes necessary for a chaplain who desires to be a soul-winner to carry on his work under circumstances often far different from those encountered in the home church. At times he must abandon the generally accepted methods of evangelism and rely upon the three old-fashioned unromantic programs that are available to any minister regardless of the situation. I refer to the stated worship service, the Bible study hour, and personal soul-winning.

The Stated Worship Service

The armed forces have an established tradition that all soldiers, sailors, and airmen are permitted to attend services on their worship day. This is a respected right and privi-

lege and is protected by regulation. This readymade Sunday audience is the chaplain's great opportunity to evangelize. Chaplains who are Spirit-filled faithful preachers of the Word seldom have scanty congregations. Men will come to the church service if they are given something worth listening to. Many chaplains are finding that this customary time of attending church is a fruitful field of evangelism. Whether in a beautiful base or post chapel, or by the side of a gun position, the Gospel, faithfully preached, followed by a wisely given invitation, produces results for time and eternity.

The Gospel of Christ is still "the power of God unto salvation." Men in the service are as willing to hear and believe as are any other group of people. The quiet reverent attention of a military congregation is a delight to the heart of any minister. This is the method by which many chaplains, without fanfare and public acclaim, without visiting evangelists, choirs, committees and publicity, often without building, an instrument, or even a songbook, are faithfully winning precious souls for the Lord.

The Bible Study Hour

This second program, while sounding somewhat dull and uninspiring, has proven to be an excellent means not only to win converts but to reclaim and hold those who are already believers. The American serviceman loves to talk and argue and may often become interested in an informal gathering. If the chaplain is willing to make a small beginning and struggle through the discouraging early phases of the development of a Bible class or a prayer group, he will discover that he possesses a unique means of winning souls.

One chaplain I know calls his gathering a "discussion club." People come to discuss a variety of subjects and are skillfully drawn into a consideration of Christ as the Saviour. Another chaplain begins his service as a songfest and leads his people into a Bible study. Another has rallied his Christian men into a definite prayer group into which other men are drawn. Since service people in general appear to shy away from religious activities that seem to them to be demonstrative or aggres-

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sive, they are more easily reached by small group meetings such as have been described. The inspiration and fellowship enjoyed in these informal gatherings constitute bright spots for many service people.

The Personal Work Program

By far the most profitable means of evangelism in the armed forces is found in the chaplain's day-by-day program of visitation and personal dealing with individuals. As a member of the commanding officer's special staff the chaplain is expected to have an informed insight into the problems and needs of all members of the command. In many units he is expected to conduct a personal interview with each incoming man. At all times he has perfect liberty to visit any man or to call him into his office for an interview.

This great open field which lies before the chaplain constitutes a challenge that is amazing and startling. He has a responsibility for hundreds of people; they are readily available; they are already looking to him as their spiritual advisor; the authorities provide him with many means to carry on this ministry. This is an open door of service the like of which not every minister is privileged to enter. Chaplains who value this ministry and who witness faithfully are finding that God has provided more opportunities than they are able to take advantage of. This is the ultimate in service. This is the very heart of God's great harvest field.

Many chaplains are quietly, without ostentation, winning men to Christ one by one, mostly by virtue of hard, continuous, prayerful personal work. Men are won and soon leave to return to civilian life or to another assignment. The chaplain goes his way, happy in his service of the Lord. Many chaplains report professions of faith and reconsecrations at nearly every service. In one small unit nearby there are six young men ready, upon their release from service, to enter school in preparation for the Christian ministry. In the midst of all the reports of decaying morals, trouble, and

strife, such encouraging word comes as a welcome change. We should be thankful that there are those in the armed service who are faithful preachers of the Word.

While writing this article I sit at a rickety table in a German pine woods. Jeep and trailer stand nearby and the chaplain's flag flies from a tree above. A few of our men are in their positions nearby while the rest are scattered over an area of a hundred miles. How do I go about attempting to evangelize these men? To hire an evangelist would be out

of the question. Our chapels are many miles away. Our men are busy on a round-the-clock program carrying out the duties of this training exercise. Where should the start be made? What should I do? How is it possible ever to reach any of them with the good news of salvation?

There is only one answer to these baffling questions. The chaplain must meet the need in his own peculiar manner. Perhaps it will be the friendly visit, the proffered Gospel portion or tract, the wise suggestion, the searching question. It is the personal impact, empowered by the Holy Spirit, given authority by a brief Scripture passage, that may be used of God to bring conviction and conversion. This is the program. God help me to be faithful!

THE NATURAL AND THE MIRACULOUS IN DIVINE HEALING

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and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple" (Acts 3:7-8). The next day the unbelieving leaders of the Jews were forced to say "that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it" (Acts 4:16).

EXTENDING THE DISTINCTIONS

These distinctions between two modes of divine operation—by providence and by miracles—may be properly extended to other realms than that of healing.

I have heard it said many times that the birth of every baby is a miracle. I once saw a minister-teacher pluck a leaf from a tree, call attention to its design, and then say, "This leaf is a miracle of God." But he was speaking inaccurately. God's power operates in the birth of every baby, indeed, for "in him we live and move and have our being." It is also true that a leaf manifests in its design the purpose and power of God. But neither of these is a miracle. Both are entirely natural. The laws of nature which brought about both are well known. They are illustrations of God's general providence.

But consider another particular baby. I refer to the baby Jesus. He was born by a miracle. God acted in

a manner above nature and brought about a virgin birth, a birth without a human father. Even an unbeliever must recognize the presence of the supernatural in such an event.

Consider also a particular leaf. When Aaron put a dead rod in the tabernacle and the next day it "was budded, and brought forth buds and bloomed blossoms," that was a miracle.

PRESERVING THE DISTINCTION

Let us be careful in our own use of terms. A minister recently told of how a girl hurt in an auto accident was remarkably healed from her injuries through the ministration of a fine Christian physician. He concluded by saying, with some emotion, "It was a miracle, Bob, nothing else but a miracle." He was proper, of course, in giving God the glory. But it was not a miracle. It was by the divinely blessed use of well-known medical means, and the going forth of direct unseen divine power we may not know. At any rate, the doctor didn't say it was a miracle. And the local bigwigs did not declare that a "notable miracle" had been performed. A truck misses your automobile by inches and you get home safely. Call it divine deliverance but not a divine miracle. The truck driver probably complimented himself on his own good driving. Don't fail to give God the glory.

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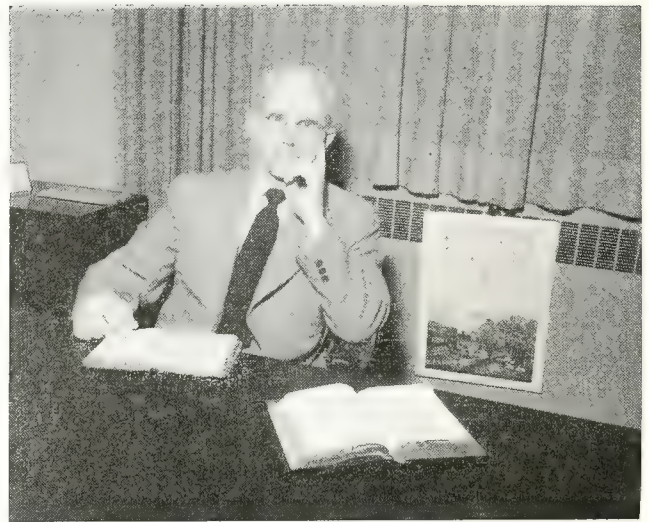
Looking Back Fifteen Years

By Dr. Alva J. McClain

It is easy to forget the history of God's dealings with His people. This is one of the reasons why the Bible calls upon them to "remember." Over and over in the Old Testament the Lord reminds His people of the remarkable events which attended their deliverance from the land of Egypt and the hand of the oppressor.

This year as we assemble at Winona Lake we shall be convening the 15th conference since the local congregations of the Brethren Church began meeting in two separate national conferences. It was in 1939 that delegates from the Ashland group of churches, having gained control of the conference offices by the slender margin of less than a dozen votes, in open violation of the conference rules proceeded to throw out nearly one hundred delegates who were in sympathy with Grace Theological Seminary and opposed to certain liberal tendencies at Ashland College.

As a result of this action, having been wrongfully deprived of their congregational rights, a large number of Brethren pastors and ministers declared the 1939 national conference as an illegal body and issued a call for



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the convening of a national conference which would respect the historic Brethren principle of congregational government and also its own Manual of Procedure. Because 15 years is a long time and memories are short, and because we now have thousands of members and ministers who did not experience those trying times, I feel that it would be a matter of historic interest to reproduce below a copy of that original call with the names of the men who signed it. The reader will also find attached a copy of the action of the 1940 conference which explains the reason for changing the name of the conference.

Important Notice---A Call to All Brethren Churches for a National Conference of the Brethren Church

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1. WHEREAS, the New Testament Scriptures, which, with the Old Testament, constitute the creed of the Brethren Church, teach clearly the principle of congregational church government;

2. AND WHEREAS, the purpose clause of the original charter of the Brethren Church affirms this principle and specifically forbids any action which would interfere with congregational church government.

3. AND WHEREAS, the Manual of Procedure adopted in 1915 by the National Conference recognizes the sovereign rights of all Brethren congregations;

4. AND WHEREAS, in the organization of the so-called "National Conference of the Brethren Church" in 1939, its controlling officers arrogantly and illegally excluded many properly accredited delegates sent by true Brethren churches, doing this by setting up tests of fellowship arbitrarily which are utterly foreign to the New Testament, the denominational charter, and the conference Manual of Procedure, thus deliberately violating the Biblical rule of congregational government which, from the beginning, has been a well-recognized fundamental principle of the Brethren Church.

5. AND WHEREAS, the leaders now in control of the so-called "National Conference of the Brethren Church," in 1939, in open violation of the Biblical and Brethren rule of nonlitigation between its members, have encouraged and aided in a recent lawsuit for the purpose of depriving the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, of its congregational rights and property, openly declaring in court their intention to prove, if possible, that the National Conference has the power over the local churches to change the government of the Brethren Church from its original congregational form to another form and thus bring all Brethren churches and property under its control, causing the distinguished attorney for the defense to declare that "should a majority of the members of the Brethren churches of America be willing to accept the thesis of the opposite counsel in this case, then congregational Brethrenism is at an end";

6. AND WHEREAS, the 1939 so-called "National Conference of the Brethren Church" in countenancing as its leaders, the elders who have dragged their brethren into the courts, has deliberately departed from the Brethren faith, as established in the New Testament and sanctioned by common usage, and has established

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a hierarchy which is utterly foreign to the Brethren Church and which will endanger the congregational liberties and property rights of those churches which participate in its organization;

7. AND WHEREAS, since the so-called "National Conference of the Brethren Church," which is soon to convene at Ashland, Ohio, August 26 to September 1, 1940, will be controlled by the leaders of "the Indiana District Conference of the Brethren Church"; and by "the Southeast District Conference of the Brethren Church"; and by "the Ohio District Conference of the Brethren Church"—all three of which conferences have declared in resolutions adopted by them at their recent (1940) meets, that they do not "consider as members of the Brethren Church," those Brethren churches, ministers, and laymen who fail to support Ashland College and Seminary; and who fail to support the illegally organized (1939) "National Conference of the Brethren Church"; and who fail to support certain boards and district conferences which said leaders autocratically choose to stamp as "loyal"—thus making loyalty to certain man-created organizations and institutions to be a test of continued membership in the Brethren Church—a test utterly without foundation in the Word of God;

8. THEREFORE, WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, issue this call to Brethren churches, elders, pastors, and laymen everywhere, who still hold to the congregational form of church government as adopted by our fathers in 1883; and who still believe that loyalty to Christ and His Word rather than loyalty to some humanly organized board or school furnishes the only true test of that which constitutes a Brethren creed for all faith and practice; and who still hold that "the Message of the Brethren Ministry" is a true, although partial, statement of the teachings of the infallible Word of God—we invite all such to assemble at Winona Lake, Indiana, at 9 a. m., Central Daylight Saving Time, on Tuesday, August 27, 1940, for the purpose of holding a national conference which will recognize the sovereign congregational rights of all Brethren churches without discrimination as set forth in the New Testament and affirmed in the original charter; and which will conduct its deliberations in the Spirit of Christ and in harmony with the New Testament teaching and the rules laid down by the Brethren Manual of Procedure.

Under these rules, which were so flagrantly violated in said illegal 1939 "conference," every Brethren church without discrimination is invited to send one duly certified delegate for every fifty members, or fraction thereof over twenty-five; and to furnish a credential to every elder in good standing, which credential will entitle him to sit as a member ex officio of the national conference.

This call is sent out in humble obedience to that

which we, the undersigned, believe to be the will of God; and with the hope that it will lead all Brethren churches into the paths of Christian love, peace, and harmony. May the Spirit of God, in all things, be given His rightful place as the Administrator of the church of God.

Signed,

Members of the 1938 Executive Committee of the National Conference of the Brethren Church.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

This month we present the pictures of 16 more young men and women who have been accepted as students at Grace College when school convenes on September 9. These young people join those who are coming to Grace from all parts of the country. Pictured from left to right are:

1st row—Jerry Adams, Temple City, Calif.; Suzanne Yager, Berne, Ind.; Roger Pryor, Hagerstown, Md.

2d row—Dona Beam, Johnstown, Pa.; Dale Hostetler, Meyersdale, Pa.; Eleanor Hill, Chicago, Ill.; Thomas Merritt, Ansonia, Ohio.

3d row—Ronald Eckstein, Johnstown, Pa.; the home of Grace Theological Seminary and College; Esther Moeller, Johnstown, Pa.

4th row—Donna Culp, Whittier, Calif.; Donald Hazel, Greensburg, Pa.; Margaret Martin, Wooster, Ohio; John Watts, Glendale, Calif.

5th row—Harry Harris, Meyersdale, Pa.; Dorothy Haight, Trout Run, Pa.; John Sheley, Peoria, Ill.

Other students have sent in their applications, and it now appears that the enrollment in the college division will set a new record. Watch next month's magazine for an account of the registration in both college and seminary.

THE CONFERENCE ACTION CHANGING THE NAME

August 31, 1940

Inasmuch as confusion has been created in the minds of the public concerning the title, "The General Conference of Brethren Churches," because of certain unfortunate events and conditions which have arisen, for which we feel we are not responsible; and to remove this confusion:

We hereby recommend that this 51st General Conference of Brethren Churches amend the Manual of Procedure by substituting the title, "The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches," for the title, "The General Conference of Brethren Churches," wherever found in said Manual of Procedure

In this action we do not in any manner or degree yield our claim to being the regularly and legally organized 51st General Conference of Brethren Churches, nor do we make any change in the status thereof.

We further hold that The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is the continuation of the same organization as that previously known as "The General Conference of Brethren Churches," under the new name, "The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches," as that referred to in the articles of that Ohio Corporation known as The Brethren Church, which was incorporated in the year 1883.

We Too... Have Chosen Grace College

(SEE FRONT COVER FOR PICTURES)

From Berne, Ind.—

Since I have recently dedicated my life to the Lord, I have decided to further my education in a Christian college. I have chosen Grace College because it is a fundamental school. I also feel that it offers what I desire more in Christian work.—*Suzanne Yager.*

From Glendale, Calif.—

When I stepped forward in October 1950 and made a public stand for Christ I found the joy and happiness only offered through the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. As I look around the world of sin and corruption today, which is ever increasing, I have that heartfelt desire to tell others of the wonderful salvation the Lord offers to anyone who will accept Him. Realizing that no man can efficiently carry on two businesses simultaneously, my wife and I are dedicating our lives to the Lord's work. It is with this dedication that we desire to go on to Winona Lake this fall, where I can fully prepare to serve Him through the pulpit ministry.—*John G. Watts.*

From Temple City, Calif.—

For a long time I was undecided as to where to go to college. I wanted to go into Christian service and so I sent an application to the college where I thought I could get the best training in the field where I feel the Lord is leading (music and youth work). Soon I began to doubt my decision, and so remembering God's promise in Psalms 32:8 I went to prayer. Before long I began to see the many advantages to be found at Grace, such

as being taught in a Brethren school by Brethren people, thus assuring myself of a firm denominational foundation, free from modernism and liberalism. The Lord has been my guiding light for many years and has never failed me, so I'm looking forward to a wonderfully new type of life at Grace College.—*Gerry Adams.*

From Peoria, Ill.—

It has been said by many students that no person could be called to a different college once they had attended a truly evangelical school. I cannot fully agree with such a statement, for I have come from a big evangelical school. Yet I believe the Lord has definitely guided me in the choice of Grace for my last year of college. I have heard of its thoroughly Scriptural stand on all the great doctrines. I have also heard of their personal desire to help every student individually. Coming from a big university it will mean much to attend classes which are not overcrowded. I look forward to this more personal interest and attention in the classroom and in private conferences with my teachers.—*John G. Sheley.*

From Trout Run, Pa.—

All last year I was trying to choose a place for my further training. I was undecided as to the Christian college the Lord wanted me to attend. Then He provided for me a plan to earn my way through Grace. I thank Him that He led me here where I can get an education with Christian teaching.—*Dorothy Haight.*

From Meyersdale, Pa.—

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." I plan to come to Grace so that I may better prepare myself for this work. I've chosen the school because of its reputation as a fine Christian college. I know my stay will be enjoyable and profitable because of the fine Christian atmosphere that exists here.—*Harry R. Harris.*

From Meyersdale, Pa.—

Some young people from our community have been attending Grace College and they told me of their satisfaction in choosing the school. I felt the need for a college with a thoroughly Christian atmosphere where Christian standards are taught and where I can have fellowship with Christian young people. After considering other colleges I decided that Grace was the institution I should attend.—*Dale C. Hostetler.*

From Ansonia, Ohio—

Since the day I was saved, I have endeavored to follow the leading of the Lord in all the decisions of my life. In considering a place for my further education, I felt that God was leading me to attend Grace College. To confirm this I made a trip to Winona Lake and was delighted with what I found at the school. I consider it an honor to have been accepted at such a spiritual place, and I am surer than ever as to the Lord's leading.—*Thomas W. Merritt.*



HAVE YOU GOT A TRUCK?

Perhaps the above title will be misleading. What we really want to know is whether you have a truck that you will give to *Grace Seminary*. The seminary has been getting along for the past three years with a 1936 Ford pickup that we bought for \$150. But it is about ready to give up the ghost, which is not surprising, considering its age. If any of our friends feel led to help us out, we shall be glad for anything—used or new, Ford, Chevrolet, or what have you? The regular pickup type will be the most useful for our purposes.—*A. J. M.*

112 NEW STUDENTS COMING

As the magazine goes to press a total of 112 new students have been notified concerning their admission to the fall classes of Grace Theological Seminary and College. These will meet with the returning students when the school convenes on September 9. Of the new students, 62 have been enrolled in the seminary division and 50 in Grace College.



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PEACE OF MIND

By Prof. S. Herbert Bess

The world is very much occupied today with the subject of peace. How to achieve peace among the nations might be considered the most popular topic, but there are also many people vitally interested in the acquirement of peace of mind in this troubled age. The Word of God plainly states in Isaiah 26:3-4 how peace may be had: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."

The above words are selected from a song which the people of Israel shall some day sing when they have learned to trust in the Lord. These words are primarily concerned with them, and describe an experience which they shall know in the future. This fact is seen from the use of the expression "that day" in verse 1, which is almost a technical term as used by the prophets, and which refers to the Day of the Lord. Examination of the preceding context also points to a time in the future. See Isaiah 24:19-20 and 25:8-9, but observe especially 24:23, wherein the same phenomena with respect to the moon and sun are predicted as are prophesied by the Lord Jesus in Matthew 24:29. It is clear that Israel still faces a time of great tribulation exceeding in intensity any of the fiery trials through which she has already gone. After the trial is over and the remnant of Israel emerges as a converted people, they shall lift to God the strains of this song which so beautifully expresses the source for real peace of mind.

There are, however, truths in the above-quoted passage which may be applied today to individuals who have placed their confidence in the living God.

Faith in Jehovah Is the Secret to Peace of Mind.

The fact is obvious from the first reading of the passage, but it may be brought out emphatically by a mere literal translation of verse 3 from the Hebrew Bible. Rendered as literally as possible, the verse would read as follows: "The mind that is stayed [on thee] thou wilt keep in peace, peace; because it is reposed in thee." Observe that the pronoun "him" is missing from the text; it is the mind itself over which God acts as the guardian for those who trust in Him.

The words "stayed" and "reposed" both appear in the passive voice with the seeming intent of stressing a state of being rather than an action. The word "stayed" may be illustrated by referring to the way the same word is used in Exodus 29:10. There, in describing how a sin offering was to be offered, Aaron and his sons were directed to put (stay, Hebrew) their hands upon the sacrificial beast. In the same way that their hands were to rest upon the head of the intended victim, so our minds are to come to rest upon Jehovah, the God of our salvation.

The result of having so placed our confidence in Him is an inexpressible peace. The Hebrew writer sought to indicate the exceptional quality of this peace by writing the word twice—"peace, peace." Our English version has tried to capture the idea by translating the expression "perfect peace."

"Peace" was a frequent word to the ancient Hebrews;

they greeted each other with the word. But to use such a greeting was more significant than it might appear. When the Hebrews wished peace to one another they meant more than just the absence of strifes and tensions; they also meant prosperity, health, soundness, and well-being. So it is with the peace of mind that God gives. Not only are the tensions lacking, but there is soundness and well-being besides. How urgently people of the world need to know this truth today. Harrassed by a thousand discordant and conflicting influences, they are often in a very distressing state of mind. But Jehovah gives peace. In the language of the New Testament: "Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).

The Character of Jehovah Merits the Faith That Brings Peace.

In verse 4 of our passage there is a most exceptional emphasis on the divine name. As you can see from the English version, the name of the deity occurs three times. Comparison with the Hebrew text, however, discloses that it is the same name in every case. A literal translation would read: "Trust ye in Yahweh unto eternity, because in Yah Yahweh is the rock of ages." Thus in this passage the name Jehovah occurs three times, twice in the full form and once in the shortened form of the name.

The significance of the name Jehovah inspires our trust. The name derives from the word "to be," and thus designates "He who is" (see Ex. 3:14-15). To the Hebrew people Jehovah was not "He who is" in the purely abstract sense of eternal existence. Rather, He was the One who continually brought himself into historical relation with them through revelation. Jehovah was always revealing himself to His people as the One who is. He therefore contrasted sharply with the gods of the heathen, who lacked objective reality. Furthermore, the name Jehovah was especially linked to the covenant relationship which God had with His people. Use of the name Jehovah always testified that His people had in Him a future.

It follows therefore that the name Jehovah inspires us with the thoughts of His immutability and unfailing faithfulness. The Lord himself drew this significance out of the name in Malachi 3:6: "For I am the Lord [Jehovah], I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."

The last phrase of verse 4 speaks of Jehovah as the rock of ages. Our English version, in translating the phrase "everlasting strength," caught the meaning of the expression but obscured the beauty of this poetic figure. Truly our Lord is the rock of ages, stable and unchanging. We can put our trust in Him and know that we shall be secure in Him. Because of what Jehovah is, we may trust Him, and when we trust Him he gives peace, perfect peace.

"Stayed upon Jehovah hearts are fully blessed,
Finding as He promised perfect peace and rest."

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The Supreme Need of the

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean, Grace Seminary

Time was when education in this land for the children and young people of Christian communities was exclusively under the direction of men and women who were not only Christian, but who were also controlled by a Christian philosophy, following Christian principles, and employing Christian methodology. But so far as the public-school system is concerned, those days are gone. This was inevitable, and especially so since Satan has ready access and works with greater ease within the sphere of the world where every system of philosophy is tolerated and freedom for every religion is maintained.

During the past century there has been a gradual but effective secularizing of education in the public schools so that today it is almost if not altogether impossible to find any remaining vestige of Christian truth in the field of education. The Christian philosophy as set forth in the Bible has disappeared, and in its place an evolutionary and humanistic philosophy has appeared, so that now even genuine Christians who have taken their preparation for teaching under such guidance are incapable of doing effective Christian teaching. Christian principles that once motivated the classroom have been supplanted by purely human principles, good as far as they go perhaps, but definitely earthly, and bound to deteriorate, and thus falling short of producing Christian character and thinking. Even the methodology that

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the young minds entrusted to their care, giving the Christian interpretation to the vast stores of knowledge concerning his world, which is God's world.

GRACE SEMINARY GIFTS FOR JULY 1954

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Beaumont, Calif.	4.00	Norwalk, Calif.	81.25
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KITTANNING, PA. The First Brethren Church dedicated a new Hammond organ on Aug. 10. Guest organist was Mrs. Paul Dick, of Winchester, Va. Rev. Wm. Schaffer is pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Mr. Abe Bowman, a member of the First Brethren Church and a staunch supporter of our Brethren institutions, just passed his 93d birthday July 28.

WATERLOO, IOWA. The new phone numbers of the Grace Brethren Church are Adams 4-8473 and the parsonage is Adams 3-9516. Please change annual. Rev. Richard DeArney is pastor. Since June 1, Rev. DeArney has been the speaker on the "Call of the Cross" broadcast over KNWS. This program has been on the air for 14 years and is sponsored by the Call of the Cross Broadcasting Association.

FILLMORE, CALIF. Rev. Arthur Currier was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Aug. 1. Rev. Maxwell Brennenman is pastor.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH. Rev. Earl Funderburg, who recently resigned as pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich., was the guest speaker at the Grace Brethren Church. About Sept. 1, Rev. Funderburg will become pioneer pastor of the new work in Ozark, Mich. Rev. Robert Griffith is pastor here.

ALTOONA, PA. Rev. Clair Gartland, pastor of the Pike Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., was elected moderator of the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

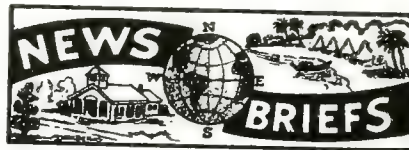
WHITTIER, CALIF. The Community Brethren Church expects an enrollment of 150 in their Christian elementary day school this September. Rev. Ward Miller is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. During the last 10 years the work of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church has expanded from 27 missionaries to 88, and the number of fields from 2 to 6.

CHICAGO, ILL. The first annual Mid-America Keswick will be held at Moody Church from Oct. 23-30.

NEW TROY, MICH. Rev. Earl Funderburg is the newly elected moderator of the Michigan District Conference of Brethren Churches.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Mr. Mark Jury, executive secretary for the Fort Wayne area of the American Red Cross, set aside his busy schedule during July and assisted as athletic director and lifeguard at the Michigan district camp.



WINCHESTER, VA. Marion Brill, Kenneth Armstrong, and Kenneth Sanders were recent speakers at the First Brethren Church. Rev. Paul Dick is pastor.

YORK, PA. The formal dedication of the new building of the Grace Brethren Church was conducted Aug. 15. Rev. Leo Polman, pastor of the Temple City (Calif.) Brethren Church, was the speaker. Rev. Leo Polman is the father of Rev. Gerald Polman, pastor of the York church.

ASHEVILLE, N. C. (RNS). Evangelist Billy Graham, resting here from his recent hospitalization, has decided to return to England next

spring for a three-to-four-months preaching campaign.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Churches are requested to forward to the Brethren Missionary Herald the reports of the recent Missionary Herald offering. Please list the names and addresses of all those who gave \$5 or more.

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL. More than 1,500 delegates are expected to attend the 7th World Conference on Evangelism to be held here Apr. 17-24, 1955, which will be sponsored by Youth for Christ International.

DAYTON, OHIO. According to Rev. Caleb Zimmerman, national statistician, 84 churches showed numerical gain, 47 showed losses, and 10 remained static for the year ending Dec. 31, 1953. The actual net gain was less than one-half the net gain of 1952.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (E/P). Dr. Harold Ockenga, pastor of historic Park Street Congregational Church in Boston, has announced his resignation in order that he might devote his full time to Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

NEW YORK (E/P). Word has been relayed by the Christian and Missionary Alliance foreign mission secretary's office from missionaries in Buenos Aires, Argentina, that tremendous revival is on in that country. Crowds up to 10,000 have attended the campaign which started Apr. 14. Hundreds have acknowledged Christ as their Saviour. The 40,000 Bible and Testament supply was quickly exhausted. A 100,000-seat stadium was secured to accommodate the crowd. When the Catholic priests denounced the meetings at the masses, people arose to testify for the meetings. More than 80,000 convert cards have been signed.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Speaker
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	Sept. 5-10.....	Richard Grant....	R. I. Humbert.
Davenport, Ia....	Sept. 7.....	Richard Grant....	R. I. Humbert.
Garwin, Ia.....	Sept. 12.....	Paul Miller.....	R. I. Humbert.
Hagerstown, Md..	Sept. 15-19.....	Russell Weber....	Wm. Mierop.
Conemaugh, Pa..	Sept. 19-24.....	Stanley Hauser...	Miles Taber.
Portland, Oreg...	Sept. 20-Oct. 3..	Vernon Harris....	Crusade 2 (Lynn).
M'dy's C'rner, Pa.	Sept. 20-Oct. 3..	Clair Gartland....	Wm. Steffler.
Grafton, W. Va...	Sept. 26-Oct. 10.	Lee Crist.....	Bill Smith.
Martinsburg, Pa..	Oct. 17-31.....	Gerald Teeter....	Bill Smith.
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	Oct. 5-17.....	Richard Grant....	Richard Jackson.
Yellow Creek, Pa.	Oct. 12-24.....	Sheldon Snyder...	Mark Malles.

National Fellowship at Portland, Oregon—August 10-17, 1955

Trouble?

Will the Lord help us out of trouble when we get into it by our own spiritual failure?

This is a problem which strikes close home to most of us, for usually our troubles are the result of our own sin or stupidity or lack of faith. In such a situation, dare we expect that the Lord will hear a cry for help?

At first glance Psalm 34 seems to have no connection with this line of thought. It is a confident testimony to the fact that the Lord does hear our cry for help, and does deliver. But there is not a word in all the psalm which indicates what kind of trouble David was experiencing. The assurance of divine protection and deliverance seems purposely to be general, as if to include any and all troubles.

When we take note of the title to this psalm, however, we see the somber background. "A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech." Looking back in the historical record to I Samuel 21:10-15 we find that David is in trouble down in Gath of the Philistines. What is he doing down there? He had become a popular hero, famous for his slaying of the Philistine giant Goliath, honored with a position of service near to his king, Saul. But Saul has turned against him in jealousy and he has had to flee for his life. So he takes the sword of Goliath and goes down to a city of the Philistines. Like Abraham and others before him, he allows the fear of man to obscure momentarily his faith in God, and he resorts to his own trickery and ingenuity to protect himself, pretending insanity to escape from his enemies.

In this psalm David is looking back at the sorry mess he was in and pouring out his gratitude and testimony for the way the Lord has delivered him. Notice there is not a word of the incident of the escape; he dwells only on the fact of the Lord's goodness in providing the undeserved deliverance. As Spurgeon says, "David played the fool with singular dexterity, but he was not so real a fool as to sing of his own exploits of folly." Here, by the way, is a lesson for us. When we would witness to the Lord's work in us, it is

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not necessary nor proper to parade our sins before others as though we were proud to tell of them. David spoke of God's goodness, not of his own badness.

If it seems a little difficult to follow a connected trend of thought through this entire psalm, remember that it is an *acrostic*. The first verse begins with the letter "A," the second with "B," then "C," and so on (of course, using the Hebrew alphabet). In general, there are two parts. Verses 1-10 constitute a *hymn* of praise and testimony, in which he invites his companions to join. Verses 11-22 seem to be more of a *sermon*, in which he teaches the great lesson that the way of blessedness is the way of righteousness. As I read through it again, certain verses stand out as worthy of special note.

Verses 4 and 6 are forthright declarations of his own experience. Can we testify of the same thing?

Verse 5 seems a bit awkward in the way it is phrased. The first word, "they," may be understood like our use of the same word in such a sentence as, "They say that it is going to rain." Who are "they"? Folks in general. "Folks in general, people who have looked to the Lord, have been heard, and He saved them out of all their troubles. Now I have experienced it also, for myself."

Verse 7 reminds us of that experience of Genesis 32:1-2 when Jacob saw the angels of God encamped around his own camp and was en-

Confusion?

PSALM 34

couraged, naming the place "Two Camps." Where God's people are camped, there is always a second camp, of God's hosts, round about. David, now a fugitive in the cave of Adullam, is conscious that "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." We know more clearly than David who that Angel of the Lord is, and we have His word, "Lo, I am with you alway."

Verse 8 is an invitation that still stands, calling to all who are dissatisfied with the fare the world offers. "Try Him; He satisfies."

Verses 8-10 give us three expressions which are used to describe the man of God, marking characteristics which are ever true of such. "The man that trusteth in him" points to his faith. "Ye his saints" speaks of consecration. "They that seek the Lord" remind us of real aspiration.

Verses 11-14 teach us the secret of true blessing and full life; they are inseparably connected with righteousness and godliness.

Verses 15-22 compare and contrast the righteous and the wicked, much in the same way as does Psalm 1.

Now, let us read this psalm again. And in the midst of our troubles, even though they may have come upon us because of our own faults, let us show the same confidence in the Lord as David did. Then we can join him also in verse 1, "I will bless the Lord at all times."



By DR. JAMES L. BOYER
Grace Theological Seminary
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"IT'S THE OREGON TRAIL TO
PORTLAND IN '55"

LITTLE is known concerning the personal history of Zephaniah beyond the two facts in the first verse of his prophecy, the first bearing on his ancestry and the second on the period of his ministry.

That Zephaniah was the great-grandson of Hezekiah is the only adequate explanation of the prophet's departure from the usual custom of mentioning only the father in his superscription. Therefore, being of royal blood, his denunciation of various princes of the land is all the more significant.

The Old Testament records the story of the rise and fall of the Hebrew nation, but the prophets belong to the days of the fall—the dark days. About 50 years have elapsed since Nahum, and Hezekiah has been succeeded by three of his descendants. Manasseh, the first descendant, was a wicked king and set up the immoral and idolatrous worship of the surrounding heathen nations. He even went so far as to set up idols “in the house of the Lord” (II Ki. 21:4). “Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much” (II Ki. 21:16). Jewish tradition says that Isaiah was murdered during his reign. The worship of Molech, which involved human sacrifice and especially child sacrifice, was established while Manasseh was king.

Of Amon, the next descendant, the Scriptures say that “he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them” (II Ki. 21:21). Therefore idolatry and moral degeneracy prevailed when Josiah, the third descendant, began to reign at eight years of age. When only 16 years old Josiah began to seek the Lord, and when he was 20, he began a reform movement destroying all idol worship and restoring worship of the true Jehovah. Josiah's reformation took place between the 12th and 18th years of his reign or about 628-622 B. C. There is no doubt that Zephaniah played a great part in the reformation and it is probable that Zephaniah uttered his message before Josiah's reformation had occurred. These deliverances of the prophet had, no doubt, a decided influence upon the reformation work of the pious Josiah.

ZEPHANIAH

By REV. ARCHER BAUM

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The first division (1:2-2:3) of Zephaniah's prophecy contains a denunciation of vengeance against Judah and those who practiced idolatrous rites; Baal, his black-robed priests (Chemarims), and Malcham (Moloch) being condemned. The key verse of this chapter is verse 2, which gives us the general theme, namely, that God will consume all things from off the land. Zephaniah specifically applied this theme to Judah and to Jerusalem and to all that is found there, man and beast, even the royal seed (1:3-13). After this vivid description of the coming punishment Zephaniah announces that the day of the Lord is near, a terrible day which he describes in agonizing terms of great force. In the closing section (2:1-3), the Lord in mercy appeals to them to repent and seek the Lord.

In the second division (2:4-15), Zephaniah predicts the judgments about to fall on the Philistines, those especially of the seacoasts (Cherethites), the Moabites, Ammonites, and Ethiopians, and describes the desolation of Nineveh. Zephaniah reproves the heathen nations for their sins and thus leaves them without plea when the wrathful day of the Lord comes. Zephaniah reveals to them and to us that the sovereign disposition of the destinies of nations lies in the hands of Jehovah and that His punishment is certain to fall upon the people or nations who have maltreated His chosen people.

In the third division (3:1-20), the prophet arraigns and pronounces a woe upon Jerusalem, but concludes with promises of her restoration in the latter day.

To quote Dr. James M. Gray: “Coincidence of expression between

Isaiah and Zephaniah are frequent, and still more between Zephaniah and Jeremiah. It may be added that the predictions of Jeremiah complete the view here given of the devastation to be effected by Chaldea in Philistia and Judah.”

The Prophet Joel predicts (Joel 3:2) the gathering of the gentile nations to judgment at the end of the present age of grace. In Zephaniah 3:8 it will be observed that Zephaniah is in complete agreement with Joel concerning this. In verse 9 we see these peoples (Revised Version) or nations, that is, the spared and sifted remnant of them, converted to God and serving Him with a ready will. In verse 10 the nations are bringing the sons of Israel back to their own land. In verses 11 to 18 the forgiven, cleansed, and rejoicing nation of Israel is seen dwelling in their own land.

Many centuries ago Jehovah promised Abraham that all the families of the earth would be blessed in him. This was foretold also in the millennial psalms. In verses 19 and 20 we find the restored nation of Israel a blessing in the whole earth. We look forward in faith to that day. Careful meditation of verse 17 will be rewarded by a rich spiritual truth. The old marriage covenant between the Lord and Israel is here pictured as wonderfully restored (Isa. 62:5; Hos. 2:19): the husband is rejoicing in his wife, resting in his love and joying over her with singing. “Rest,” according to Dr. Gray, “is translated in the margin ‘be silent’ and this silence of Jehovah towards His people is no longer the silence arising from forbearance in order to punish at last (Psa. 50:21), but because He has nothing more to reprehend.”

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A HEART FOR SOULS!

EVANGELISM

Man lives a total of 25,000 days, more or less. Of all these days there is a great day of decision that marks the shape of destiny. That day is *now*. Grace is offered *now*. Christ is available *now*.

In II Corinthians 6:2 Paul writes, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." His argument, the Gospel *now*! That is, the present time is the only proper time to accept the grace of God.

Let's look into the grace of God and there see some words that are imperative.

The Greatest Word in the Bible Is "God."

The Bible does not prove God's existence—merely states it and takes it for granted. "In the beginning God" (Gen. 1:1). Men try to live as if there was no God. They pass Him over and ignore Him. God is an inconvenience to them. Men think it is most decent to keep silent about God. Yet the greatest word is "God." One of these coming days, whether men like it or not, they will have to face Him and then the judgment.

A teacher asked a class once, "Where is God?" One boy replied, "In heaven." Another said, "Everywhere." And still another said, "God is here." Yes, God is omnipotent. He is everywhere and you cannot and will not escape Him.

The Sweetest Word in the Bible—"Love."

Oh, the measure of Christ's love! Speaking of His wonderful love one has said, "Put the beauty of 10,000 paradises like the Garden of Eden into one; put the trees, all the flowers, all perfumes, all colors, all tastes, all joys, all sweetness, all loveliness into one"—what a wonderful thing it would be. And yet it would be less to that wonderful Saviour of ours, Christ Jesus, than one drop of rain to all the seas, rivers, lakes, and fountains of 10,000 earths. Now for God to bestow the mercy of mercies—the most precious thing in heaven or earth, upon poor sinners, *what manner of love is this?*

"God so loved the world" (John

3:16). "Love," the sweetest word in all the world.

The Tenderest Word in the Bible—"Come."

Isaiah 1:18 states, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

It is scarcely possible to conceive of such love and mercy of God. If it were not found in the Bible, the Word of God, we might justly doubt their truth. God speaks. A Being infinitely happy and glorious in himself. He needs not, on His own account, the return of the sinner to himself. Besides, God is the offended party. And yet God says, "Come!"

God stoops to ask reconciliation with poor sinful man, the rebel, the traitor against heaven. "Come and let us reason." God wishes to have your state and condition tested by reason. He gives you an opportunity of self-defense. God is willing to hear your arguments, motives, etc. Will you *come* and reason with Him?

The Largest Word in the Bible—"Eternity."

Think of it—a man separated from His Maker forever and ever. Eternity hath neither beginning nor end. Time has both. Eternity comprehends in itself all years, all ages, all periods of ages, and differs from time as the sea differs from the rivers. The sea never changes place, and is always one water, but the rivers glide along, occasionally changing their course and finally are swallowed up by the sea. So time is swallowed up in eternity.

The Shortest Word in the Bible—"Now."

What momentous issues depend upon the proper use of the present moment! *Now* will you come to God and reason with Him? What

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WORDS THAT ARE IMPERATIVE



By REV. LEO POLMAN

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will you say? You cannot plead ignorance. You have seen the evil of your way. You cannot plead that it is not necessary. For the Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." And death is one certainty for that one without Christ.

Now or Never!

You may be a blasphemer like Peter, or a persecutor like Paul, or blind like Bartimeus, self-righteous like Nicodemus, a doubter like Thomas, only a taxgatherer like Zaccheus, poor like Lazarus, as unclean as a leper, as unworthy as the centurion, far from God like the prodigal, as cruel as the Philippian jailer, or vile as the woman of Samaria, or a church member like Crispus. You may be one like these or all of these—but God, the sweetest Lover, speaks with the tenderest word "*come*" and promises eternity, if you will come to Him—*now*!

These all found Christ and were saved. What will you do with Him, now?

ADVENTURE

THE OLD WOMEN'S SONG

By Ruth Samarin

Toto's sharp knife chopped the coca leaves into green ribbons. She watched her own work with approval until her mother's voice spoke, "Chop them again, Toto. They're not cut small enough." Toto tossed the green pile over and began again. Her mother put the little black pot on the fire and began to blow the smoldering wood into red flames. Toto dumped the finely chopped leaves into the pot and mixed them with amber palm oil. Then Toto ran off to find her father to tell him that food was ready.

As she playfully chased a spotted goat down the road she sang, "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there." The missionary had just taught it to them last Sunday and now everyone was singing it. The spotted goat disappeared behind a house, but Toto continued on to the market. Before she reached the first stall she paused to breathe deeply. The fragrant smell of roasting meat tickled her nose. Around a small fire she saw a circle of sticks covered with meat. She knew each hunk of meat had been rolled in peanut oil and then set close to the fire to brown. "Only three patas," smiled the merchant. "What day do I have three patas?" laughed Toto in return.

Her father was not by the tailor's stall nor was he by the place of the dried fish. She pushed into the crowd around the butcher's table.

With a flourish the butcher wiped his apron and then cut a hunk of meat for a waiting customer. "You cheat; give me more!" shouted the customer. Toto pushed out of the crowd again. It would be fun to watch the bargaining, but she should really find her father.

"Where are you going?" a familiar voice called. "I'm looking for my father, Marie." "He's at the chief's house; one of the chief's wives died,"



volunteered her friend. Toto had heard the death wail all morning, so now she turned her steps toward the sound. Back through the market, past the familiar smells and on down the road she went 'til she neared the chief's house. Then she saw the old women swaying to the mournful song as they sang and slowly clanked their rattles. They moaned their song sadly, singing, "Where has she

gone, oh where has she gone?" This was a familiar song to Toto, but now for the first time she understood what the words meant. "Why," she thought in amazement, "they don't know where she's gone."

She pushed her way into the crowded house. The only light was the small wood fire. Soon she could make out the face of the chief and his relatives and finally her father. "Father," she whispered, "is the chief's wife in that box?" But before he could answer she whispered loudly again, "And why are there two holes in the box?" "Be still, Toto! Those holes are so she can see out to find her way to heaven," replied her father. Toto knew better than to speak again and yet she loved Jesus and she knew that those holes were useless. She wished she could tell them that they should find the way to heaven before they died. Jesus had made the way to heaven if only the old chief and his wives would listen.

Toto's father took her hand and together they went out the door of the hut. The old women were still chanting, "Where did she go, oh where did she go?" Toto turned to her father. "I know a better song," and so she sang, "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there." This time her father did not tell her to be still. He listened thoughtfully as he and Toto walked home for their dinner of coca leaves and palm oil.

BLESSINGS AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

On Sunday evening, August 1, Rev. Walter Lepp, Rev. Charles Bergerson, and Bro. Frank Coffin completed three weeks of evangelism with the First Brethren Church of Lyndhurst (Cleveland), Ohio.

We praise God for His many blessings during this campaign, as our lives were encouraged, deepened, strengthened, and uplifted by the splendid music and preaching of these men. Two decisions to accept Christ as Saviour were made: 23 for renewed and more faithful fellowship with Christ; and five gave their

lives completely to Christ for service. These decisions gave us wonderful victory, even though we did not see all our prayers answered. There is renewed vigor in Bible reading, prayer, and witnessing for Christ, which will result in a more powerful church to the winning of souls, plus many new family altars established and several revived.

As pastor I would like to give personal praise to the Lord for the splendid fellowship enjoyed with these men, for their fine spirit of cooperation in the campaign, plus the many, many hours of hard work they put in calling with me in the

community and among our own people. Their ministry was of great spiritual profit to me.

The musical ministry of the team is exceptional and was of great attraction as well as providing splendid preparation for preaching the Word of God. Brother Lepp did an outstanding job of presenting the claims of Christ clearly, powerfully, and positively, yet in simple fashion. —Rev. R. M. Ward, pastor.

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HELL: *This Life or the Next?*

The question as to whether hell is merely the suffering of our present life or a place of eternal torment which the unsaved enter after death could never be raised by men who still believed the Bible, or placed any confidence in the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Bible, and the teachings of Jesus in particular, is very specific in what it has to say about hell. God has not left man to mere speculation about existence beyond the grave. Man need not be ignorant about hell.

A man who is identified only as a "renowned British clergyman" has made the following public statement on hell: "I am sure there is a hell on earth. Basically, hell is to be the child of God and be without God. A lost child who desperately wants his father and cannot find him is desperately miserable. That's what hell is. Whether there is a hell as a state after death is a question upon which Christians differ." (Quoted by Rev. Paul B. Smith, "Why Worry About Hell?" in *Sword of the Lord*, July 3, 1953.)

If this statement is true, then the only people who suffer hell's torments are the children of God, and the only reason they suffer is that they are seeking God and cannot find Him. Those who care nothing for God would never know what it means to be "desperately miserable" because of not being able to find Him. Thus this "renowned clergyman" would apparently put the saints in hell and the sinners in heaven. What a shocking perversion this is of the whole doctrine and purpose of hell! Hell itself will be the better populated through such doctrine.

I. *Hell Cannot Be the Sufferings of This Life.*

No one would deny that this life is full of suffering, and some of it very intense. There is suffering which results from war, from violence, from disease, and from sin, all of which may be partially indicative of the agonies of hell, but this suffering is not hell.

(1) Because Christians Suffer.

One reason is that Christians suffer. The Christian is subject to all



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of the pains, disappointments, frustrations, and losses that the non-Christian is subject to. He gets sick, injured, maimed, diseased, and he also dies. When Christian boys go to war, they often get killed right along with their godless companions. Disease can cripple a Christian child as well as a non-Christian child. Heart failure, and heartbreak are not foreign to the Christian, nor is he immune to arthritis, tuberculosis, cancer, and highway fatalities. If hell is the suffering of this life, then salvation is a myth. Christ died in vain, and there is no deliverance from it.

(2) Because Many Wicked Sinners Do Not Suffer.

A second reason is that many of the most wicked sinners do not, apparently, suffer. This fact has posed a problem in morality from the time of Job to the present day. The wicked are fat and flourishing, and die at peace, while the righteous are afflicted and go down to the grave with many sorrows. If hell is the suffering in this life then many sinners seem to be missing it. Honesty is not paying off very well, as far as this life is concerned. It is the gamblers, extortioners, harlots, thieves, and drunkards who inhabit the "Park Avenues" of our land. People who believe God usually live way out on "Whiffle Street," and have to work hard to keep shoes on the kids, bread in the box, and coal in the bin. If hell is in this life, then the preacher is wrong, the thief is right, and God is unjust.

(3) Because Suffering in This Life Has an End.

A Third reason is that the suffering of this life has an end to it. Death would be an escape from hell, and preferable to life for those who suffer. The suicide should be commended for his courage and wisdom, and we who remain to combat life's difficulties should be condemned as fools. If hell is the suffering of this life, then the surest way to heaven is by a bullet through the brain. The grave would be the end, and not the beginning, of sin's reward. Therefore, we conclude that—

II. *Hell Must Be a Place of Torment After Death.*

(1) Because Sin Cannot Go Forever Unpunished.

God's justice demands that the scale of works and rewards shall someday be balanced. The whirlwind must be reaped, and the wild oats gathered, by those who have flaunted God's law and despised His justice. We demand in this life that crime be punished, and that prison houses be built to confine wrongdoers. Man is not more righteous than God. God also has His prison house, called "hell," for the punishment of sin. The wicked are cast into it when death apprehends them for their crimes. They are there confined until their case comes to trial before the Great White Throne, and there convicted, they are sentenced forever to the execution chamber of eternal death.

(2) Because There Must Be a Place for Those Who Refuse the Presence of God.

The existence of heaven demands a hell. If heaven is a place where the effects of sin are removed, then hell is a place for those who will not be removed from their sin. Since nothing that defiles can enter God's presence, those who cling to their defilement must be forever banished from Him. Hell is the place of this eternal banishment, to which the sinner goes by preferring his sin. A murderer or a moral pervert turned loose in a Christian home would change all heavenly bliss to hellish nightmare. Such persons belong in our prisons, not in our parlors. They would wreak the same havoc in

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heaven, and God has barred the gates of pearl against them. He has forged chains of darkness to bind them to the pillory of eternal shame and torment. There must be a hell, or there could not be a heaven.

(3) Because the Bible Unvaryingly Speaks of Hell as a Literal Place of Torment Which the Wicked Enter After Death.

Our Lord unvaryingly referred to hell as a place entered only after death. In Luke 16 He records the

story of the rich man who died, "And in hell . . . lift up his eyes, being in torments." This man enjoyed many comforts during his earthly life, but he entered a place of torment when he died. There may be a type of hell in the suffering of this life, but if there is, Jesus never mentioned it. The hell He always talked about was not the wrath that "now is"! Hebrews 9:27 tells us that "it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen

Jesse B. Deloe, Editor

(Here is that summary from Dayton, Ohio (First) laymen we promised to print.—Ed.)

During the fiscal year 1953-1954 the laymen of First Brethren Church have accomplished the following:

1. Held 11 monthly meetings in homes.

2. Had charge of both services on February 28 and also had an afternoon rally. At these meetings a 19-voice men's chorus sang. Bro. Mason Cooper (national president), was the guest speaker. There were three decisions that day.

3. The men's chorus has presented four messages in song on Sunday night.

4. We have organized a men's quartet that brings messages in song frequently.

5. We conducted opening exercises at the Sunday school hour on Father's Day.

6. We traveled to Troy, Ohio, and assisted in organizing the men of that church.

7. We have made 40 reported calls on behalf of the laymen's work and sick calls. Others have not been reported.

8. We have conducted services at the detention home on Sunday afternoons.

9. We have doubled our average attendance at our monthly meetings.

10. We sponsored a father-son picnic on Aug. 7.

11. We have offered our services to each church of this district for organizing the men or any other assistance desired.

12. We are ahead of our own goal of 10 percent of the national goal.

H. L. Edwards, president.

The men's Fellowship of the First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa., have voted to sponsor monthly Bible conferences, beginning in September. First speaker is Rev. Bruce Button (Sept. 1), and Rev. R. I. Humbert will speak October 10-12.

New officers of the laymen's fellowship at First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, are: Herbert L. Edwards, president; Walter Hoyt, vice president; Roy Trissel, secretary; Paul Grisso, assistant secretary; and Harley Wysong, treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY

Board of Evangelism (\$3,000).....	\$68.73
Student Aid (\$1,000).....	3.00
Brethren Boys Club (\$250).....	0.00
General Expense Fund (\$500).....	26.78
In June I received \$50 for the Brethren Boys Club.	

In His service,

Walter M. Hoyt.

III. The Kind of Hell the Bible Teaches.

Our eternal, loving, heavenly Father did not waste any soft words, or tone down His warning when He inspired the writers of Scripture to reveal the terrifying picture of hell. He made it plain enough, and awful enough, for anyone who reads to know that the prison house of sin is the most abominable, frightening, anguishing, despairing place in the universe. God made the picture stark and ugly, so that no one would want to go there, but that all would repent of their sins, and find escape through the blood of Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that hell is—

(1) A place unfit for human habitation—it was "prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41).

(2) A place for the wicked and unbelievers—"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psa. 9:17).

(3) A place of torments—"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments" (Luke 16:23).

(4) A place of fire—"and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 13:42).

(5) A place worth any physical agony in this life to escape—it would be better to cut off our hands and feet, and pluck out our eyes, than to keep them and be cast into hell (cf. Mark 9:43-48).

(6) A place of unending torment—"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night" (Rev. 14:11).

Do You Really Believe in Hell?

Dr. Reuben A. Torrey confesses, "There is a vast difference between a mere opinion and a real faith. . . . I held the opinion there was a hell long before I really *believed* that there was a hell." Real belief will motivate action. If sinners really believed they were going to spend eternity in the hell that the Bible pictures, they would turn from their sins in a moment. And if Christians really believed it, they would be trying more desperately to turn them. "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error or his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (Jas. 5:20).

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



By Russell D. Barnard

Editor, Foreign Mission Number

Conference in Progress—

As this issue of the Herald goes to press various Brethren board meetings are in progress and the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches is in the offing. All reports seem to indicate a large attendance at the conference, and boards and committees are privileged to have almost 100-percent attendance. The board of trustees of our Foreign Missionary Society has been in session now for three days, but most of the time thus far has been taken in reports and interviews. We will need to wait until the next Foreign Mission Number of the Herald for complete reports. Pray that the plans made may have the blessing of the Lord insofar as they are in harmony with His will, and that all items planned not according to the will of God may be brought to naught.

One for One

Home Missions—

We are now one full month in the home-mission season and your foreign-missionary organization wants it to be known everywhere that we share in the appreciation of the importance of a successful home-mission program. The most successful way to have a large home-mission offering is to make it an "accumulated" offering. Give Sunday by Sunday, and give sacrificially, then at the end of the period of time you will be happy with the total offering the Lord has enabled you to give. There will *not* be too much; there is always the story of "too little and too late." Let's make it our purpose to do an extravagant thing for home missions.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

The Burks—

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Burk and family are enjoying their first days in the Amazon area in Brazil. Living quarters have been arranged for them just one and one-half blocks from our property where the Zielaskos live in Icoraci. A new missionary residence is to be built on our property, but the exact time of building is not yet known. Pray for the Burks as they become accustomed to the new land and conditions and as they begin language study.

One for One

Millers Return Early—

Elsewhere in this issue the announcement is made that Rev. and Mrs. John S. Teeter are not continuing in missionary service in Brazil. In order that the station of Macapa shall not be left for any extended period without a missionary, the Edward D. Miller family will be returning to Brazil near the end of September 1954.

They will have had only a six-month furlough, but have been greatly refreshed by the time in the States and are volunteering thus to return. Health examinations indicate that they are physically fit.

The city of Macapa has grown to a city of 20,000 people and is strategic because of the extensive manganese mines in the area. Our opportunities here are almost unlimited, and the response has been most encouraging in spiritual matters. Be praying for the Millers as they return.

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Now on Furlough—

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Churchill and family and Mrs. Clarence L. Sickel have returned to the States for a well-earned furlough. The Churchills have spent almost five years in Argentina. Mrs. Sickel is completing 35 years of missionary service in Argentina. Residence will be established in Long Beach, Calif., for the school year, but the missionaries will be available for deputa-tion work following a period of rest.

During recent years the Churchills and Mrs. Sickel have lived and served at Rio Tercero in Argentina, having established a Brethren testimony there. Rev. and Mrs. Carson Rottler and family have moved to Rio Tercero. Rev. and Mrs. Ricardo Wagner and family have assumed responsibilities at Huinca Renanco, where the Rottlers had served.

One for One

Rio Tercero Temple—

Church buildings are referred to as temples in Argentina. The Argentine believers have been busily engaged in building their own church building here. As money came in week after week they made concrete blocks, and when sufficient had been made, construction began. In his last correspondence Brother Churchill wrote that the walls were standing and they were hoping that the roof and floors might be completed before their furlough. It will be for Brother Rottler to lead the believers in the building project until it is completed. Rio Tercero believers are to be congratulated in this large and worthy enterprise which they now are completing. This is a city of 15,000 people.

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Corral de Bustos Next

The believers at Corral de Bustos in Argentina some months ago completed payments for their church lots. Now they are ready to begin in the building of their own temple. The believers are neither numerous nor wealthy. They are, however, undertaking the project of building

Cones Are Ready for Africa

There is always a feeling of satisfaction, and a realization of a goal accomplished, when another missionary family is ready to sail for the field in the beginning of a life of missionary service. This is our joy now in relation to the family of Rev. and Mrs. George Cone, Jr. They have been through long years of training, Brother Cone having taken his college work in Bryan University and graduated with the A. B. degree in 1949, and Mrs. Cone having taken work at Bryan and Wheaton College, graduating with the A. B. degree in 1951. Brother Cone received his B. D. degree from Grace Theological Seminary in 1953, and his Th. M. in 1954. He also took work in Akron Bible Institute, Oklahoma State University, and Colorado State College of Education. He has had some years of experience in teaching in high school, in the Summer School of Linguistics, and in Grace College and Seminary. Mrs. Cone has taken additional work in the Summer School of Linguistics and has been a high-school teacher. Brother Cone is the son of Rev. and Mrs. George Cone, Sr., who are so well-known in the Brethren Church. Mrs. Cone is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Adams, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Both of the Cones are members of the Winona Lake Brethren Church and have been Christians since the early years of life, and both have had foreign-missionary service as a life goal for many years. They were approved for missionary service in French Equatorial Africa at the annual meeting of our society in 1953, but had not yet finished prior responsibilities so that they could have started to the field. They have both been teaching and working in the Summer School of Linguistics during this past summer and are just now ready to purchase and pack their outfit preparatory to leaving for the field. It is hoped that they may have sufficient outfit funds within the next few weeks so that they may be ready to sail to France by November 1, or slightly before. Since it is the plan for them to supply in the French schools in Africa during the furlough of Charles and Betty Taber, they will probably need to spend a



Ruth Ann

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George

little longer time in the study of French in France.

We believe a definite item of God's approval on any proposed missionary service is that He will supply the needed funds for the purchase of an outfit. Many of our churches have MISSIONARY OUTFIT CLUBS and these are already busy gathering funds. We invite all churches, whether they have outfit clubs or not, to arrange that the members of the church may have an opportunity to help this fine young family on their way to the field. Since the time is quite short until we desire that they sail, we are asking that those who help may plan to help at the earliest possible time. Brother Cone's goal in Africa is the work of a missionary pastor, and that in the course of such activity he may find time and opportunity to help out in the matter of translation of the Word of God and of gospel literature.

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a small building. At present the building will only be enclosed and not finished, but it will supply a regular meeting place for them. Since the beginning of the work in that city of 15,000 they have met in the home of the missionary. The believers here are also to be congratulated in this great undertaking.

One for One

Why Don't We Build the Church Buildings?

Chiefly because we want the work in the mission field to be self-supporting, self-propagating, and self-governing. For believers in any land to *feel* that a church building is theirs, they must build it. We are helping in Argentina. We have agreed with the Argentine Brethren Church that in the locations where new church buildings are needed we will supply the lot or lots where the building is to stand, providing the believers themselves are willing to assume all responsibilities of building and upkeep. They have agreed to this plan. In the

two places mentioned above, suitable contributions are being made to the building program because the believers themselves arranged for the lots.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

Entering Bangui—

Full approval has been given by our foreign-mission board to the action of the field council in French Equatorial Africa to enter the city of Bangui. Lots are being purchased and the arrangements for their purchase will probably have been completed when you read this. Building will proceed immediately. The city of Bangui is now reported to have a population of 100,000, and will certainly offer us an abundant opportunity to witness for Christ. Several hundred of our Brethren believers from the province are now living in the city of Bangui and will form an excellent nucleus for the beginning of the work.

One for One

A Saturday Night Visit With the

YOUNG PEOPLE IN ICORACI, BRAZIL

By Mrs. John Zielasko

Each Saturday night the young people in Icoraci enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. We have a gameroom in the basement beneath the church. They enjoy playing carroms, Chinese checkers, shuffleboard, and a game with beanbags. Playing games is new to many of these young people because no one took an interest in them to teach them before the missionaries came here. As a result of this, Jack [Bro. Zielasko] and I often have to act as referees, but they have been good sports.

We desire to keep these young people from the temptations of Saturday-night movies and festas (dances),

young girls at home in desiring to be popular. Pray that she will be victorious in her Christian life, and not yield to the temptations of dancing and moviegoing.

Dormerinda is 16 years old. She is a sister of our native preacher, Raimundo. There is a young unsaved boy who is quite fond of her and I think she likes him, too. He has been to our services. Pray that he will be saved, as we desire our young people to have Christian friends.

Dormerinda's aunt died recently, and her uncle was left with quite a few children. He gave his 10-year-old daughter to Dormerinda. Her name is Odete. I have a special spot in my heart for her as I had the privilege of leading her to Christ in the Sunday-school class.

Marelene is our neighbor. She is 10 years old and is very faithful in attending all of our services. She is a growing Christian and delights in learning Bible verses. It is a joy to hear choruses and hymns sung next door.

Lindomar lives in the Village of the Innocents. She is 14 years old and the oldest of seven children. She is a fine Christian and has Christian training in her home. It thrilled me to hear her little five-year-old sister pray unassisted in prayer meeting recently. It is wonderful



A Saturday-night young people's group.

also we enjoy helping them in their Christian life. We usually have 18 to 20 young people present. Let me tell you about some of these young people.

Jose is 12 years old and was one of the first to accept Christ when the Altigs started the work in Icoraci. He is the tease of the group. While he is playing shuffleboard, he often runs over and "accidentally on purpose" bumps the arm of the one shooting in the carrom game. Or he runs over and stops a beanbag in midair. They all act disgusted with him, but they enjoy his nonsense nevertheless.

Jose has a sister, Iracima. She is 15 years old. She, too, accepted Christ when the work was first begun. She is the substitute teacher for the children under eight years old in our Sunday school. Iracima is just like the



Young people and children of the Icoraci Sunday school.

to know that one mother is training her children to pray. The father is not saved, but we pray that he will be soon.

Oswaldo is a young 16-year-old boy who accepted Christ two months ago. He attends most of the meetings during the week and is growing in grace.

After playing games, we have a time of devotions. Jack gives an object lesson or a chalk talk. We want our young people to enjoy their Christian life and we try to impress upon them the need of being yielded to Him. Pray with us for these young people that we may have the joy of seeing them grow in Christ and serve Him among their own people.

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TEETERS NOW IN THE STATES

We are very sorry to announce that Rev. and Mrs. John S. Teeter have decided not to continue as missionaries in Brazil. They and their two small children have just returned to the States. The Teeters served in Brazil, at the Macapa station, for slightly less than two years. Our prayers are that the Teeters will have a happy and fruitful place of service in the Lord's vineyard here in the United States.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AFRICAN MISSION OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH

By DR. ORVILLE S. JOBSON

(Editor's Note—This is the first installment of the annual report of our African mission. The remaining portion will be printed in our next FMS issue.)

PERIOD COVERED—May 1, 1953–April 30, 1954

FIELD—Western Oubangui-Chari in French Equatorial Africa.

NAME OF MISSION—Evangelical Mission of Oubangui-Chari.

SIZE OF TERRITORY OCCUPIED—Approximately 60,000 square miles.

POPULATION OF THIS TERRITORY—Approximately 420,000.

First missionaries sailed in 1918.

First station established in 1921.

Present missionaries on active roll—49.

Number of stations with missionary residents—11.

It is with genuine thanksgiving to our heavenly Father that in the midst of a shrinking missionary world, the large territory of French Equatorial Africa is still open to a full propagation of the Gospel. However, we recognize that this privilege imposes upon us the responsibility of completing the task of evangelization and strengthening of believers while the opportunities are ours.

We praise God for what He has wrought in the three decades of His witnesses here. "It is the Lord's doings; it is marvelous in our eyes." We have grown from a small pioneer group to a corps of 50 missionaries, and from one isolated post to 11 stations with missionary residents.

The Gospel of the Lord Jesus has been preached in hundreds of villages and hamlets, and thousands have turned to Him as their Lord and Saviour. These believers have built chapels and churches where they might worship the Lord, and the Spirit of God has called



Church school at Bouca. David has faithfully taught the little tots to read the Word of God in their native language for several years.

from their midst spiritual leaders and teachers to shepherd and feed them. The New Testament has been translated into several languages and a great host of believers has learned to read and handle aright the Word of God for their growth and edification.

But the task is not completed. Satan is not idle and there is opposition to spiritual growth and maturity. Temptations abound and hundreds have gone down into defeat. Some of these have come back to the Lord and claimed His promise of forgiveness. Those who have remained true praise God for His faithfulness. The parable of the sower is true in Africa as it was in Palestine the day our Lord first spoke it. Even among the missionary personnel Satan's efforts are not without effect. We must constantly remind ourselves that "our wrestling is not against flesh and blood but against . . . the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." We contend with loneliness and discouragement. We grapple with confusion and dissatisfaction. We cry out for overcoming power, but find the flesh is sometimes too weak to lay hold of God's promises. But there is victory for us all as we lay hold upon His grace and power.

However, in spite of all the opposition arrayed against His witnesses, African and missionary, our God, through our feeble efforts, is visiting the Africans to take out of them a people for His name. One day that calling out will be completed and we shall be eternally glad that we, as missionaries, and you, as senders and prayer helpers, have had a share in the evangelization of Africa.

I. THE AFRICAN CHURCH.

It is a matter for praise that during this report year there was a resident missionary pastor for each of our seven districts. This is the second consecutive year that this has been true, and was made possible by the arrival of two new missionary pastors and their wives, whom we heartily welcome to our midst. There have been changes in pastors and some of them are new. However, the work is showing progress, and we look to the Lord to supply the needed pastors for the furlough years ahead. The pastor-superintendents report 1,715 added to the churches during the year by baptism, which brings the total membership to 13,424; 5,299 are enrolled in prebaptismal classes, making a total of 18,723 members and converts. Pray with us that this large body of believers may become strong in the Lord.

Once again there has been an increase in offerings. Except for a few day laborers at the mission and government posts, and a very few salaried people, the Africans attending our churches are farmers on a small scale. Over three-fourths of them raise cotton as a pay crop. The average received per person for the year's crop is between \$18 and \$20. It is difficult to evaluate the per-capita giving inasmuch as our regular attendance includes many in prebaptismal classes and a large number of unsaved.

Construction on two new brick churches has begun, one at Bossangoa and one at Bozoum. These African churches have done well in their giving. Their desire

for a more permanent church is commendable, and we trust all of our large town churches will get behind a church-building program that will provide ample and commendable accommodations for their worship.

Following is a statistical block of membership and giving for the mission by districts:

Mission District	Members	Converts	Offerings, All Purpose (frs.)
Bozoum-Bassai	2,875	1,055	263,655
Bossemele-Yaloke	530	700	166,615
Bellevue	3,120	750	634,260
Bekoro	1,473	429	332,810
Bouca-Batangafo	3,856	1,020	161,000
Nzoro	1,220	1,045	98,575
Mbaiki	350	300	180,000
1953-54	13,424	5,299	1,836,915

Besides the regular services there are several outstanding features in the churches' calendar:

1. *Women's Councils.* These councils are composed of Christian women who are members of our local churches. They have meetings weekly for the development of leaders among the women. They lead their own meetings, giving brief messages, memorize Scripture verses, study the Word, pray for the church and its leaders, assist financially in the projects of the church, visit the villages and bring others to the Lord. Mrs. Jobson's council at Bozoum has had regular meetings for many years, and the influence of their gathering has been an incentive for others. At our last field council meeting the missionary ladies took definite steps to organize such groups in all of our larger churches. Those councils which have already been organized and have regular meetings are at Yaloke, Batangafo, Bekoro, and Bible Institute. Others are making plans for organizing such councils, and we look forward to real progress among the African women in the year just ahead.

2. *Church Day Schools.* These classes are for the small children of the church, both boys and girls, who desire to have regular school classes before going on to the regular public school. The churches provide African teachers to give reading and writing centered around the Bible. The children also learn Bible verses and gospel songs. Then after one or two years these children go to the public school. When our own regular day schools are opened, the children from these church schools will continue their education under Christian influence. Most of our mission stations have such schools for the children of the church under the supervision of the lady missionaries.

3. *Bible-Reading Classes—Adults.* During the year a new set of readers was prepared by Brethren Samarin and Hill. After giving these readers a trial in several sections of the field, the mission decided to enlarge the circulation of these readers. The purpose of these booklets is to lead our people, both young and old, to read the New Testament. This is a definite move in the program to make our church literate. Several of the districts are preparing teachers to handle this new system of reading, and plan on an all-out program to have a 100-percent reading membership. The results achieved within the months that belong to this year's report are very encouraging, and we look forward to great things in this field for the next year.

4. *The Elementary Bible Schools.* This is the new name for our junior Bible schools. The purpose of these

schools is to prepare candidates for the Bible Institute of the mission, and train workers for the local activity of the churches, such as catechists, Sunday-school and church day-school teachers and women workers.

These schools are held on the stations where there are missionaries to direct the classes. General Bible courses are taught by the missionary and Bible Institute graduates. This year we printed teaching material on the Pentateuch written by our Brother Dunning. Other material has been prepared and will be printed in a few months. The committee that has this in charge has planned a complete Bible course covering three years, consisting of Old Testament and New Testament synthesis, theology, book analysis, and Brethren practices. Much preliminary training, such as mechanics of reading, handling the New Testament, writing, etc., is now being given in certain districts by the communion center leaders which are Bible Institute graduates. Especially is this true in the Bekoro District, where Brother Kliever has been developing such chapel classes for several years.

5. *Leader Gatherings.* In each of our districts there are a large number of African leaders. These are classified with some variation as elders, evangelists, communion center leaders, and village prayer leaders. Following is a block of the Christian workers in the African churches of the mission:

Mission District	Communion Chapel Center	Communion Center Leaders	Village Groups	Village Group Leaders	Total Workers	Number Ordained	Student in Jr. Bible School	Weeks Jr. Bible School Taught	Students in Bible Institute	Bible Institute Graduates Serving
Bozoum-Bassai ...	32	32	114	180	212	8	20	24	12	37
Bossemele-Yaloke	8	8	85	40	50	2	40	16	4	6
Bellevue	22	31	159	136	173	2	36	13	6	21
Bekoro	27	27	14	41	41	3	31	20	8	34
Bouca-Batangafo ..	21	22	54	54	76	2	88	6	6	17
Nzoro	18	18	110	110	128	2	23	24	8	14
Mbaiki	6	3	12	17	23	2	10	6	2	3
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It is a practice of most of the districts to have at least one yearly meeting with these men. At this gathering we take up the problems of the church, such as variations in practices, enlargement of the ministry, problems

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Elders and Assistant Pastors
"The Cream of the Crop"

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El Ombu

The National Tree of Argentina

By James B. Marshall, Corral de Bustos, Argentina

The poet Joyce Kilmer in his famous poem about the tree wrote, "I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree." He was a man who loved the things God has put in this world for the good of His children, and he had the capacity (that so many of us lack) of seeing and appreciating them.

With humble apologies to Mr. Kilmer I would like to change the words of his poem a bit and say, "I think that there can never be, an article like the ombu tree." The ombu isn't a tree to describe; it has to be seen to be appreciated.

The ombu tree is the national tree of Argentina and every schoolboy and girl knows and recognizes this tree as a symbol of his country. Many famous men have written poems praising its grandeur and permanency, and truly it is as they say.

The name "ombu" is derived from the Greek meaning "two houses." This is because one tree alone is not capable of reproducing itself since some are masculine and others feminine. Usually the ombu is found growing solitarily and almost never in groves. The "old-timers" of the pampa depended on the ombu for a landmark because it can be seen from a great distance and is exceedingly long-lived. It is said that neither fire, earthquake, nor hurricane can destroy it. Unfortunately man can, and in many parts the ombu has disappeared from the scene. Perhaps the reason lies in the many superstitions that surround the ombu.

The fact that in certain areas where one still finds the ombu and where past generations lived but long since have moved away or died has given rise to the idea that those who live in the shadow of the ombu meet with disaster. The ruins of several houses have been located near ombu trees and as a result the "poor ombu" has been blamed. Even to take a nap under its shade was

considered unwise for it was said to have the power to make one "loco."

The ombu sometimes grows to a circumference of 18-20 meters (58-65 feet). The wood is very pulpy and is useless for lumber or firewood. This has brought about the statement and general belief that the ombu is completely useless, but the contrary is true.

The leaves are considered to be poisonous, but as medicine they are used for headache and sunstrokes. In some cases they have been used to sober up the drunken *gauchos* (cowboys) after a night of drinking and dancing. The juice also serves as a spot remover. In addition to providing copious shade and protection against storms, the ombu near a house acts as a natural lightning rod. Then, too, it purifies and adds oxygen to the air. The great naturalist, William E. Hudson, says of this tree, "There is no tree that surpasses it in beauty, luxuriance, and majesty." (Maybe he never traveled in California.)

Thinking about the tree, the ombu reminds me of the believers in Jesus. They are Christians of two houses. The one the world sees; the other seen by their fellow believers. To the world they aren't worth the trouble to burn. They are nothing but pithy individuals who bring bad luck. And so the world puts "the axe to the roots" in order to plant what it desires.

But the real believer, like the ombu, to those who know him as such, is a tree of beauty. His roots are deep in the Word of God; he withstands the storms of life; his leaves are the fruits of good works that ameliorate the sadness and pain of sin in human lives; he truly is majestic. Above all, he is a symbol of his country, the heavenly home of all who trust in Christ.

One for One

MY PRAYER

God—

Help me to do my best for others

Since Thou didst do so much for me;

Thou gav'st Thy life for me, a sinner—

Can I do half as much for Thee?

God—

Teach me as Thou didst teach the people

By the Sea of Galilee,

So that I may know much better

How to live always for Thee.

God—

Make me a vessel fit for using

In Thy work down here below.

May I be ever fit and ready

Whene'er Thou dost bid me go.

—The Congo Missionary Messenger.

DING! DONG!

Wanted—a church bell!

Where—native church, Bossangoa, Africa.

The erection of this church by the native believers was supervised by Bro. C. B. Sheldon and has been completed except for the roof, which will be finished when he returns to the field following furlough. (The entire cost of building this church, over \$1,200, was borne by native believers. The average wage earner receives less than \$20 per year.)

When he returns to Africa, Brother Sheldon desires to take a church bell with him—the type used in a rural school or church. Anyone with information regarding such a bell may contact the Brethren Foreign Mission Office, Box 583, Winona Lake, Ind.

If the Dead Rise Not!

By Miss Ruth Snyder, Bozoum, Africa

The sun was low in the west. The trees and huts of the village were casting long shadows. The people were returning from their labors in the gardens. Here and there groups of people were already resting beside their houses. It was one of the most pleasant hours in an African village.

We walked from group to group seeking for those to whom the Lord was sending us that day. At one end of the village we noticed a large group of people. Wondering about the occasion of this large gathering we decided to go and speak to them. Before we could reach them, we were greeted by two women who were sitting in the shadow of a small house. We had found those whom we were seeking. After the usual greetings, a few minutes' conversation revealed the fact that these two women, as well as the large crowd we had noticed, were waiting for a death. Our two friends were sitting in the shadow of the "house of the corpse" awaiting the Grim Reaper.

I. AN AGED WOMAN.

That very day an aged woman had gone to her garden with her usual vigor. A large, well-tended garden in the rear of the house bore mute testimony concerning the vigor of this old woman. Her white-haired son, who was in the nearby crowd, bore verbose testimony concerning her age. Having done her day's work, about noon the old lady complained that her head was "turning." Kind friends carried her into her little house. By late afternoon it was evident that this old lady would return to her garden no more, but soon she would face the Lord of the harvest.

We were glad we had come along just at this hour, for now we could tell these mourners who had gathered of the blessed hope that is ours in Christ Jesus. Inside the house the old lady was taking her first fearful step into that world which awaits us all. Outside we told of the love of God, that love beyond all mortal ken.

As we spoke a crowd gathered around us. They gave polite and interested audience. Their heads were nodding, "Yes," to all we had to say. Finally we touched that wonderful theme, "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept . . . even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

Politeness and interest were gone. Amazement and incredulity had taken their place. "Oh, no," they said, "the dead never rise, mademoiselle. It cannot be true that the dead rise." Almost we could hear Festus as he said with a loud voice, "Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad."

So with one accord their unbelief cast aside this great hope. With this hope went one of the greatest incentives to mortality, namely, a life beyond death. Inside, the old

lady was dying, leaving this world. Outside the crowd was dying, rejecting the life that is in Christ Jesus.

Why should they leave their sins if the dead rise not?

II. PAULINE.

Her name was Pauline. We had been drawn to her from the beginning by that inexplicable attraction of heart for heart. Her pretty face was complemented by her pleasant manner. Her attitudes of listening and trying were all that any teacher could ask of a pupil. We all loved her. No one dreamed that she was to be with us such a short time.

One day she was absent from class. "Sick," the other women said. We all called to see her many times. Our hearts were chilled from the very first, for it was evident that this was no ordinary disease that had taken hold of Pauline.

Day by day we saw her failing. All that anyone knew to do for her was done. There comes a time when the most modern drugs are ineffective. Nothing helped. With a rare devotion her husband cared for her every need. We watched him grow thin and drawn with exhaustion and worry. Her two little boys grew round-eyed with the mystery of what was happening to their mama.

One day we went to the hospital to see her. She begged to be brought back to the Bible Institute. However, the doctor thought it better that she remain in his care. He had been exceedingly kind to her and careful to give her every professional attention, so we heeded his advice. Our hearts ached to refuse what we knew to be the last request she would ever make of us.

Our throats were tight with emotion as we looked at our Pauline. In place of her healthy young body was the shrunken frame of an old, old lady. Her once pretty face was repulsive with scabs and scales. In many places on her neck and arms large areas of skin had scaled off, exposing raw flesh. Her suffering was beyond expression. A mysterious disease was killing her by inches.

"Oh, mademoiselle," she cried, "pray to God to take my soul."

"Is that what you want, Pauline?" we asked as we watched through our tears.

"Yes, that is what I want; then some day I will see you in heaven."

How hard it was to pray that prayer. We marveled again at the perversity of the human heart. Truly we love God; truly we long for a glimpse of Him, but we weep when someone dear to us is about to see Him face to face.

Pauline lingered two days longer. We finally, with the doctor's consent, brought her home. An hour after her return, she was loosed away upward. Our prayers were answered. She had reached the eternal home. After almost a month of severe suffering, her pains were over.

We laid her wasted body to rest beside the chapel at

the Bible Institute. As the group gathered there at that open grave, everyone sang, "Just Inside the Eastern Gate." Yes, Pauline, we will meet you in the morning.

What would we do if the dead rise not?

"Thou art gone to the grave! but we will not deplore thee

Whose God was thy ransom, thy guardian and guide;

He gave thee, He took thee, and He will restore thee,

And death has no sting, for the Saviour has died."

III. WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE?

One old woman slipped out into eternity. What did she meet as she stood before the Judge of all the earth?

Pauline went to rest in her eternal home. She was met by the King in His beauty and now she glows with a beauty we never saw in her below.

What made eternity different for these two women? For the old lady the message was too late. For Pauline a timely message had pierced her heart and brought her into the wide arms of God's mercy.

In the vast land of Africa others are dying without a saving knowledge of Jesus. Other regions of the world have their hopeless dying, too. Your prayers could be the means to pierce and open their hearts that the Lord Jesus might enter with His hope.

Can you forget the lost of the world? Can you neglect to pray for their salvation and their soul's health? Yes, you may forget all this. You may pursue a selfish path. However, you may do this on one condition. What is that one condition? IF THE DEAD RISE NOT!

One for One

A Prayer Request—Wherever we go we are urging a very important prayer request. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). "Things" are important. It is important that you help with outfit supplies, that you give generous offerings, that you make wills in favor of foreign missions, that you invest in our annuity bonds, but you can do all these things and our missionary program will still fail. Missionaries, national and native workers are always, and will always be, fundamental in the missionary program. There is only one solution—"PRAY . . ." When you pray for workers, pray *that there will be sufficient funds* to send them to the field and care for them as they serve in the distant fields.—R. D. B.

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Cannot Afford to Build—Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of the People's Church, Toronto, Canada, is reported to have stated recently that his church cannot afford to build a new edifice, since it must concentrate on its contributions toward the support of nearly 350 missionaries in the home and foreign fields. The Peoples Church recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. The building erected in 1854 is still being used, and the crowds often overflow the present auditorium.—Sel.

The General Secretary to France—In the very near future, probably in October, Dr. Russell Barnard will leave for France to spend a short time there with the Fogle family. He will assist them in survey and in planning for the future of our work there.

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in discipline, and at the same time to give refresher courses in some of the doctrines of the Word. At this time plans are laid for the year's activities. These include setting dates for village and chapel visitation, district Bible conferences, and baptismal services. These meetings are becoming more and more important, and in some districts include the wives of the workers as well.

6. *District Bible Conferences*. These are the annual church conferences of the districts. Many years ago some of the districts had only one such conference. Now it is necessary to have several in one district, which we have termed regional conferences. We are obliged to thus subdivide the districts because there is no commercial transportation to provide means of travel. Even with the present divisions of our districts, many are obliged to come 25-30 miles on foot to attend these conferences. The program for a district conference includes morning prayer meeting, devotional messages, and classes for Bible teaching, divided according to sex and ability.

At these conferences some of our groups take up their annual offering to support their men in Bible Institute.

Each of these conferences would compare very favorably with our Brethren district conferences in America, and, of course, if we were to total the regional conferences to get a district total, these would far outnumber our largest districts in the homeland. I have at hand statistics for conferences in two of our districts, and I am sure you will be interested in them. Bekoro had four regional conferences with an average daily attendance for five days of 375 at each conference and a combined average attendance of 1,500. The combined Sunday attendance was 2,201 and the offerings were 26,026 francs, the equivalent of \$154.

The Bozoum-Bassai district had three regional conferences with an average daily attendance for three days of 241 at each conference and a combined total of 723. The combined Sunday afternoon attendance was 2,490 and the offerings were 25,940 francs, the equivalent of \$150. Next year we will try to have the complete picture of all of our district conferences.

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WE MUST NOT BE LIKE BATS

This is Sunday and we just returned from church. We had only 212 out this morning. This is cotton planting season and the government officials tell the people they cannot come to church on Sunday unless their garden work is all done. Consequently, we are having a small attendance. A chapel worker, who came in yesterday for medical treatment, preached this morning on James 1:13-21. He gave a good message. He said:

"We must not be like bats, that are like mice but have wings. The birds say you are no bird because you have teeth. The mice say you are no mouse because you have wings. The bat, living a double life, belongs nowhere. If you are a Christian, live as a Christian, but do not try to make people believe you are a Christian when you are living in the world."—*Florence Bickel, July 4, 1954.*



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COVINGTON, VA. Harold Arrington, pastor of the Vernon Brethren Church, Limestone, Tenn., has been licensed to the Christian ministry.

LIMESTONE, TENN. A very impressive installation service was held for Pastor Harold Arrington on Aug. 3, at which time he took over the pastorate of the Vernon Brethren Church. Rev. K. E. Richardson, of Radford, Va., brought the message.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. The new address of Rev. Robert Betz is 5623 N. Maryvale Dr. Please change annual.

ALTO, MICH. Irvin B. Miller, recent graduate from Grace Theological Seminary, has been called as pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church. He will assume his new duties about Sept. 1.

LAKE ODESSA, MICH. Don Hocking, pastor at Lansing, Mich., was the guest speaker here on Aug. 22. Rev. Robert Griffith is pastor.

ROANOKE, VA. Rev. Clarence Lackey, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Brethren Church, North English, Iowa, was guest speaker at the Washington Heights church here on Aug. 15. Rev. Robert Miller, pastor of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, was guest speaker Aug. 8. Rev. Carl Miller is pastor.

RITTMAN, OHIO. Rev. John Mayes, pastor of the Paramount Brethren Church, Paramount, Calif., was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Aug. 22. Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Wesley Haller, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Middlebranch, Ohio, was the guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Aug. 29. Rev. Wm. Steffler is pastor.

CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO. Excavation and the pouring of the foundation for the new building of the Grace Brethren Church started

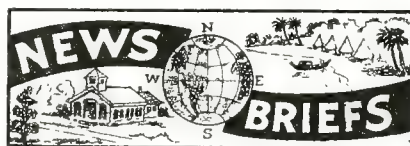
the second week of August. Rev. Richard Burch is pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO. Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., and Rev. John Mayes, pastor of the Paramount Brethren Church, Paramount, Calif., were guest speakers at the West Tenth Street Brethren Church on Aug. 22. Rev. Miles Taber is pastor.

DALLAS CENTER, IOWA. Rev. True Hunt has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church, and will assume the pastorate of the new home-mission church at Davenport, Iowa.

DENVER, COLO. On Aug. 14, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Inman became the proud parents of a daughter, Lynnelle. Rev. Inman is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church.

COMPTON, CALIF. Rev. Dennis Holliday's new address is 914 North Chester Ave., Compton, Calif. Please change annual.



FORT WAYNE, IND. Rev. James Hammer, who recently resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church here, is available for a call to pastor a Brethren church. He may be addressed at 829 Belle Ave., Fort Wayne 6, Ind.

CLAYTON, OHIO. The month of October will be full of activity at the First Brethren Church. The services will include communion service, rally day, homecoming, dedication of the new building, and the ordination of Rev. Clair Brickel, pastor.

HARRISBURG, PA. Dr. David L. Cooper, president of the Biblical Research Society and editor of Biblical Research magazine, was the guest speaker Aug. 12-15 at the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church. Rev. Conard Sandy is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Over 400 registered at the second annual Brethren Sunday school rally, conducted at Grace Seminary Aug. 22-23.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS). President Eisenhower has proclaimed Wednesday, Sept. 22, as a day of prayer for peace.

CONEMAUGH, PA. Rev. Walter Nowag was guest speaker at the Conemaugh Brethren Church Aug. 22 and 29. Rev. Stanley Hauser is pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. The 9th National Sunday School Convention will be held here Oct. 13-15 at the Cadle Tabernacle.

WASHINGTON, D. C. President Eisenhower has asked Congress for a special appropriation of \$103,000 to maintain "public order" in the District of Columbia when the American Legion holds its national convention there starting Aug. 30. (Editor: What a sad commentary on this organization!)

WINONA LAKE, IND. National Sunday School Week will be Sept. 26 through Oct. 3. For suggested program write Rev. Harold Etling, national director of Sunday school work, at Winona Lake, Ind.

WINONA LAKE, IND. All home-mission pastors have been notified of the home-mission workshops to be conducted at Winona Lake, Ind., Feb. 22-24, and at Chico, Calif., Mar. 15-17.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The new officers for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches are as follows: Rev. R. Paul Miller, moderator; Rev. Thomas Hammers, vice moderator; Rev. Clyde Landrum, secretary; Rev. James Hammer, assistant secretary; Mr. Roy Kinsey, treasurer; Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, statistician.

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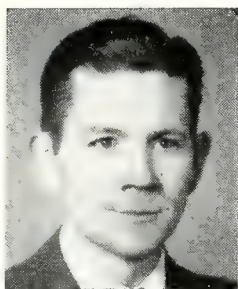
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We are living in an age of extremes—extremes in religion as well as in other fields. One of these extremes is the overemphasis that is being placed on the number of public confessions being made. We need to remember that stepping out in a public meeting and making a verbal statement does not of itself guarantee that one is saved. However, let me say that if a true heart acceptance of Christ has been made, there is a value in public confession, and a purpose is served thereby.

What Confession Is Not

1. True confession is not going before a man to state one's sins and thus to receive forgiveness for them.
2. Confession is not a work, or thing of merit, whereby one earns salvation.
3. Making a confession to "show off" to those around is not true confession.

Confession Defined

True confession is an open declaration of one's faith, being deeply convicted of the fact stated in God's Word. As one writer has put it, "True faith always leads to confession; confession being nothing without true faith." Public confession is a confirmation of our own faith, a bond of union with others, an outward pledge to consistent living—but above all, an act of loyalty to Christ.

This is well stated in Romans 10: 9-10, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

The Purpose of Public Confession

Recently I spent some time in the home of some very dear friends. The wife and mother of this home is a very fine lady. I knew that she was not a Christian, so just before

leaving, we sat down together in the living room of her home for a study of God's Word. The Holy Spirit brought conviction of sin through the Word, and she confessed Christ as her own personal Saviour. What a thrill to hear her for the first time confess Christ as her very own Saviour! Her first question was, "Shall I make a public confession?" A few days later in a service at Clayhole, Ky., she made her public confession. As she came, her husband followed her to rededicate his life. I heard her say, "I feel so much better."

A nephew of mine, while still very young, accepted Christ as Saviour. A year or two later he stepped forward in a revival meeting. When the evangelist asked him if he had come to accept Christ, he answered, "No; I have already accepted Him as my Saviour. I've come tonight to tell the world about it."

So the purpose of public confession is to tell the world what has taken place in one's heart. Public confession is the proof of having believed on, and received, Christ as Saviour.

The Value of Public Confession

1. Public confession is of personal value, as we have seen, in that it puts the individual on record as having accepted Christ.
2. It encourages others to make their decision.
3. It gives witness to the effectiveness of the Word of God in the hands of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 10: 17).
4. It attests the genuineness of the heart experience of the truly saved.
5. As one witnesses to individuals, thus publicly confessing Him, he is helping to win souls for Christ. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Pet. 3:15).

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

THE PUBLIC CONFESSION

"Johnny, why did you disobey Mother when she told you not to play in that mudhole?" These were the words of a distressed parent as she looked down into the "innocent" eyes of her two-year-old son. She had promised him a whipping if he disobeyed and now the penalty must be meted out.

But will this straighten everything out? No. "Applied" psychology will not remove the mud. Mother has a problem as well as a problem child. How can she forgive her boy when he is still guilty? Punishment does not remove the guilt. The mud bears witness that Johnny is a disobedient boy and even removal of the mud leaves him guilty still.

I. God faced a tremendous problem.

Having created man as a free moral agent with ability to discern right from wrong, almighty God intended that he should be for his Creator's glory. Man deliberately disobeyed the explicit command of his Creator and Benefactor and thus failed the test of righteousness. This unrighteous nature exists in every human being at birth in that he is born in the likeness of his parent. The Scriptural commentary on all mankind is, "There is none righteous, no, not one." But God is righteous, therefore all His action in relation to His creation must be also right and just. This presents a judicial problem in that He also is a God of love and desires to forgive the disobedient. How can He forgive the sinner and yet at the same time uphold the character of His righteous law which declares that "the wages of sin is death." It is no problem to justify the righteous, but God must justify the unrighteous.

II. Here a definition of terms is in order.

What do we mean by use of the term "justify"? Mr. Kenneth Wuest, in his "Studies in the Vocabulary of the Greek New Testament," reminds us that "The words, *justify, justification, righteous, righteousness, just, right, meet*, are all translations of the same Greek root. . . . This means that there is a definite and vital connection between the act of justifying and the righteousness of the individual who has been justified. . . . In understanding the words *justify and righteous*, as they are used in the New Testament, it should always be kept in mind that their

meaning is not a subjective one but an objective one. That is, the content of meaning in these words is not to be determined by each individual Bible expositor. . . . God is the objective standard which determines the content of *dikaïos* (righteous)."

Since there is such close association between the terms "justify" and "righteous," we should note that "to justify" does *not* mean "to make one righteous." This is proved by the statement in Deuteronomy 25:1—"They shall justify the righteous," and in Luke 7:29—"And all the people . . . justified God." The Scriptural use of the term "justify" is in form of a declaration. To "justify" means to "*pronounce one as righteous*" and treat him as such.

III. God has solved the problem.

"That he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26b). For God to justify ungodly and unrighteous men He must meet the demands of His own holy law. Therefore He must pay the penalty of death himself which His righteousness demands. Out of a heart of love He came down to earth in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, that He might "give" his life a ransom for many" and be the "righteous servant [who shall] justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities." Since Jesus Christ on the cross satisfied all the demands of broken law, God can still be just and justify sinners who believe in Him.

IV. Man is justified by faith.

How can the sinner participate in the value of that sufficient payment made by Christ on the cross? The Scriptures declare that it is by faith alone. "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the *faith* of Jesus Christ, even we have *believed* in Jesus Christ, that we might be *justified* by the *faith* of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be *justified*" (Gal. 2:16). This believing means more than a mere mental assent of knowledge, or the reception of the Saviour; it means to recognize the fact that Jesus Christ took the doom which I justly deserve. In taking my place on the cross He has placed His righteousness for my standing by faith as "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." Now my identification with Christ by faith gives me a righteous stand-

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE

JUSTIFIED



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ing before God and He can treat me as though I never sinned.

V. This justification is guaranteed.

How can I know beyond the shadow of a doubt that the debt has been paid in full and I am truly justified? I have a written guarantee that came with my salvation which reads: "But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:24-25). The very fact that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead is proof that my debt is paid and that in full. I am forever justified because I depend upon His finished work for my salvation. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Sinner friend, do you have this peace?

CHRIST--

"Our Peace Offering" (LEVITICUS 3; 7:11-21)

How beautiful are the portrayals of the person and work of Christ in the offerings! In Leviticus we have the shadows and in Christ we have the substance. The most joyous of all the offerings was the peace offering. It was a sweet-savor offering and belonged to the same class with the burnt and meat offerings.

The PORTION of the offering commands our interest. The peace offering could be either a victim or the herd of the flock, without blemish, of a male or female. The effects of the atonement is here considered rather than the act of atonement. When it took the form of a thank offering, unleavened bread mingled with oil accompanied it; and in another different form, leavened cakes were employed. The leaven cakes were not a part of the offering on the altar, but were waved before the Lord as a sign that the whole was given.

The peace offering was a joint feast, a sacrificial meal, that formed a triangular fellowship. In this, the peace offering was different. God, the offerer, and the priests alike shared. God's portion was the blood and the fat. The blood was the life and certainly belonged to God. This was the most precious part of the offering and was given to God first, as He always deserves.

The breast and right shoulder were for the priests. The one speaks of

affection and the other of strength. Since the priest who offered the sacrifice was the middleman between God and the offerer, there is a clear reflection on our mediator, Christ Jesus, who through His love and strength brought us peace.

The offerer received the portions left—the most. Is it not true that we received the most in our salvation? The offerer carried away three legs as well as the main part of the body. When we trusted Christ as our Saviour, we received the three persons of the Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—as well as the whole body of truth along with God's goodness and mercy. Oh, the depths of the riches in Christ Jesus!

What was the PURPOSE of the offering? In this consideration we further see Christ. There were at least three occasions for this offering—thanksgiving, a vow, or a voluntary offering.

An offerer out of the gratitude of his heart for God's goodness and for the peace already received could offer a peace offering. Ephesians 5:20 states that our thanks should always come through the Lord Jesus. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

If an offerer took a vow, he would offer a peace offering, thus soliciting the Lord to help him keep his promise. It was simply an admission of human weakness and a call for divine strength. Here again the same truth is taught elsewhere. Such verses as II Corinthians 12:9—"my strength is made perfect in weakness"; Isaiah 40:31—"they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength"; and Philippians 4:13—"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," support this very truth.

Or the offerer could bring an offering in anticipation of a blessing. Whether it be thanks we give, strength we desire, or blessing we seek, it must all come through Christ, our peace offering.

The PICTURE of Christ in all aspects of the offering is very clearly seen. He is indeed our peace offer-

ing. Atonement and acceptance have been furnished through the other offerings (sin, burnt, and meat offerings) whereas fellowship is provided in this offering. God, Christ, and the believer enjoy fellowship here. "Truly our fellowship is with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ." Christ is our peace (Eph. 2:14). Three prepositions define the Christian's peace in its godward aspect: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God" (Rom. 5:1); "And the peace of God . . . shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7); and "peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 1:3).

Thus Jesus is our peace offering and through Him we have boldness of access to the Father. Therefore, we can give thanks, call for divine strength, and seek His blessing without fear.

"Now the GOD OF PEACE, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Heb. 13:20-21).

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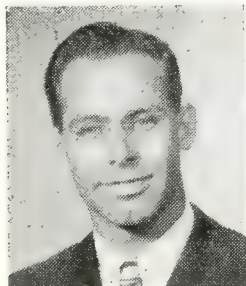
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A Curse for the Enemies of God

(PSALM 35)

"I Am Thy Salvation"

Sometimes we are made to wonder why the psalms of imprecation were written. The most severe curses are found in Psalms 35, 69, and 109. We find many different interpretations for Psalm 35. Some students of the Word class this psalm as awful and to be read as the words of Christ. Others hold to the opinion that this psalm is prophetic of the Messiah. Still others see expressions which may be lawfully used in the soul's wrestle against spiritual enemies.

Let us study this psalm in the light of its origin. It was written in Hebrew poetry, not in prose. DeWitt reminds us that the language of oriental poetry is that of exaggerated passion. We find the fury of battle present as the people of Jehovah fight against the foes of the living God. Here, David, the champion of the people, identifies himself with Jehovah's cause. "Do I not hate them, O Lord, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them my enemies" (Psa. 139:21-22).

The psalmist was praying with God's glory in view. Let us turn God's spotlight on this Scripture and examine it in the light of our Lord's teaching. We cannot pronounce curses on our personal enemies but on the masses who are enemies of God. We find it easy to apply this psalm to justify a personal revenge against our foes instead of the foes of God, even though they may be children of God. Let your heavenly artillery be turned against the enemies of God, such as the unbelieving modernists, self-righteous bigots, false teachers, saloons, brothels, theaters, gambling places, dance halls, and all the other foes of God. We must not forget to pray for these individuals and for those engaged in such lines of business. God's grace is sufficient to call and change the heart and life of such a person.

There are three main divisions in this psalm of David. The first passage includes verses 1-10. The keynote of this portion is taken from verse 3.

The key word is "Jehovah," the self-existent Creator, and the tenor of this psalm speaks of mercy and of judgment. God's saving and protective power is manifested as the author cries unto Jehovah, "Plead, O Lord, with them that strive with me." This means, "Oppose my opposers, devour my devourers, strive with my strivers." The shield and buckler were weapons of defense. We have Jehovah's protection from our adversary, Satan, in verse 3.

Salvation is death to evil for all who stand with God and accept His mercy. David regarded his own enemies as the enemies of God, and there is no prayer for those who remain as enemies; let the way of the enemy be "dark" so they cannot see, and "slippery" so they cannot find safe footing. Those who know anything of God and still defy Him shall fall into self-caused destruction like the sudden and awful crash of a falling house.

Everlasting gratitude and praise issue from the hearts of those who rejoice in His salvation. He will praise with the whole man, with all that is in him, and with all the strength and vigor of his soul, as the bones are the strength of the body. All foes of Jehovah, who reject every effort of the righteous to help them, shall be turned over to Satan. Can a Christian observe the acts of unprincipled men who drag the souls of others into eternal darkness while they are endeavoring to lift them up to glory, honor, and eternal life without crying to God for their removal? First, there is a desire for the salvation of such persons, but if they refuse God's marvelous grace and will not turn from their sin, which seems to be unseparated from them, then they will be destroyed along with their sin. No soft sympathy should cause the child of God not to rejoice when God brings His foes, who have scorned every warning and resisted appeal, to be overthrown.

Returning Evil for Good (Vss. 11-18)

Unjust witnesses had fought



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against David and they endeavored to wring from him a confession of crimes which he had not committed. There was nothing but kindness on the part of David, but his friends returned evil for good (I Sam. 24:17). "And he said to David, thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil." The psalmist displayed the deepest distress for them in the time of trouble by wearing clothing of sackcloth and ashes, by fasting and prayer. "As one that mourneth for his mother." The passing of a mother in the East is considered the saddest of bereavements. In this day of grace, our love should be so much more tender for our tormentors. "He prayest best who lovest best" (Spurgeon). After his suffering, he was ridiculously mocked; therefore, he appealed to God for deliverance.

Haters Without Cause (Vss. 19-28)

In hating God's elect without cause, they are not only hating truth and goodness, but they hate God himself. God is also a witness; therefore He is to judge. This leaves no place for personal judgment. The Lord is a close friend and He gives comfort and courage. The appeal of the writer is for Jehovah to disgrace the wicked and exalt the righteous. The psalmist is assured of a favorable answer to his appeal and he calls upon his friends to praise the Lord with him for the justice of His government.

Like the psalmist, let us leave all judgment to the Lord. Not only the judgment of our foes and His enemies but also the judgment of ourselves in our failures and achievements.

HOPE FOR ISRAEL



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A Study in the Book of Zechariah

There is a point in reference to transgression beyond which divine forbearance will not go. This is true with regard to individuals, for God has said, "My Spirit will not always strive with man." But this is equally true of national transgression and has been true in the experience of the nation Israel. Despite almost numberless warnings from her great national leaders and her prophets, she persisted in her loose obedience and spiritual adultery until God was moved to say, "I will not be your God and you will not be my people." In fulfillment of the first we have the dramatic and poignant picture of the departure of the Shekinah, the dwelling presence of God, from the temple and the holy city in the prophecy of Ezekiel.

We see the fulfillment of the second part of the warning in the prophecy of Daniel when the nation Israel is taken into captivity in Babylon. After 70 years of that captivity, permission is given to Israel to return to the land. However, only about 50,000 take advantage of the edict and in the words of Isaiah, this is a "very small remnant."

The main task set before this returning remnant was the restoration of the temple and the resumption of the worship of Jehovah. The work, however, was hindered greatly, partly by the lack of manpower, and partly by the harassing action of foreign enemies. All of this plus an inward conviction of past sin weakened their faith, robbed them of their full love for Jehovah, and brought about such a spiritual depression as to cause them to feel that Jehovah had forgotten them.

But God had not ceased loving them and had not forgotten them. As the loving Father, He sent chastisement to His children and when the signs of repentance appeared, He sent them reassurance in the person of a prophet, Zechariah. The very name of this prophet expressed his ministry, for his name means, "Jehovah remembers," and as F. B. Meyer has said, "He is the prophet of hope to the nation Israel."

Israel's need in the time of Zechariah was twofold. They needed encouragement for the work at hand, and they needed reassurance of the glory and blessing under Messiah that had been promised them. God filled both these needs through the message of Zechariah. The first part

of the prophecy, chapter 1 through 8, while it is admitted has many references to the future, nevertheless bears primarily on the time through which the Jews were then passing and serves as encouragement for them. The second part, chapter 9 through 14, concerns prophecies relating to the consummation of the age and the beginning of the millennial reign of Christ.

There are two keys to the prophecy, each unlocking one of the two divisions of the book. The key to the first part is the vision of the men in the myrtle trees. They give a report to the effect that while the other nations of the world are at ease and prosperous, Israel is materially impoverished, spiritually low, and bereft of peace. But the rider on the red horse, the one called "the angel of the Lord," which is an Old Testament designation of the preincarnate Christ, intercedes for them and receives assurance that their plight shall not always be so but that Jehovah will remember His people and under the Messiah of God, Israel shall triumph and prosper. This theme recurs over and over again in the remainder of this first section.

The key to the second section of the book is the phrase, "in that day." In chapter 9, the promise of the Messiah is given in that well-known prophecy of verse 9: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon the colt the foal of an ass." But then in 10:9 catastrophe hits Israel again: "And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again." The reason for this scattering is implied in 11:12, where we find a phrase closely connected with the national rejection of Christ at His first advent: "So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver." Then in chapter 12 there begins the occurrence of the phrase, "In that day," which, when followed closely, gives an outline of events of the consummation of the age and is climaxed with the promise, "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one."

Truly, Zechariah becomes the prophet of hope, not only for Israel but for the whole earth.



HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray that the Alexandria, Va., church may soon become a self-supporting church under the leadership of their new pastor, Robert Markley.

2. Pray for the Wheaton, Ill., building program, remembering its financial needs and the Brethren Construction Company members and also their families.

3. Praise God for those who made decisions in the recent Taos tent meeting and pray that they may grow in grace. Also praise God for Celina Mares, who is back on the job because of answered prayer during her time of sickness and operation.

4. Pray for the rapid development of the West Covina, Calif., church and for the Marvin Goodman, Jr., family in this home-mission project.

5. Pray for an intensified effort in all of our home-mission churches to reach those in their respective areas for Christ, now that vacation time is over.

6. Remember the home-mission offering in the light of God's Word—the opportunities, the needs, and the reward in blessing.

GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the way He has worked through the summer months in supplying the financial needs; and continue to pray that God will raise up friends who can undertake some of the pressing financial burden of the school.

2. Praise God for the very large number of new students that are coming into both the college and seminary departments; and pray that none may have to give up their educational plans for lack of work or proper living conditions.

3. Pray for wisdom for the administration and faculty as they deal

with the increasing problems that our growing school presents. Remember especially the new faculty members as they adjust themselves to the school program.

4. Praise God daily for the wonderful school He has given us in these few short years, an institution where our Brethren young people can get the best of educational and spiritual training.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for the Bill Burk family, who arrived in Brazil on August 17, that they may adjust to this new land and learn the language as soon as possible.

2. Praise the Lord for undertaking in behalf of Mrs. Roy Snyder, that the Snyders may return to the field in Africa where they are so greatly needed.

3. Pray for the Churchill family and Mrs. Loree Sickel, who are now in California on furlough from Argentina.

4. Pray for the Charles Sumeys and Miss Clara Schwartz, who are expecting to sail from New York on September 8 on their way back to Africa following furlough.

5. Pray for the Edward Miller family as they return to their station, now without a missionary, at Macapa, Brazil. They plan to return at the end of September after only six months of furlough.

6. Pray for an immediate and large response to the Outfit Fund for the George E. Cone, Jr., family, that the Cones may be ready to sail for France before November 1 for language study before going on to Africa.

7. Pray for the Sibley Edmestons, who are now officially a part of our missionary family. They have just been appointed by the society to serve in Mexico, with present residence at Laredo, Tex.

8. Pray for all missionaries on furlough, that they may have the needed rest and that the Lord will abundantly bless them in visitation work.

9. Pray for the health of all of our missionary family. All of those serving in foreign lands face physical hardships and dangers and need our constant prayer.

10. Pray for the general secretary, Dr. Russell Barnard, as he plans in the near future to spend a short time in France to assist the Fogles in survey and planning for the future of our work there.

MISSIONARY HERALD—

1. Praise the Lord for the new churches that are now using Brethren Sunday-school literature. Pray that more of our churches will decide to select our fine literature for their schools.

2. Pray for Rev. True Hunt and Rev. W. L. Marvin, the new members of the board of trustees of the Missionary Herald, that the Lord will use them in this capacity.

3. Pray for the leading of the Lord with regard to recent decisions of the board of trustees.

WMC—

(Compiled by the Northwest District.)

1. Pray that our women will have a greater interest in our monthly day of prayer on the 15th.

2. Pray for the new officers as they begin a new year of work in WMC, that the Lord will always be glorified.

3. Pray that there may be many decisions for Christ as Crusade Team Two (Lynn, Colburn) visits the Northwest churches this fall.

4. Pray that the Brethren in Seattle will soon have the finances to start building their church.

SMM—

1. Pray for the newly elected officers that they may lead the girls in the way the Lord would have them go.

2. Pray for the writers of devotional topics for the coming year.

3. Pray for a revived interest in SMM activities in the local societies.

YOUTH COUNCIL—

1. Pray that the hundreds of decisions made in summer camps may be conserved for eternity.

2. Pray that the young people starting college and seminary this fall may become well adjusted to their work, and that they may find needed employment, etc., to assist them.

3. Pray that the new workers in the Youth Council may have wisdom, and strength from the Lord for their tasks.

4. Praise the Lord for extra gifts that enable us to end the year financially in the black.

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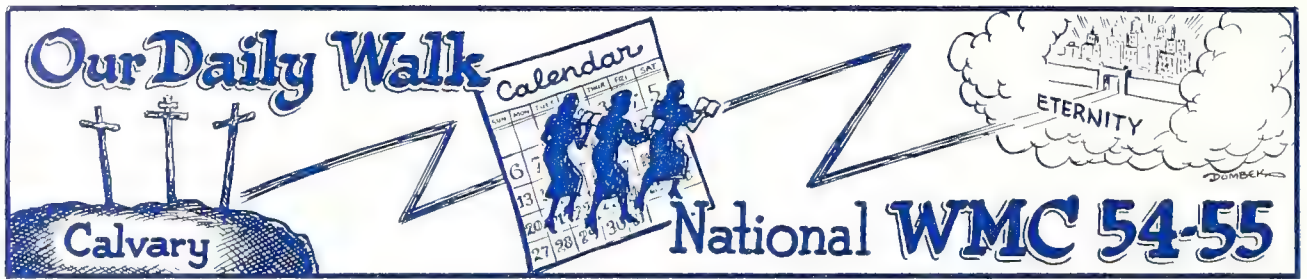
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NAVAHO SCHOOL BUILDING,
NATIONAL W M C PROJECT,
UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON
BRETHREN MISSION STATION

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1. Mary Sala, representing the schoolgirls at ground-breaking ceremonies.
2. Larry Sandoval, representing the schoolboys at ground-breaking.
3. Ground-breaking ceremonies, with Mr. Sylvester turning over the first earth.
4. Volunteer workman from Los Angeles, Calif., beginning construction.
5. The student body at close of last year.
6. Navaho "bulldozers" beginning excavation for the foundation.



OUR DAILY WALK

(COLOSSIANS 2:6)

By MRS. KENNETH ASHMAN

WMC President's Message—Winona Lake, Ind., August 24, 1954

Introduction—

Greetings to our Women's Missionary Council. During the past months we have taken time for a study of God's Word and meditation upon its wonderful promises. We have done as was commanded: "Come ye apart and rest awhile." We have gone apart into the secret closet with much prayer. Our mission studies have caused us to become better acquainted with those ladies among us who minister on the mission fields of the world. Indeed, we have been abundantly prepared for the challenge of the new year before us: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus, so walk ye in him." Our new theme being: "Our Daily Walk."

This is a most fitting challenge to us as Christian women with a missionary vision and wishing to serve the Lord, as well as grow spiritually, as we learn the truths of His Word. Before we can walk with the Lord, we must be assured that we have "received Him." We receive Him by faith, presenting ourselves unto Him. When we possess Christ, it is our sincere prayer that He shall possess us completely.

You can tell a lot about a person and her work by her walk. Discouragement, weariness, sickness, exuberance, and joy—all these influence the walk of the individual. And as physical characteristics portray the mental attitude of the individual, so do our testimonies as Christians, our walks, disclose the depth of our spiritual beings. We influence people more by our actions than by our words. Have you ever been in a home where just the neatness or the arrangement have been an inspiration to you? The hostess has thus given an unspoken inspiration. Even so, to be around some godly women is to prove an inspiration to the heart and life. Their very attitude and bearing makes an impression upon us. Let us consider some of the qualifications and characteristics of the walk of a godly woman.

I. *She walks in newness of life.*

"Like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). Paul was a talented, well-educated religionist. However, all his native and learned accomplishments were useless until they became directed by the Spirit of God. When this happens to us we will be stronger, sweeter, more noble, and more fruitful in our living for Christ. When we become filled with the Holy Spirit there will be less holding back, less complaining, less shirking—we will walk in a newness of willing, consecrated service to Christ.

Certainly this newness must be manifested in our

officers. They must meet new responsibilities, new problems, and new opportunities with a new devotion, a new consecration, a new strength. This newness of walk shows forth in a "walk of love" (Eph. 5:2). "And walk in love as Christ hath also loved us and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour."

II. *She walks by faith.*

"For we walk by faith, not by sight" (II Cor. 5:7). Faith is the eye that beholds the future. We do not know what problems and trials lie ahead of us. But we do know the Saviour who walks beside us as we meet them. Therefore, we willingly accept what is ahead as it comes. We serve the Lord daily, knowing that He will lead the way. Did you as an officer know all your responsibilities, all your goals, all your perplexities when you were first elected? No! But since you are walking by faith, you keep steadily on, trusting the Lord to strengthen and enable you for the tasks before. One should never forget the praise of Jeremiah: "Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father." Life is like a winding pathway—we know not what is beyond each turn; we faithfully follow the path knowing it will lead to our desired destination.

III. *She walks circumspectly.*

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools . . . redeeming the time" (Eph. 5:15-16). Circumspectly means to "keep your eyes open, to look around, to walk exactly." We need to remember that what we are speaks so loud that folks often pay no attention to what we may have to say. Paul reminds us to "walk not as other Gentiles," foolishly, but to walk in wisdom, making the best use of our time for Christ. Here again Paul is urging us to walk in the realm of the Spirit, seeking opportunities to glorify God and to serve those round about us.

I think Paul would mean by this that the walk of a godly woman should be always consistent—as Christ WOULD have us walk and as a Christian SHOULD walk. When there is the enthronement of Christ alone in our lives, there will follow the oneness of purpose that is so sorely needed among Christians today. This oneness will take away such destructive factors as jealousy, faultfinding, and malicious speaking. This oneness will also assure our right living before those in the world so that they will see in us no cause for reproach against our Lord.

IV. *She walks in the light.*

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we

have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). Christ is our light. He, in us, is the light of the world. In Him is no darkness at all; even so there should be the absence of sinful darkness in our lives. To walk in the light is to "walk in the truth" (III John 3). When we are enlightened in the Word, we are enlightened in life. Such enlightenment causes us to consider one another, to forbear one another's shortcomings, to overlook one another's transgressions. Doing this, we may have fellowship one with another. One of the great blessings of our WMC meetings and work is the sweet fellowship that those of us of like precious faith enjoy together. We feel that often there is a definite source of weakness in our councils because of the lack of wholehearted response to our Bible-reading program and our regular Day of Prayer.

It is the responsibility of the officers to foster this fellowship by walking in the light personally, and leading the members of our councils to so walk. Truth will be your torch to bring in needed light. This will be true in more than the spiritual sense—it will be true in the practical as well. The fellowship of service can be fostered by knowledge of the goals, purposes, and projects—this knowledge to be imparted to the council group. In working together, in the light, there will be a pleasing fellowship, profitable for both the ladies and the God we serve.

Especially must the president of the council feel this responsibility. She needs to be well informed in every goal and purpose of our work. She further must impart this information, inspiring response, on the part of the members of her council. The interest of the officers becomes the indicator of the progress of the group. We note that our councils are growing, but we must be sure that the spiritual growth keeps up with the numerical progress. WMC should mean something special in the life of each Brethren woman. It should be that "special"

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

Africa—

Ruth Dunning.....	November 1, 1941
Rev. Charles Taber.....	November 1
Miss Clara Schwartz.....	November 2
Martha Irene Hill.....	November 7, 1953
Mrs. J. P. Kliever.....	November 12
Rev. Donald Miller.....	November 13
Mrs. Robert W. Hill.....	November 27

Argentina—

James Paul Dowdy.....	November 1, 1936
Charles Ray Rottler.....	November 20, 1952
Rev. Hill Maconaghy.....	November 25

Brazil—

Rev. Edward D. Miller.....	November 11
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Mexico—

Rev. A. L. Howard.....	November 7
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On furlough—

Miss Mary Elizabeth Munn.....	November 3
Rev. Chauncey B. Sheldon.....	November 8
Carolyn Ruth Sheldon.....	November 21, 1941

In U. S. attending school—

Anne Celeste Kliever.....	November 13, 1936 (Winona Lake, Ind.)
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In France for study—

Rev. George Cone, Jr.	November 16
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MISS ELIZABETH TYSON HURT IN AFRICA

A cable from Africa to Dr. R. D. Barnard tells of a fall suffered by Miss Elizabeth Tyson (see page 595 of this issue). Perhaps a card shower from her WMC sisters would do much to help her through the next few trying weeks. It is suggested that you send your cards by AIR MAIL. The address is: Miss Elizabeth Tyson, Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

night in the month. It should be that "special" interest in her life. It should be that "special" open door of service for her talents.

The inspiration of the Word of God in our lives, being manifested in a Spirit-prompted devotion to Christ, will prove the necessary stimulus to make these desired goals a reality.

Conclusion.

The secret to the kind of a Christian walk of which we have been speaking—the new walk, the faithful walk, the consistent walk, the enlightened walk—is CHRIST-LIKENESS. "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he [Christ] walked" (I John 2:6). "More like the Master I would ever be" could well be a theme hymn for every member of our WMC. We must be more than imitators of Christ—we must be clean vessels through which He may satisfy the souls of dying multitudes with the precious water of life.

Jesus had a commission upon the earth. He came and completely fulfilled that commission. Even so, we as officers and members of our beloved council have been commissioned to devotional and missionary service. We must be like Him in faithfulness to the complete discharge of our commission. We must be more than "women manifesting Christ." We must not be satisfied until we have met our goals, accomplished our projects, supplied our missionaries, and devoted our whole beings to our loving Saviour and Redeemer.

Oftentimes, to demonstrate our faithfulness, we must be willing to serve in the smaller things. Like Dorcas of old we must see the little needs, the menial tasks—such as a meal when sickness comes into some home, a sympathetic word when sorrow visits, the care of children in time of need. Dorcas' daily walk of faithfulness had a definite effect upon those with whom she came into daily contact. Her willing service was greatly missed when she was taken from their midst.

Our Christlikeness will be assured if we put into practice Paul's admonitions as recorded in Colossians 3:12-17: "Put on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another, and forgiving one another . . . and above all these things put on charity [love], which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts . . . and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

This is the Gospel? What is it according to you? What is it according to me? Let us show forth the Lord Jesus, in all of His mercy, love, and power, in our daily walk. May the Lord bless you and your council.

Month	Bible Study	Mission Study
September	Our Daily Walk in Christ Jesus	York, Pennsylvania
October	Our Daily Walk of Faith	Washington Heights, Roanoke, Virginia
November	Our Daily Walk With Thanksgiving	Seattle, Washington
December	Our Daily Walk of Love	An Executive Looks at Grace Seminary
January	Our Daily Walk of Service	A Missionary Looks at Grace Seminary
February	Our Daily Walk of Watchfulness	A Trustee Looks at Grace Seminary
March	Our Daily Walk of Wisdom	Argentina
April	Our Daily Walk of Communion	A Teaching Ministry in Africa
May	Our Daily Walk of Life	A Missionary Service in Africa
June	Our Daily Walk of Fellowship	Publications
July	Our Daily Walk in the Holy Spirit	Child Evangelism
August	Our Daily Walk in the Light	Brazil

Who's Who for September

DR. L. L. GRUBB

The writer for this first lesson of our Bible study of our new devotional year is Dr. L. L. Grubb, who is at present the general secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, with headquarters at Winona Lake, Ind.



Dr. Grubb

Dr. Grubb was born in Birdsboro, Pa., on January 27, 1908, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Vernon D. Grubb. His father was a minister of the Reformed Church in the U. S. A., and it was this church which he joined when he was saved at the age of 18.

After completing high school, Dr. Grubb trained for a business career and spent a number of years in secular work while at the same time doing definite Christian witnessing as the opportunity afforded. During this period, advancement in the business world did not satisfy the restlessness of his heart and he went through a period of struggle against going into full-time Christian service.

During this time of uncertainty Dr. Alva J. McClain held a Bible conference in Altoona, Pa., at which time Dr. Grubb yielded to the voice of the Holy Spirit. A conference with Dr. McClain led to his enrolling in Ashland Theological Seminary, in the fall of 1934. After his graduation from the seminary in 1937 he became pastor of the Brethren church at Rittman, Ohio. Three years later he became the pastor of a new home-mission church in Hagerstown, Md.

Dr. Grubb's success as a young pastor in these two fields led the Home Missions Council to call him as secretary in January 1945. During his nine years as secretary the Lord has wonderfully blessed the work of the Home Missions Council and we now have 50 mission churches in addition to our growing Navaho and Spanish-American work.

REV. GERALD POLMAN

Rev. Gerald Polman was born in Los Angeles, Calif., on February 22, 1922, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman. He was raised in a Brethren Christian home.

and at an early age was saved and took an active part in the churches where his father was pastor. He formed a substantial part of the Polman musical troupe. The Polman family worked, played, sang, and worshiped to the glory of the Lord—and loved doing it. This early Christian training bore abundant fruit in that not only Gerald but his two sisters entered full-time Christian service. Elaine is the wife of Rev. Max Brenneman, pastor of the Brethren church at Fillmore, Calif., and Joyce is the wife of Rev. Robert Griffith, of Lake Odessa, Mich.



Rev. Polman

Gerald attended high school in Fort Wayne, Ind., where his father was then pastor. He graduated from Bob Jones College in 1943 and entered Grace Theological Seminary the same year. He graduated from the seminary in 1946. During two years of his seminary training he was student pastor at Danville, Ohio, commuting back and forth each week end.

After graduating in 1946 Rev. Polman was called as pastor of the churches at Meyersdale and Summit Mills, Pa. During the four years of his pastorate there a new church building was erected at Meyersdale.

In 1952 Rev. Polman and his family moved to York, Pa., to begin a new home-mission church in that growing community. The Lord has wonderfully blessed their ministry in that place and a new church has been organized and a new church building erected recently.

His wife, Mrs. Phyllis Kinsey Polman, is the WMC district president for the Atlantic District.



With this month we once again take up the Home Mission Project, the building of a school and recreational building at our Navaho Mission. Last year more than \$2,700 came in to the national treasury for that purpose and it is our desire to get that finished this fall. In fact, the building has already gotten under way. The Herald cover this month is a composite of Navaho pictures arranged in the form in which the new building is being erected. Mr. Hubert Sylvester, one of our missionaries to the Navahos, has written us a short account of the recent ground-breaking services at the mission station.

GROUND-BREAKING AT THE NAVAHO MISSION

By Hubert Sylvester, Missionary to the Navahos

On Sunday, June 27, 1954, the midday nutritive delicacy was consummated an hour prior to weekdays. The Dodge truck filled with gas, then the mission station was soon lost to visibility by the pine, cedar, and sagebrush-covered hills. The 30-mile drive to congregate Navahos had begun.

The Bulova hour hand having moved three times during the vibrating journey, the pickup errand had come to a conclusion.

While the interpreter relates the Divine Tidings you consider the various individuals in this portion of the tribe. A number of mothers with their illegitimate offspring, the medicine man's part-Spanish children, the drunkard's daughters, the families coming for medicine, the bigamist's household, the blind, the lame, the beggars, the curiosity seekers, and a minority of devout believers.

The benediction pronounced, 70 persons left the basement chapel to observe the ground-breaking service for the new school.

A brief explanation, a few verses of Scripture, a dedicatory prayer; then began the actual ground-breaking. With the lengthened eastward shadow the spade descends into the compact clay and you become aware of a number of things. Some of the observers perform acts of homage to that greater light which God the Creator made on the fourth day, the one even at that very moment making warmth. The earth itself is an object of adoration, usually in the form of the mountain.

"May this be to the credit of God"—the God that is as a stranger to the Navaho.

"To the praise of Jesus Christ"—a name of meager significance to so many.

"To the glory of the Holy Spirit"—the person of the Trinity foreign to this backward, illiterate, superstitious, death-fearing race.

Even at this moment a more radiant vision occurs. You anticipate a completed structure into which will assemble more of the unschooled children, coming here to be taught God's Holy Word, how to become and live as Christians, educated leaders instrumental in causing

FINANCIAL REPORT OF WMC FOR 1953-54

CASH ACCOUNT

Balance July 31, 1953	\$2,723.02
Receipts—	
General Conference Offering, 1953	\$400.00
Credential Offering, 1953	204.50
Sisterhood Mary and Martha	375.00
Extra Packets	1.00
General Expense Offering	1,652.75
Home Mission Offering	2,711.51
Grace Seminary Offering	2,513.74
Foreign Mission Offering	2,714.78
Thank Offering	3,386.89
Leper Work	143.36
Wagner Children Support	29.00
Daily Vacation Bible School, Taos, N. Mex.	15.00
Missionary Birthday Offering	2,754.36
Missionary Residence Fund	917.41
Fogle Fund	333.82
Total Receipts	18,153.12

Disbursements—	
General Expense	\$3,188.46
Home Missions	2,711.51
Grace Seminary	2,513.74
Foreign Missions	2,714.78
Thank Offering	3,386.89
Special Account—Leper Work	143.36
Special Account—Wagner Children	29.00
Special Account—DVBS, Taos, N. Mex.	15.00
Special Account—Fogle Fund	333.82
Missionary Birthday Fund—Mrs. Sickel	950.00
Total Disbursements	15,986.56
Cash Balance July 31, 1954	4,889.58

RECAPITULATION OF CASH ACCOUNT

July 31, 1954, Cash Account	\$4,889.58
General Expense	\$851.19
Missionary Residence Fund	975.96
Missionary Birthday Fund	3,062.43
Total	\$4,889.58

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND

Balance July 31, 1953	\$1,406.40
Receipts—	
Extra Packets	\$1.00
General Offering—Conference 1953	400.00
Credential Offering—Conference 1953	204.50
Sisterhood Mary and Martha	375.00
General Expense Offering	1,652.75
Total Receipts	2,633.25
Disbursements—	
Conference Expense and Love Gift—National Officers	\$310.00
Conference Expense—District Representatives ..	100.00
Brethren Missionary Herald—12 Heralds	1,469.87
Christian Cards Co.—1953 Conference Programs ..	45.00
Christian Cards Co.—Prayer Cards	21.25
Brethren Missionary Herald—Space in Annual ..	22.50
Brethren Publicity Com.—Page in Brethren Calendar	125.00
Brethren Missionary Herald—Printing Constitutions	116.15
Auditing Financial Secretary Books	15.00
Christian Cards Co.—WMC Stationery	160.00
Preparing and Mailing 1953-54 Lesson Packets ..	58.60
Preparing and Mailing 1954-55 Lesson Packets ..	150.00
Cuts and Drawings for Herald	54.00
National Youth Council	200.00
National Sunday School Board	200.00
Mailing Expense—National Officers	141.09
Total Disbursements	3,188.46
Balance July 31, 1954	851.19

Brethren Women's Missionary Council,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Upon the request of Mrs. Chester McCall, Financial Secretary-Treasurer of your organization, I have examined your books and records for Fiscal Year Ending July 31, 1954, as well as the statements prepared therefrom, and find that all receipts and disbursements for the period stated above were properly accounted for.

Respectfully,

August 6, 1954.

G. H. DIEHL,
Public Accountant.

hundreds to be diverted from darkness to walk in newness of light.

With that first shovel of soil you are mindful of Abraham who "staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God and being fully persuaded that; what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

NATIONAL WMC OBJECTIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

NATIONAL WMC OBJECTIVES (1954-55)

1. For your daily SPIRITUAL food we urge you to read Romans through Jude, Hosea through Malachi, or daily Bible readings of your own choice. Bible Reading Markers will be provided.
2. For the FAMILY SPIRITUAL food we recommend the establishment of daily family devotions in every home. Each council providing instruction by using "How to Have a Family Altar," by Norman V. Williams (Moody Press). Available at Bible book stores for 35c.
3. Monthly devotional meetings urging the use of the Brethren WMC program packets.
4. Encourage individual witnessing by visitation and tract distribution. Urge each local tract chairman to watch the Tract Corner in the WMC Herald for suggestions where and what to buy in tracts.
5. Each council enlisting prayer warriors from the congregation, using the five-year Prayer Covenant Cards, adding a star each year. For guidance in prayer continue the use of the prayer booklets and Prayer Pointers in the Herald.
6. Stress the importance of each council taking part in the district projects and attending rallies.
7. Each local council send a post card with news item at least once a quarter to WMC editor.
8. Each council participating in all the major offerings, earnestly endeavoring to send them to the national financial secretary-treasurer BEFORE THE SET DATE.
 - (1) Sept., Oct., Nov.—HOME MISSIONS—\$2,500; send before Dec. 10. To complete the Navaho school and recreation building.
 - (2) Dec., Jan., Feb.—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERING—\$3,000; send before March 10. \$2,000—Grace Seminary—additional pews for seminary chapel. \$1,000—Sunday School and Youth Boards—electric typewriter and electric mimeograph.
 - (3) March, April, May—FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$2,500; send before June 10. Missionary residence in Brazil.
 - (4) June, July, Aug.—GENERAL AND PUBLICATION FUND—\$2,500; send before Sept. 10.
 - (5) THANK OFFERING for Brethren Jewish Missions taken throughout the year and to be sent to the national financial secretary-treasurer by June 10. THE SUGGESTED GOAL IS A PENNY A DAY PER MEMBER.
 - (6) BIRTHDAY OFFERING to be received during the year for the support of a WMC missionary on a foreign field. Send this offering to the national financial secretary-treasurer by July 10.

DISTRICT WMC OBJECTIVES (1954-55)

1. Every district represented on the National Board, suggesting that expenses wholly or in part, be paid by the district.
2. A four-minute written report to be given at National Executive Board meeting and again on the Conference floor. The retiring president to be responsible for written report which will be read by the present presiding officer.
4. Each district to select a prayer chairman who will encourage the prayer life of the women, suggesting the use of the five-year prayer covenant cards.
5. Promoting the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in the district.
6. Each district to sponsor at least one project with the suggestion that said project BE CLEARED THROUGH THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT TO AVOID DUPLICATION. Each district has the privilege of keeping the project within the district.

7. Each district contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the Foreign Missionary Residence. This offering to be sent to the national financial secretary-treasurer by July 10. This fund to be used as the committee in charge sees the need.
8. Each DISTRICT PRESIDENT to receive the local annual statistical report and to compile the district statistical report and send to the national recording secretary by July 31.
9. Each district president to stress the importance of using the Brethren WMC program packets in the local councils.

NATIONAL WMC RECOMMENDATIONS (1954-55)

1. That a membership and consecration service be held annually in each local council, using the original covenant card and star system.
2. Each local president attending National Fellowship if at all possible.
3. That Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton be our editor.
4. That Miss Mary Emmert continue as our prayer chairman and that we encourage the observance of the day of prayer each month.
5. That we send good usable clothing to Taos, N. Mex., Rev. S. I. Horney, parcel post, or via express to Santa Fe, N. Mex.; to Indian mission, Rev. Evan Adams, Brethren Navaho Mission (located at Counselor Post), Star Route, Cuba, N. Mex., c/o San Juan Basin Lines, Albuquerque, N. Mex., and that each council be responsible for the entire expense. That we temporarily discontinue sending clothing to our Clayhole, Ky., mission because they have a sufficient supply on hand.
6. That officers in the local councils preferably be elected in June, installed and take office by the August meeting, and have statistical reports to the district president by July 15.
7. That each council promote the evangelization of children, urging the individual women to assist in Sunday school, vacation Bible school, children's Bible classes, etc.
8. That the women in each council continue to show an increased interest in the Sisterhood in all possible ways—prayer, work projects, financial help (such as purchasing reading circle books and pennants), and a willingness to serve in an advisory capacity.
9. In view of the rapid expansion of our various Brethren endeavors and the accompanying need, we *strongly urge* that all local and district councils use Brethren talent and support Brethren works.
10. A birthday remembrance to be sent to foreign missionaries and their children.
11. That the local council purchase two or more of the suggested reading circle books:
 - "His Banner Over Me," by Martha Snell Nicholson (autobiography), \$2.50. A capricious spirit gaily pervades the life of Martha Snell Nicholson. This, coupled with a spontaneous love for God's handiwork and tripled with a heart experience of His marvelous grace, provides a foundation for an interesting and worthwhile autobiography. She has the happy faculty of surrounding everyday activities with an exciting halo, and even though she suffers severe limitations of a frail and twisted body, not a trace of bitterness is detected in her excellent prose. Rather, she speaks of pain as a gift of God. Reading this biography will make all the other writings of this author of more value to you.
 - "Queen of the Dark Chamber," by Christina Tsai (autobiography), \$2.50. Christi-

ana Tsai has written a fascinating story of her life. In her childhood she was exposed to every fanciful delight that Chinese mind and money could produce. Buddha was her god and she did not desire to "eat" Christianity. However, through true Christian missionaries Christiana came to know and love Christ as her Saviour. As a result, her missionary endeavors, her keen spiritual knowledge, and glorious daily living, in spite of her inability to walk for 22 years, moves Christians with a fresh realization of God's power, and the worth of foreign missions. This book is worth more than one reading.

"At Break of Dawn," by Fred John Mel-dau (missionary), \$2.50. Part history, part fiction with a prophetic message, "At Break of Dawn" is a novel based solidly upon fact telling of that 20th-century crime, Hitler's persecution of the Jews. Through faithful Dutch Christians, a young Jewess and her fiancé become staunch believers in Christ. Nazi police separate the lovers. Muriel is sent to a concentration camp. Kurt, in vain, tries to follow her and is put through the torture chambers. Their terror-filled escapes from fiendish persecutors stir emotion. God's wondrous power to guide and protect His own is thrillingly portrayed in this book.

"Giants of the Missionary Trail," by Eugene Myers Harrison (missionary), \$2.50. Fabled giants become pygmies when compared with the real ones presented in these pages. Outwardly, they were men of ordinary stature, muscle, appearance, and courage. They blazed trails into cannibal country, penetrated jungles that almost defied human efforts, navigated infested streams and rivers, and in so doing opened the way for later missionaries who never knew by experience what their predecessors suffered and the obstacles they overcame to reach men for Christ. In this book you will find William Carey of India, David Livingstone of Africa, Jonathan Goforth of China, and others who opened the work of spreading the Gospel in their respective countries at great cost to themselves.

"Some African Links," by Mary L. Emmert (missionary), 50c. This book was written by one of our own WMC ladies, a missionary to Africa from 1923 to 1946, serving four terms. She is now our national prayer chairman. She capably answers the question, "What is a missionary?" and "What does a missionary do?" She has also portrayed in word pictures the African and his need for the Saviour.

"Uninterrupted Sky," by Paul Hutchens (Christian novel), \$2.40. When Sharman Ryda, beautiful wife of News Columnist Gene Ryda, packed her suitcase and ran away from her "impossible" husband, she quickly found herself the center of a maddening whirl of events that were to change the whole course of her already tortuous life. Beneath the rapid flow of dramatic events which comprise this unusual story, runs a deep psychological current that interprets for the reader the sometimes startling, sometimes shocking things that are said and done by the colorful characters in the well-developed plot.

Paul Hutchens, favorite Christian novelist of many thousands of readers, has written with sympathy and true understanding of those difficult problems that are the experience of many "happily married" couples when for the first time they come face to face with the surprising disillusionments that so often follow the ecstatic months of romantic love. Many married couples will thank God for this book which so tactfully, yet frankly, faces the marital problems that disturb the peace of so many "happy" homes, even those that are Christian.

We would like to especially recommend this book to our Jr. WMC women.

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 Editor—Mrs. Ben Hamilton, Box 701, Winona Lake, Ind.
 Prayer Chairman—Miss Mary Emmert, Dallas Center, Iowa.
 Patroness of SMM—Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, Box 14, Winona Lake, Ind.

WMC GENERAL EXPENSE BUDGET FOR 1954-55

Brethren Missionary Herald	\$1,565.00
Love gifts and conference expense to national and district officers	510.00
Conference programs, 1954	65.00
Space in Annual	25.00
Auditing financial books and mimeographing of reports	40.00
Cuts and drawings	60.00
Preparing and mailing program packets	160.00
Miscellaneous mailing expense	150.00
Total budget	2,575.00

SISTERHOOD of MARY and MARTHA---1954-55 THEME

Footprints of Jesus

ARE YOU TRUSTING YOUR GUIDE?

By MISS AVA SCHNITTJER

MARY: Alice won't be here tonight, Miss Chadwell.

MISS CHADWELL: Oh, I'm sorry about that. I wanted her to take a part. Is she sick?

MARY: No. She had a date to go roller skating, Miss Chadwell.

MISS C.: I see.

MARY: Is there anything wrong with going roller skating?

MISS C.: You could probably figure out a good answer to that yourself. Roller skating is good exercise and fun. But so much depends on the kind of place it is and the crowd that goes there. However, that's hardly the point in this case.

MARY: You mean any place is wrong to be if you're supposed to be somewhere else.

MISS C.: Yes. But we'll let the lesson answer our question. We'll read Colossians 1:10.

ALL: That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

MISS C.: Mary, what did you do when you were saved?

MARY: I received Christ as my Saviour and gave Him my heart.

MISS C.: And that made you a child of God. Is there anything else you need to do?

MARY: To "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing" means to do just everything the Lord asks you to do, doesn't it?

PROGRAM GUIDE FOR OCTOBER

THEME SONG—Sing the theme song and repeat year's verse, Colossians 1:10.

PRAYER CIRCLE—"If ye ask ANYTHING in my name I will give it to you," said our Lord. Why not lay hold on this promise?

LIFE'S ROADMAP—Read the Scripture, John 14:1-6.

HELP FOR OUR CHRISTIAN WALK—Seniors study "Are You Trusting Your Roadmap?" Middlers study "Where Are Your Affections?"

TALENT—Special treat! Have an instrumental or vocal number.

SOMETHING NEW—Discuss "Church History."

SMM BENEDICTION.

If any SMM groups have not received their materials, please send for them to the literature secretary, Carole Sue Quartz, Winona Lake, Ind.

MISS C.: At least that. Let's see if I can make it clearer. You have all seen young men and women about you who have been in love. Perhaps you have noticed how eager they are to please one another. Because they love each other, each one tries to anticipate the desires of the other in order to do without being asked what the loved one wishes. Their desires become the same and each is happiest in making the other happy. And that's the way we should be with the Lord because we love Him, wanting to please Him, not needing to wait to be asked to do certain things or not to do certain things. We can be so close to Him that we can anticipate His will.

MARY: I'm beginning to see, but go on. How can we anticipate His will?

MISS C.: How did you first know the message God's Word had for you?

MARY: I listened to our minister and read my Bible.

MISS C.: Yes, with your own ears and eyes. And what did you do when you were saved?

MARY: I believed in my heart and confessed that Christ was my Saviour.

MISS C.: And when you've served Him, you've used your feet, your hands, your tongue. Through your senses, which are housed in parts of your body, you've heard and seen and done God's will. Now, have your eyes ever seen that which Satan put before you to make you desire things of the world? Have your ears ever heard things which Satan used to tempt you? Have your feet ever taken you into Satan's territory? These same parts of your body which revealed Christ can also reveal Satan. What a dilemma you are in! But the Lord never leaves you there, so I'm sure we can find in His Word how we can anticipate the Lord's will and not get our messages from Satan. What did Christ do for you in order to save you?

MARY: He died for us.

MISS C.: Was it just His heart that died?

MARY: No; His whole body. He gave His life, His body, a sacrifice for us.

MISS C.: Now, will you read from Romans 12:1?

MARY: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that you present your bodies. . . .

MISS C.: Let's repeat that: that you *present your bodies*. It's true, girls, the Lord wants your heart, but that isn't enough. He wants your hands, your feet, your eyes, your mouth. He wants your body to dwell in. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. And if you do present your body, what will you know? Verse 2.

MARY: "That good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

MISS C.: There's the answer. You can only walk

PRAYER CORNER

Pray much for our new topics, project, etc. The national officers request prayer for the coming year.

Pray for the young people away at college, that the Lord will show them exactly what He wants them to do.

Pray that the girls will begin now in working on their goals and that a real interest will again be shown this year.

Pray for the home and foreign missionaries continually. Prayer is what really counts to the missionaries, so don't let them down!

worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing if you know His will. And you can only know and do His will if you have presented yourself, not just your heart, but your body, to Him. God doesn't send hearts to India and Africa. God doesn't put hearts in the pulpit. God doesn't send hearts out among other young people to be a testimony. He sends bodies. He gave His body; He wants yours, holy, pure, not with eyes that have feasted on Satan's fare, nor ears that have listened to Satan's promptings, nor bodies that have yielded themselves to that which is unholy. Just as a radio, set to a certain wavelength, transmits only what is broadcast on that wavelength, so God wants you tuned to hear only His message, to think His thoughts, to speak His words, and to do His will. If you have given Him your heart and are saved, be sure you are not holding back your body.

ALICE: May I come in?

MISS C.: Oh yes, Alice.

ALICE: Miss Chadwell, I didn't want to interrupt, but I've stood here listening to the whole lesson. Bill and I started to go skating, but I was so miserable I asked him to turn around and bring me here. I know I didn't anticipate the Lord's will, and I was so uncomfortable, but now—I'm so glad I came.

MISS C.: So am I, Alice. Was—was Bill angry?

ALICE: At first I thought he was because he didn't say anything right away. His face was so serious, and then he smiled—and—well—I'm going to his home for dinner after church Sunday.

MISS C.: That's fine. You've proved something, haven't you?

In this journey we're on, this daily "walk," the best way to keep on the right path is by trusting your Guide. Consult your map every day, God's Word; trust your Guide completely. He knows the best way because He planned it.

SISTERHOOD WITH CHRIST

Saved by Christ.
Interest in Christ.
Service for Christ.
Testimony for Christ.
Endeavoring for Christ.
Responsibility to Christ.
Honor to Christ.
Observing of Christ.
Obedient to Christ.
Doing our best for Christ.
—Mary Jane, Keyser, Albany, Oreg.

Where Are Your Affections?

By Mrs. James Dixon

In last month's Bible study we learned that when a girl confesses Christ as her Saviour publicly, her life either brings honor and glory to Christ or it brings shame and reproach.

We learned that our verse for study this year, Colossians 1:10, is a part of Paul's prayer for the Christians living in Colosse and as such it is God's will for our lives.

The Apostle Paul prays that they might be filled with the knowledge of God's will in order that they might walk worthy of the Lord and please Him in everything. The rest of the book Paul shows them how they can make their lives worthy of the Lord.

Today let us consider one of the ways we can walk worthy of the Lord. Read Colossians 3:1-2. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Here we are told to do two things: to seek and to set.

First we are taught to seek the things which are above. David said, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and inquire at his temple" (Psa. 27:4).

Read Psalm 63:1, 2, 6. No wonder God said of David, "He is a man after mine own heart."

How can we seek the Lord? We can seek Him by studying His Word. Jesus Christ is revealed in the Bible. We can seek Him as David did by thinking of God's love and goodness, at night as he lay in his bed, and as he lived his daily life.

So to walk worthy of the Lord, He must be first in all of our thoughts. We must seek Him as we would seek after a treasure of greatest worth. Truly in Him are hid "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." He has promised, "Seek and ye shall find."

Second, we are to set our affections or our minds on the things which are above. We too often have our minds set on things of this earth. We are thinking about a dress, or a party, or what someone is thinking about us, or all the other things connected with this life. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

To readily walk worthy of the Lord we must seek to know Him with all our hearts and must love Him with all our being.

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The project book is to be revised, and the revision committee would appreciate help from the patronesses. Any good suggestions (with explanation and diagram, if possible) are urgently needed. Send same to Isobel Fraser, 8112 $\frac{3}{4}$ Melrose Ave., Los Angeles 46, Calif., by October 20.

HISTORY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH—II

Of the group of Pietists who had taken refuge in the vicinity of the small German village of Schwarzenau, Germany, eight banded themselves together as a Christian church. They earnestly desired to follow Christ in all the ordinances and commandments of the New Testament. Their first step was into Christian baptism.

After much study of the New Testament as well as of early Christian history, they were convinced that it should be a baptism not of sprinkling but of complete immersion. It should be a threefold, forward immersion—a figure of Christ's death and burial.

What a solemn occasion this must have been in that year of 1708! Five men and three women went down to the River Eder in the early morning. The time, place, and who performed the first baptism was kept a secret, so that in future years no place or person might become exalted.

Alexander Mack was the leader of the small group, but before he could perform this sacred rite for the others, he himself must be baptized. After much prayer they selected by lot one of the four other men to perform the baptism of Alexander Mack. Then he in turn baptized the one who had performed his baptism and the six others.

After their obedience to the Lord in baptism, this tiny group experienced great joy in the Lord and became

fired with a missionary vision comparable to that of the early Christians.

In a short period of seven years many believers were added to their number and several churches were established in that area of Germany.

As they grew in number persecutions grew also. Some had their property taken from them, others were imprisoned, and one man was sentenced to labor in the galleys on a ship for several years.

But these persecutions and trials only made them stronger Christians and attracted more attention to their beliefs.

Some forty pointed questions prepared by educated men and the clergy of opposing churches were submitted to the group, now known as Tunkers. The answers to their cunning questions were prepared in pamphlet form and distributed among their friends and neighbors.

These questions and answers are important to us today because they tell us what the early founders of our denomination believed. They have been translated from the German and a copy of them can be found in Holsinger's "History of the Tunkers and the Brethren Church."

So we find that the blessing of God was followed with persecution and trials which finally led our church fathers to flee to America, the land of religious freedom. Next month we shall learn of this movement from their beloved homeland of Germany.

SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA GOALS FOR 1954-55

Mary Goals—

- *1. Attend at least 12 devotional meetings unless unavoidable, using the material in the Herald or the packets.
- *2. Memory work required: Juniors—learn the main verse of their study each month. Middlers and Seniors—one verse each month taken from their Bible reading in Colossians.
- *3. Attend all church services possible.
- *4. Well-prepared participation in your devotional program at least once.
- *5. Read a Christian book approved by the patroness.
- *6. Quiet time observed each day, including Bible reading and prayer (preferably in the morning).
- *7. Suggested Bible reading: Juniors—Genesis and Colossians. Middlers—Genesis, Psalms, and Colossians. Seniors—Genesis, Isaiah, Colossians, and Hebrews.

Martha Goals—

- *1. Be responsible for at least 10 bandages per year.
- *2. Freewill offering at each devotional meeting attended.
- *3. Have a part in the project offering.
- *4. Take part in Christian service.
- *5. Enlist a new girl for SMM.
- *6. Have a part in planning or presenting a program in the interest of SMM—presenting its aims and projects.
- *7. Provide supplies to mission point or missionary or pastor's family.
- *8. Help fill missionary chests.

Emerald, Diamond, and Ruby Awards—

- Ruby—All the goals.
 - Diamond—All starred goals and two unstarred.
 - Emerald—All starred goals.
- Note: These requirements are the same for all SMM's, and all three may be earned.

Projects—

- National—The Bassai Dispensary in Africa and a much-needed microscope. Goal—\$1,700.
- Birthday—Higher education for missionaries' children. Goal—\$500.
- Personal—Memorize the Book of Colossians. \$7.50 award. Write poems, skits, or

stories concerning SMM. Award—Either SMM pin or SMM stationery.

Local Organization Goals—

1. A cabinet meeting in the spring and fall.
2. Project offering sent to the national treasurer before July 15.
3. Freewill offering taken at each meeting and sent to the national treasurer before January 15 and July 15.
4. Bandages for Africa given to the district bandage secretary before July 15.
5. At least two post-card items sent to the general secretary.
6. Statistical blanks sent to the district secretary and national president before July 15.
7. Fifty percent of the girls earn a jewel.

District Goals—

1. Each district send a list of their officers and addresses to the national general secretary and national president.
2. A report from the district bandage secretary to the national bandage secretary before August 1. Bandages are to be sent on to the Missionary Residence at Winona Lake, Ind., anytime.
3. A district project.
4. A display or unique presentation of some activity carried out through the year—to be presented at conference.
5. District secretary send compiled statistical report to national secretary before August 1.
6. District help their president or representative in coming to the early board meetings—\$10 minimum amount.

Recommendations—

1. That Mary Hooks be appointed treasurer for 1954-55.
2. That Nancy Weber be appointed general secretary for 1954-55.
3. That Marie Sackett be appointed national bandage secretary for 1954-55.
4. That a birthday thank offering be given in April, which is SMM birthday month, for the higher education of missionaries' children—\$500 to be the goal and be sent to national treasurer before May 10.

5. That we cooperate with the Youth Council for the year 1954-55.
6. That all the Sisterhoods meeting all local organization goals be recognized as Honor SMM's.
7. That all the districts meeting all district goals be recognized as Honor Districts.
8. That a new jewel, a ruby, be added to the awards.
9. That a gift of \$20 be given to all national officers attending conference toward their expenses.
10. That a gift of \$50 be given to Nancy Weber, general secretary.
11. That the program committee be made up of general secretary, the national president, patroness, assistant patroness, and two members at large.
12. That our personal project be to learn the Book of Colossians and that the deadline for this memorization be June 10. The awards be a SMM sweater, \$7.50 toward Camp Bethany, \$7.50 worth of literature from the Herald Company, or SMM key necklace.
13. That the national board meet one day previous to national conference, 1955, and that each member receive \$5 per working day present.
14. That the SMM give the WMC \$200 now toward Herald expense and \$200 in January and have the general secretary write a letter of thanks to them.
15. That we give \$100 to the National Youth Council now and \$100 in January.
16. That we take the Bassai Dispensary and microscope as our national project for 1954-55.
17. That the district supply their patroness, president, and secretary with SMM stationery.
18. That each local SMM group ask the local WMC to provide an extra lady besides the assistant patroness to train for patroness, this lady to be approved by the girls.
19. That we have cards printed with all the requirements for joining SMM to aid in enlisting members.
20. That girls be encouraged to do craft work at the meetings after the devotional part.
21. That a new project book be printed.

PERSONAL AWARD WINNERS

Those learning James are:

Ruth Elaine Hoffmeyer	Betty Van Eaton
Shirley Imhoff	Mrs. Anna Yoder
Barbara Savering	Nancy Weber
Edith Yoder	

Those learning I John are:

Mary Jane Keyser	Sharon Rae Grovos
Mrs. Robert Clinton	Nancy Johnson
Willina Coon	Janet Boyer
Leola Shantz	Patsy Moll
Barbara Garber	Kay Ellwood
Yvonne Roland	Carolyn Oberholtzer

HONOR SISTERHOODS

Sr.—Des Moines, Iowa	Sr.—Pike Brethren, Cone-
Jr.—Waterloo, Iowa	maugh, Pa.
Mid.—Elkhart, Ind.	Sr.—Martinsburg, Pa.
Jr.—Winona Lake, Ind.	Mid.—Akron, Ohio
Mid.—Pike Brethren, Cone-	Mid.—Middlebranch, Ohio
emaugh, Pa.	Jr.—Troy, Ohio
Sr.—Meyersdale, Pa.	Comb.—Limestone, Tenn.
Sr.—Canton, Ohio	Sr.—Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)
Jr.—Mansfield, Ohio	Sr.—Summit Mills, Pa.
Mid.—Albany, Ore.	Mid.—Winchester, Va.
Comb.—N. English, Iowa	Sr.—Covington, Ohio
Sr.—Fort Wayne, Ind.	Comb.—Hollins, Va.
Jr.—Pike Brethren, Cone-	Jr.—Roanoke, Va. (Wash-
maugh, Pa.	ington Heights)
Jr.—Winchester, Va.	

HONOR DISTRICTS

Southeast District	Indiana District
Southern Ohio District	Northern Ohio District

TAKE NOTE OF THIS! CALLING ALL SISTERHOODS!

We have come across a GOLD MINE of materials for bandages! The ladies of Des Moines, Iowa, heard the Red Cross was using the worn parts of sheets in making cancer dressings, and they were burning the long strips along the sides which were not suitable for their purposes. The Red Cross was glad to give the ladies this material which was just right for rolling bandages. Perhaps other Red Cross groups are doing the same. If you inquire, you may find the answer to your shortage of sheets! Many thanks to you ladies who discovered this!

NATIONAL PROJECT FOR 1954-55

The new project for this year is the Bassai Dispensary for Africa and a much-needed microscope for that dispensary. Miss Gail Jones is handicapped due to the loss of the old dispensary, destroyed by fire about two years ago. Our goal for this project is \$1,700. Let's really get behind this and do our best to meet this goal.

Letters From Sisterhoods

The birthday banquet was a real success for the junior girls of the Second Brethren Church in LONG BEACH, CALIF. Little invitations were sent to the mothers and daughters of all three of the Sisterhood groups. The meal itself consisted of meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, tossed green salad, cake, punch, and coffee. To celebrate the birthday of Sisterhood, girls were asked to bring the cakes to the table. Each cake had a lighted birthday candle in the center, thus making a very impressive sight. The tables were beautifully decorated with birdhouses, made of colorful pastel shades of crepe paper, and spring flowers. Each group presented their birthday offering in a beautifully wrapped box. The speaker, Miss Isobel Fraser, former SMM national president, spoken on "Beauty."

A pajama party was enjoyed by the senior girls of HAGERSTOWN, MD. A surprise birthday party was given for one of the SMM girls, after which the devotional meeting was held. It was a little like camping out, for some people in the church own a cabin up in the mountains in which the party was held. All 10 girls slept in the one and only room downstairs, and the patroness and her husband slept upstairs. All the girls slept on the floor, so little sleeping was done! At 4 o'clock in the morning they got up to cook breakfast. After packing all belongings, everyone went home to a nice soft bed! (Except those who had to go to work at 9 in the morning!)

Although a new group last fall, the girls in PLEASANT GROVE, IOWA, have seven girls who have met the requirements. They have rolled bandages, packed boxes for the missionaries' children, had a public meeting, and are beginning layettes. Following the business at the spring cabinet meeting they all enjoyed a wiener roast and had a singspiration around the campfire.

Due to the loss of two girls through marriage, the Sisterhood in UNIONTOWN, PA., has had varied meetings of showers and farewells. An outdoor meeting is also planned.

Here is a picture of girls at one of the bandage rolls. This group rolled 1,400 bandages and sent in to the district secretary. The girls have been doing a number of interesting things. Among them are: They had a shower



for Mr. and Mrs. Don Bishop, sent two Bibles to Tony Luna in New Mexico, and sent a gift to a missionary in India. Almost forgot! This is the middler group of ASHLAND, OHIO.



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YALOKE, AFRICA. Miss Elizabeth Tyson suffered a serious fall on Sunday morning, Aug. 22. Tripping on the top step of the back porch of her home, she fell headlong, catching her weight on her right hand. She was taken to the hospital at Bangui, where the doctor found her right wrist broken and badly dislocated and her left leg broken just below the knee. Both limbs were placed in casts. Miss Marie Mishler went along to care for her in the hospital. See page 587.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. Miles Taber, pastor of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, was elected chairman of the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers for the ensuing year.

LEESBURG, IND. A "Frontslider's Club" has been organized in the Leesburg Brethren Church. To be a member one must dedicate himself to soul-winning, be regular in attendance at all services, live a separated life unto the Lord, faithfully read God's Word, pray, tithe, and cooperate fully in the work of the church. There are 31 charter members in the club. Rev. Nathan Meyer is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Robert J. Hughes, of Buffalo, N. Y., music editor of Singspiration, Inc., music publishers in Grand Rapids, Mich., has been named executive director of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly. Hughes, 38, succeeds the late Arthur W. McKee, who died in June 1953.

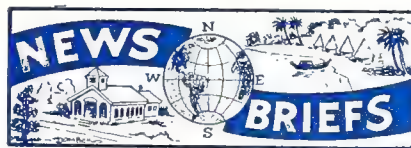
CHICO, CALIF. The workshop for all home-mission pastors on the west coast will be held here Feb. 22-24. Wives are invited to attend, as special sessions are being conducted for them.

WINONA LAKE, IND. All material that is to go into the Brethren Annual must be in the Missionary Herald office by the middle of September. All pastors and secretaries

of churches, districts, and auxiliaries should see that their reports are sent in at once.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Rev. Ralph Colburn will assume the pastorate of the new home-mission church here about Jan. 1. This pioneer work is a part of the rapidly expanding home-mission program.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The board of trustees of Grace Seminary has granted Dr. Alva J. McClain a one-year release from executive responsibility in order that he might devote his time to complete the writing of seven books. Acting president for this year will be Dr. Homer A. Kent.



LOS ALTOS, CALIF. Construction of the new building for the Stearns Street Brethren Church will be started within the next few weeks. A record attendance was recently established when 193 were present. Rev. Charles Underwood is pastor.

BELEM, BRAZIL. Rev. and Mrs. Bill Burk arrived here on Aug. 17. They will be stationed at Icoraci with the Rev. John Zielasko family.

WINONA LAKE, IND. New officers of the board of trustees of the Brethren Missionary Herald are Rev. Robert Crees, president; Dr. Herman Hoyt, vice president; Rev. Wm.

Schaffer, secretary; Rev. Ord Gehman, treasurer; and Mr. Bryson Fetters, member-at-large.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. Alva J. McClain and Dr. Paul R. Bauman will be speakers at the national conference of the American Sunday School Union to be held here in the Westminster Hotel Sept. 9-14.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. David Tollardo has assumed the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church. He served at Arroyo Hondo until recently, but has been replaced there by Jake Maestas.

BANGUI, F. E. AFRICA. Final arrangements have been made for the purchase of lots in Bangui, a city of 100,000 and capital of Oubangui-Chari. The Foreign Missionary Society is working toward immediate establishment of this mission point. Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Jobson and Miss Edith Geske will be stationed here.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Rev. and Mrs. Jack Churchill and family and Mrs. Loree Sickel arrived here on Aug. 23. While on furlough they will reside at 5516 Oleda St., Long Beach, Calif.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The workshop for home-mission pastors of the eastern United States will be held here Mar. 15-17. Wives are invited to attend, with special sessions being conducted in their interest.

ASHLAND, OHIO. Chaplain Harold Morr, USAF, graduate of Grace Seminary, spoke at the West Tenth Street Brethren Church on Aug. 29. Rev. Miles Taber is pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Evangelist
Accident, Md.	Sept. 5-19	Roy Kreimes	Bill Smith.
Garwin, Ia.	Sept. 5-19	Paul Miller, Jr.	Crus'de 1 (Miller).
Seattle, Wash.	Sept. 12-19	Thomas Hammers	Crusade 2 (Lynn).
Hagerstown, Md.	Sept. 15-19	Russell Weber	Wm. Mierop.
Conemaugh, Pa.	Sept. 19-24	Stanley Hauser	Miles Taber.
M'dy's C'rner, Pa.	Sept. 20-Oct. 3.	Clair Gartland	Wm. Steffler.
Portland, Oreg.	Sept. 21-Oct. 3.	Vernon Harris	Crusade 2 (Lynn).
Uniontown, Pa.	Sept. 21-Oct. 3.	C. K. Landrum	Crus'de 1 (Miller).
South Bend, Ind.	Sept. 22	Russell Ogden	R. I. Humbert.
Grafton, W. Va.	Sept. 26-Oct. 10.	Lee Crist	Bill Smith.
Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)	Sept. 29-Oct. 1.	Charles Gantt	R. I. Humbert.
Akron, Ohio	Oct. 3-17	M. L. Myers	A. R. Kriegbaum.
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	Oct. 5-17	Richard Grant	Richard Jackson.
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	Oct. 8	Donald Rossman	R. I. Humbert.
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	Oct. 10-12	Wm. Schaffer	R. I. Humbert.
Yellow Creek, Pa.	Oct. 12-24	Sheldon Snyder	Mark Malles.
Martinsburg, Pa.	Oct. 17-31	Gerald Teeter	Bill Smith.

PSALM 39

The vital, growing Christian is aware of two influences daily in his life: the Spirit of God calling us to holiness in our walk, and the corrupting atmosphere of sin about us which tends to creep into our thoughts and stain our lives. Growth in Christian life and experience progressively sets us aside from sin. The further we come away from the old life, the more acutely sensitive we are of sin in our daily surroundings and in ourselves. It is this Spirit-given sensitivity to sin that enables us to recognize it and to abhor its presence in self or fellow beings. The man who has walked all morning in the brilliance of the desert sun is instantly conscious of the least cloud-shadow passing over him. The man who has sat long by the warm hearth of the fire in the home is painfully sensitive to chilling cold of a winter morning as he goes about his daily chores. David, servant of Jehovah, was conscious of the sin of His people and the nations around him. As he thought of the transgressions of the wicked all about him, he often spiritually analyzed their conditions and cried to God in deprecatory psalms.

Presence of Evil (Vss. 1-2)

The transgression of the wicked in the world utters an oracle loud in its announcement that there is no thought or respect or fear of the living God. Though there be few boastful agnostics and shouting atheists, the habits of life of the vast majority of the world's people, including those in "Christian America," speak loudly of the fact that they are *practical* atheists. Since the only way we have of knowing whether a person is conscious of something in his presence is by his reaction to the thing, we must conclude that to the vast majority of people "there is no fear of God before his eyes." They have not seen God in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. Too many of the professing Christians of the present day are either like the old village doctor: "Yes, I am still a doctor, but I am

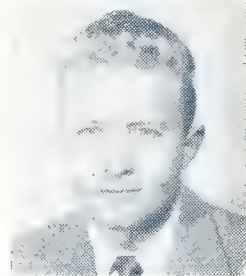
not practicing now," or they are truly professors only. It has become difficult in the present-day life to tell by observation who is the one who fears God enough to desire to have his life separated from the sin of the world through Christ's work.

Practice of Life (Vss. 3-4)

Christ's rebuke to the Pharisees of His day indicated the source of that which flows out of the mouth—"for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matt. 12:34). David recognized the same means of determining the transgressor of his day for the "words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit." Another indication of the transgressor is that he "hath ceased to be wise and to do good." The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, and he has no fear of God. The waking hours of the transgressor are not the only period of his wickedness, for "he deviseth iniquity upon his bed." The mark of the sinner of David's day is not outmoded—"he abhorreth not evil." The present day is characterized by people who do not hate evil; they are better characterized by the Apostle Paul: they "not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Rom. 1:32).

Praise to Jehovah (Vss. 5-9)

After David had contemplated the godlessness of his generation and the blindness of his people in their relationship to Jehovah, he could not but praise Jehovah for His mercy, faithfulness, and righteousness. In his exaltations, David was bound by his finite existence. How could he express the mercy and lovingkindness of Jehovah who had infinite patience with godless men? The far reaches of heaven above were a picture of the height of the mercy of such a God. How could he describe the faithfulness of Jehovah in spite of the faithlessness of men? The wide expanse of the sky above, that envelops all men alike, that brings the rain and the sun alike on the



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God-fearing and the godless, alone could suffice to show the breadth of the sureness of the promises of God.

Though Jehovah is a God of endless mercy and of boundless faithfulness, He is still a holy God. His righteousness is like the "mountains of God," unchangeable, unmovable, firm. Certainly His thoughts and judgments are not understandable unto man—they are like the depths of the earth that are unknown and unfathomable by man living on the surface. And yet this God, our Jehovah, is interested in lives of His creatures, man and beast—proved by the sparing of life of each kind in the ark upon the waters of His righteous judgment. What a contrast to the petty existence of the wicked and their self-centered lives of sin and godlessness!

This is the God to whom we have come seeking refuge in this present life; where the world offers no satisfaction nor satiation for the desires of our hearts. In Christ we find life and light and fullness of both.

Prayer of Supplication (Vss. 10-12)

The consciousness of the sinfulness of wicked man, and our own sinfulness, and the limitlessness of the mercy of God should drive one to cry unto God in supplication that His mercy be not shortened for those that call upon Him, or that shall call upon His name as we make His name known. Because of an understanding of the righteousness of God, we can feel sure with the Psalmist David that He will protect us from the sins of life that would drive us away from Him, and that He shall be vindicated before all the transgressors of this world.

Why Your Prayers Are Not Answered

In this modern age in which we live, we have learned to harness the power of the mighty Niagara and to turn its force to our use and our good.

We have learned how to hold steam captive in boilers and release its tremendous power to turn our machines and pull our trains.

We have even discovered the secret of how to release the energy that is in hydrogen which is capable of destroying entire cities and civilizations.

But very few of us have learned how to fully develop the power of prayer. We have not yet learned that a man is more powerful on his knees than behind the most powerful guns we have ever developed.

The focal point of all Satan's attention and strategy is the prayer life of the believer. If he can, by any means, destroy that, he has gained the day; he has defeated the saints; he has frustrated the ends of God.

The enemy fights prayer persistently, energetically, violently, and cunningly; he fights the prayer life of the believer.

He fights it along preventive lines—anything to prevent prayer. It is not just ordinary circumstances that keep you from prayer; it is designed—a well-laid scheme of the enemy to prevent prayer.



By Bill Smith, Evangelist
Washington, D. C.

He does not mind how busy we are in the Lord's work; he does not mind how often we are found preaching, conducting meetings, doing the many-sided work of the Lord; he knows quite well that all the work for the Lord which is not founded upon triumphant, spiritual prayer will count for little or nothing in the long run, and will break down.

When the children of Israel began to talk about and contemplate their exodus from Egypt, the enemy's reaction was to double their labors; that is, to get them so much more deeply occupied with work that there would be no more time for contemplating exodus.

Immediately you begin to contemplate or purpose a fuller prayer life, the enemy launches a new scheme for keeping you more busy, occupied, heaping up the work, crowding in demands so that you will not have time, no opportunity for prayer.

If you will go through the Word of God, you will find that our Lord estimates prayer at a higher value than anything else in His people.

Look at His life. Oh, amazement of amazement, that one such as the Son of God, all that He was, should yet maintain such a prayer life—"a great while before day," or "continued all night." He prayed!

I have found that the greatest need of the foreign missionary is not more money, though there is always a need; it is not greater and better educational facilities; it is not bigger and better-equipped hospitals; it is not even for new churches. The greatest need of the foreign missionary is prayer.

If the average Christian back home realized how much their prayers meant to these valiant heroes of the faith, they would not cease to pray day and night for their representatives out there in foreign-mission fields.

However, the Bible lays down cer-



tain rules concerning prayer that must be adhered to if prayers are to be answered.

No one has given more encouragement to prayer than Jesus did. The followers of Christ were both encouraged to pray and taught how to pray. Jesus gave very careful instructions to those who pray.

1. Jesus was clearly opposed to all insincerity in the matter of prayer. He said, "And when ye pray, ye shall not be as the hypocrites: for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily, I say unto you, They have received their reward" (Matt. 6:5, ASV).

2. Jesus was opposed to that kind of praying that relies upon the repetition of words and phrases. Prayer, according to Him, must be the honest and earnest expression of the heart. He said, "And in praying use not vain repetitions, as the Gentiles do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him" (Matt. 6:7-8, ASV).

3. Jesus said prayer had to be made in His name. Prayer can only become effective when it is made as we have been directed to pray by Christ. Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

Here, then, is the key to prayer which is simply access to God. Every person that has ever gotten to the

throne of grace has had to approach God through Jesus Christ.

Christ encouraged His followers to pray both by the example He set in praying and in His teaching. So fervent and direct were His prayers that once when He had finished praying, His followers turned to Him and said, "Master, teach us to pray."

Elijah prayed, and God sent fire from heaven to consume the offering of the rude altar he had built in the presence of God's enemies.

Daniel prayed, and the secret of God was made known to him to the saving of his companions.

Jesus prayed at the door of the tomb of Lazarus, and the one who had been dead for four days came forth.

Paul prayed, and hundreds of churches were born in Asia Minor and Europe.

John Knox prayed and Bloody Mary said that she feared the prayers of John Knox more than she feared all the armies of Scotland.

John Wesley prayed, and revival came to England, sparing her the horrors of the French Revolution.

Beloved, take heart, and avail yourselves of the greatest privilege this side of heaven.

Jesus Christ died to make this communion and communication with the Father possible.

It is said that God has but three answers to the prayer of petition: Yes; No; Wait a while.

It is also believed that "No" means "I have something better for you if you will wait."

Why your prayers are not answered:

1. *We don't really pray; we just say words.* After attending many prayer meetings, if I would have had the audacity to ask many people about what they had prayed, they would not have been able to tell me. We rush into the presence of God, never giving any thought as to what we are going to say. Then after we pray, we don't remember what we have said.

2. *All of our praying is done at night.* Why should we pray at night? We are not going to get into much trouble while we are asleep. Praying should be done in the morning, at noon, and in the evening. Revolutionize your life and be in constant prayer daily. There is no excuse for unconfessed sin. Confess that

THERE IS A VAST DIFFERENCE—

Between being sorry for sin, and sorry because sin is found out;
Between confessing your sins, and confessing some other person's sins;
Between seeing your own faults, and seeing some other person's faults;
Between conversion of the head and conversion of the heart;
Between being led by the Holy Spirit, and being led by your own imagination;

Between the spirit of meekness and the spirit of indifference;

Between suffering for Jesus' sake and suffering for your own ungodly work;

Between persecution for Christ's sake and persecution for your own hypocrisy.—*Fifth and Cherry Light.*

sin immediately when conviction is present.

3. *We do not pray expecting an answer.* We pray for revival and when revival doesn't come we say, "Oh well, I didn't think we would have a revival anyway!" Our faith is small when we do not believe God and expect Him to answer our prayers. Read carefully Acts 12:5-16. This account causes a smile to appear, but how true it is of our prayer life today. Pray for *anything* because we have a God who works in miracles.

HER RESPONSIBILITY

A poor man was once obliged to seek financial aid of a wealthy Christian woman. After hearing of the need, the lady made out a check for the amount and, as she handed it to the man, told him that he need not return the money. Then she made a strong remark: "This is more than God ever gave me," she said. The man looked at her in surprise and said: "Mrs. D—, I am surprised to hear you say that. You have abundance, and God has given you all you have." She smiled and replied: "I speak the truth, for God has not given me but lent unto me what I have, that I may in His name bestow it upon those who are in need."—*The King's Business.*

INSIDE BRACES

The congressman was having a hard time to explain his vote on a certain bill. Finally he said impatiently, "Oh, gentlemen, you simply have no idea of the inside pressure brought to bear on a man in my position."

"Outside pressure!" roared an old sea captain in the audience. "Where were your inside braces?"—*Selected.*

In Memoriam

Names appear in this column only when sent in by pastor.

HARRY SHYER, 72, departed from this life to be with Christ on Aug. 20, following surgery. Brother Shyer, a converted Jew, was a member of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pa. He was the father of Mrs. Ronald Robinson, wife of the pastor of the Peru Brethren Church, Peru, Ind.—*Rev. John Aeby, pastor, First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.*

JOEL LYNCH went to be with the Lord on Aug. 5. He was a member of the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. Rev. George Kinzie was in charge of the service.

REST

(II Kings 4:10)

Introduction: The story.

1. Foundation—"on the wall" (I Cor. 3:11).
2. Protection—"a little chamber" (Psa. 61:3).
3. Relaxation—"a bed" for rest (Matt. 11:28-30).
4. Communion—"a table" (I John 1:7).
5. Position—"a stool" (Heb. 1:3).
6. Illumination—"a candlestick" (Psa. 119:105).—*M. E. Hawkins.*

WORDS OF WISDOM

To be content, if you do not have enough, is difficult; if you have too much, it's impossible.

Brightening up the life of someone else will put a fresh shine on your own.

The oyster makes a pearl out of an irritation. What do you make out of yours?—*Fifth and Cherry Light.*

ADVENTURE

FLYING TERMITES

By Ruth Samarin

In the gray light of the morning Foli's village looked wet and bedraggled. A miserable chicken fluffed her feathers and then crowded nearer the wall of the sodden hut. A spindly stream of smoke arose from one then another of the village houses. From somewhere a rooster crowed and a flock of saucy guinea hens answered in noisy chorus. A brave gleam of sunlight broke through the gray clouds and the sodden village seemed to take courage.

A brown dog nosed open Foli's door and chased the disgruntled hen out into the mud. Foli put his head out of the door and smiled. The sun would soon be bright and clear and then the world would be warm again. With a shiver he clutched his shoulders to keep warm and ran to the gong that hung by the chapel door. With all his strength he hit the old iron till the air filled with its call. People appeared from huts that were already steaming in the first rays of morning sun. Soon the little chapel was full, and Foli's father began the early class.

Every morning Foli rang the bell, and every morning he joined in the singing and Bible verse learning. When church was over he would pull weeds in the garden or roll his hoop with the other boys. But this morning he knew there would be no weed pulling.

After church he stopped to inspect several termite holes near his house. He watched the sky with interest

and tried to find something to do till noontime "Why do you keep peering in that hole, Foli?" asked his little sister "Why, little one, didn't you hear the rain beat on the roof all last night? When the sun is high the termites will fly out of this hole and then I will eat till I am full." "And so will I!" laughed his sister.



As the sun neared the top of the sky, women and children gathered around the small, insignificant holes in the red earth. Some came with baskets, others had pans or branches from trees. As the sun grew very hot and the rain puddles in the village baked dry, the first termite winged its way out of the hole near Foli's house. Foli's mother sprin-

kled water in a basket and then clamped the basket over the hole. In a few minutes dozens of termites clung to the wet walls of the container. As she lifted the basket to dislodge its tasty occupants, dozens of termites flew from the hole. Foli and his sister gleefully grabbed termites, popping them into their mouths with much gusto. The old disgruntled hen, now happily dry, flew about clucking as she chased after her share.

"Now, Foli," scolded his mother, "if you will just help me catch termites instead of eating them all yourself, I will cook them and they will taste much better." Dutifully Foli sprinkled a branch with water. When his mother picked up the basket to put the imprisoned termites in a pan, Foli laid his damp branch across the hole. The branch was soon covered with wiggling insects.

That evening the black pan was put on the fire. Foli's mother poured peanut oil from a bottle into the smoking pan. The delightful smell of peanut oil and frying termites filled the house. When the termites were browned, Foli and his father washed their hands and then squatted by a big ball of manioc in a white dish. In another dish beside the manioc lay the glistening termites, appetizing and ready to eat. Together the family bowed their heads, and Foli's father thanked God for His goodness in supplying food for his family.

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THE BEGGAR'S LIVERY

A man called at my house, some time ago, for charity. Thinking that the man's rags and poverty were real, I gave him a little money, some of my clothes, and a pair of shoes. After he had put them on and gone out, I thought, "Well, after all, I may have done you a bad turn; you will not look so wretched an object, and will not get so much money as before."

Happening to go out a quarter of an hour afterward, I saw my friend; but he was not wearing the clothes I had given him—no, not he! Why, I should have ruined his business if I could have compelled him to look respectable. He had been wise enough to slip down an archway, take all the good clothes off, and put his rags on again. That was his livery. The more ragged he looked, the more he would get.

Just so with the sinner. If you are to go to Christ, do not put on your good doings and feelings. Your ruin is your argument for mercy; your poverty is your plea for heavenly alms; your need is the motive for God's grace.—*Spurgeon in Moody Monthly.*

A GOOD DEFINITION

"What is temptation?" asked the teacher of a class of small boys.

Nine-year-old Drew answered: "Temptation is the urge to sin."—*Prophetic Word.*

died for our sins" (I Cor. 15:3) and for the sin of the entire world! But how can the world know this if they do not hear the wondrous news from you and me? "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things" (Rom. 10:13-15).

How about winning that soul across your back fence? Then double that offering to send the Gospel over the earth.

Lucky, Paul Kent? No, dear lad, not lucky. Just blessed above and beyond all men when we rest secure and safe in Christ. Let's give this "good thing" to all mankind!

WHO'S LUCKY?

"Sharon's lucky. She gets to go out tonight. I wish I could go."

"There is no such thing as luck, Paul Kent," Dorotheann corrected the lad. "It's not taught in the Bible, is it Mama?"

"No, it isn't, dear. Christians' lives are ordered of the Lord and they depend on His provision and leading if they truly love Him and put Him first in their lives."

"Well, I heard some kids talking about luck," Kent insisted.

"You probably did, honey, but Christians have no business depending on any such thing as luck in their lives' transactions."

Now a shy smile lit up the lad's face as he pulled a grimy fist from his pocket. "I'm lucky, even if you're not, Mama. One of the kids gave me this tangerine today and nobody else has one. Ha!"

"That wasn't luck, Kent," Mother gently taught the six-year-old. "The little boy was kind to give it to you and I certainly hope you thanked him."

"Yes, ma'am, I did." Walking around the kitchen in a brown study, Mother's young man suddenly continued, "I think you are lucky if you have something no one else has and it is good."

Clutching the tangerine, turning it over almost lovingly in his dirty hands, he climbed up on the kitchen stool and thought his "luck" theory through to its logical (to him) conclusion. "If anyone else has what you have, you are not lucky. Or if what you have isn't good or extra special, you are not lucky. This is a good tangerine and I like it and nobody else in this house has one. I'm gonna eat it."

And eat it he did.

As she whipped up a cheese soufflé for dinner, Mother mentally wrestled with her son's reasoning on luck and its attendant results in the lives of people. For a six-year-old, his conclusion wasn't too bad, especially when she considers the times he is completely scatterbrained!

When men use the term "luck," there is always involved the idea of chance, and chance has no place in the life of a believer in Jesus Christ. It was not chance which sent Jesus Christ to Calvary. Far back in the councils of God Christ was "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8). It was not chance that saved your soul and mine. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who . . . hath chosen us in him [Christ] before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:3-4). By his foreknowledge He knew we would respond to His



invitation: "Whosoever will may come," therefore He chose us in Christ way back in eternity.

Luck has no part in the service believers render to Jesus Christ. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit might remain" (John 15:16). Yet by our lack of witness and winning the lost the average Christian lives as though "luck" and chance enter into the salvation of the world. We have something good in our salvation and we like its peace and blessings. Our loved ones are in the fold, so why be concerned about others? We have something others do not have and, like Kent, we consider ourselves "lucky." Don't worry us about people we do not know and in whom we have no immediate interest!

God gave His church a new vision of that solemn truth that "Christ

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This church was built in five months by the Brethren Construction Company and dedicated on August 14 and 15, 1954. The pastor, Gerald Polman, with Mrs. Polman are shown in the inset.



Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



Are You Praying for Brethren Home Missions?

"Points for Prayer and Praise" is a small pamphlet crowded with prayer requests for Brethren home-mission prayer warriors. There is one request for each day of the home-mission season—September through November.

They are in your church *now*! Have you been using them daily and faithfully? Without the greatest burden of prayer possible, we cannot expect to win the greatest victories in Brethren home missions. Pray at church, at home, during mealtime, during daily devotions, at every opportunity, for the establishment and growth of new Brethren churches.

Both are needed, but remember that your prayers are stronger than your dollars.

Good Business

One of the greatly ignored and unheeded fields of personal witnessing is among the great host of American businessmen. This field has never been fully explored by the church. In fact, much of the program of the church is so general that segments of our population which demand special attention are largely forgotten.

Some weeks ago on a train I talked to an executive officer of a large corporation while both of us sat at the same table in the dining car. It was not difficult to steer the conversation into the spiritual channel. After we had conversed for more than a half-hour and then moved to different sections of the train, I felt a sense of inadequacy in completely dealing with the situation. As I meditated upon this matter and asked the Lord to give me a tract slanted in the direction of the businessman, it seemed that the Holy Spirit spoke directly to me and gave thoughts and words which are now incorporated in a beautiful two-color tract titled "Good Business."

This tract meets the businessman on his own basis. It deals with his business; then ties that business into a spiritual consideration of God and His Christ and then presses for a decision in favor of the Lord Jesus.

A picture of a typical businessman with business buildings appearing through the window in the background and with attractive artwork, all help in impressing the lost soul with the importance of spiritual matters.

These tracts are available through the Brethren Home Missions Council office at Winona Lake, Ind. Send for your copies.

This Is a New Slant

Pageantry, pantomime, music have all been used to depict certain great passages in Scripture or to illustrate the life or experience of a servant of God. Now something appears which is an entirely new slant. It is depicting the Lord's Prayer through ballet dancing. This is the type of ballet you would expect to see in any theater.

Members of the student body of Albright College in Reading, Pa. (an Evangelical United Brethren school), recently witnessed a full portrayal of the Lord's Prayer as scantily clad maidens moved in a variety of female poses supposedly to bring the audience to a state of complete understanding of our Lord's prayer. They claimed that this was a step in the direction of true worship.

This sounds exactly like the worship of Ashtoreth, of Old-Testament fame. There was a time when the worship of this goddess of love and immorality crept into the worship of Israel. It no doubt made its approach on a similar intellectual and cultural basis. As modern colleges and especially modern churches bring the dance with all of its social evils upon our already beset youth, they will do well to remember the curse of God upon all followers of this early goddess.

Members of the E. U. B. church may well protest this movement, for ultimately it means only one thing—SIN of the worst sort.

What can we expect from this generation in terms of morality or spirituality when this sort of thing is imposed upon our young people?

Clean Up New York!

One evening recently, a girl and a boy were walking home through Central Park when three youths jumped from behind bushes, slugged and robbed the young man, ravished the girl, and vanished.

As an isolated crime this is bad enough, but it is only part of a crime pattern not only in New York but in almost any large American city. The increase of crimes against the person have greatly increased in New York City.

"Zip guns" and switchblades are favorite weapons of the teen-agers. These weapons are available at many stores, with no limit on the purchases. The "zip gun" is fashioned from a toy cap gun and fires deadly .22-caliber bullets. The switchblade is a folded knife which flies out into place at the press of a button. Both youngsters and case-hardened criminals use these simple weapons very effectively.

Mayor Wagner, newly elected mayor of New York City, says he is going to clean up New York. His aims are morally fine and he will certainly succeed in legislating some degree of improvement. But Mayor Wagner may as well realize something which he probably would not admit. New York City's greatest problem is the relative absence of Gospel-preaching churches. Very few are those men of God who hold up the Gospel torch beside the torch of liberty in that great city. They are so few that their voices are like those crying in the wilderness.

The message New York City and thousands of other American cities need is, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

We can give them this message through Brethren home missions.

BRETHREN AT YORK, PA., DEDICATE NEW CHURCH



Left: Participants in the York dedication, Rev. Bill Smith, Rev. U. L. Gingrich, Rev. Leo Polman, Rev. Gerald Polman, and Rev. Lester Pifer. Right: The Polman Trio, Rev. and Mrs. Leo Polman, with their son, Gerald.

By GERALD POLMAN

The dedication services of the Grace Brethren Church of York, Pa., were held on August 14 and 15, 1954. This was a wonderful occasion for the members of the church, for just five months from the day the ground was broken, March 14, 1954, the building was dedicated. The services on these two days were attended by over 600 people—Saturday night, 103; Sunday morning, 85; afternoon, 102; evening, 92; and the county-wide singspiration that followed the evening service, 250.

Rev. Conard Sandy, pastor of the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church in Harrisburg, Pa., and moderator of our district, brought the message on Saturday evening. Rev. Lester Pifer, assistant field secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, brought a challenging message to the congregation on Sunday morning. The pastor's father, Rev. Leo Polman, pastor of the Temple City Brethren Church, of Temple City, Calif., brought the dedicatory message Sunday afternoon. On Sunday night, Evangelist Bill Smith, from Washington, D. C., brought the message. Surely the Lord used each messenger to bring a blessing to the hearts of those attending.

We appreciated the fine delegation of people from the Harrisburg and the Philadelphia (First) churches. Rev. John Aeby and a carload of people drove from Philadelphia on Saturday evening just to be present for that service.

Our building was built by the Brethren Construction Company of the Brethren Home Missions Council. The five men who make up this construction company are Brethren men and made every effort to build a building which would give us the best building for the money spent. The building was completed at a cost of just under \$35,000, which in itself is almost unbelievable. This is a tribute to the men of the construction company who worked hard and long together with many men of

the church who put in over 2,000 hours of hard work. How we praise the Lord for this fine building!

The main auditorium will seat 250-300 people. A nursery has been built with a soundproof window looking into the auditorium. From the large vestibule a stairway leads to the lower auditorium, which contains four permanent classrooms, a kitchen, furnace room, restrooms, and a large auditorium which has been divided into three classrooms by curtains. There is a large parking lot to the north of the building and a large plot of ground to the east of the building which can be used for parking also. This ground to the east will be the site of the educational unit of the building which will be built at a later time.

Our present unit is 40 by 72 feet, facing a beautiful artificial lake in the Farquar Park. We are using the name of "Chapel by the Lake" in our advertising.

The building was designed by a Christian architect, Mr. Charles Hulbert, of New Cumberland, Pa. His one purpose was to give us a building which was attractive and yet economical and useful. We praise the Lord for His leading us in every phase of the construction of this building. Pray with us and for us that the Lord will lead us in making the proper contacts in the community—surely there are many who need to know the Lord as their Saviour.

GIVING THANKS ALWAYS

By Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Kyler

Ephesians 5:20 reads: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," and this is what we would like to do. We wish to thank those who the Lord used to make possible the new church in York, Pa. First, to the Brethren



Top: The local pastor, Gerald Polman, presiding, with Rev. Leo Polman, Rev. Bill Smith, and Rev. U. L. Gingrich on the platform. Mrs. Leo Polman is seated at the piano. Center: A department of the Sunday school and the presentation of the keys. Bottom: A view of the dedication audience and another department of the Sunday school.

Home Missions Council for their advice and financial help; second, to the Brethren Construction Company workers and their families for their labor and fellowship; third, to all the Brethren who gave through the Minute-Man and the Thanksgiving offering that York, Pa., could have a Brethren testimony. Our prayer is that God will make the work fruitful here as well as the other home-mission points.

DISTANCE IS NO BARRIER FOR BRETHREN

By the Hughs Family

We are indeed grateful for the Grace Brethren Church at York, Pa., and we feel it is a privilege to travel 19 miles each way to worship with God's people in the York church. It is well worth making the 38-mile round trip for the fellowship with the Brethren, but the blessings

from God's Word make it even more precious. As the Lord has blessed in the building with the Brethren Construction Company, we believe He will continue to bless in a greater way with our chapel.

YORK REVEALS GOD'S MOTIVE IN MOVING

By Mrs. Harry Knepper

When one lays his all on the altar and says, "Lord, use me to thine honor and glory"—He does.

Our family had always lived in Somerset County, near Meyersdale, Pa., and because of lack of work for my husband and six sons, we felt led to move to York, Pa. At the time we could not understand why the Lord would lead us away from our Brethren church to a place where there was none. This question became more serious when we could not find a church of any kind

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where we could fellowship. This caused us to drive to Harrisburg, which was 25 miles away.

When a pastor was soon sent to York to organize a new Brethren church, we knew the Lord had sent us there to help establish a testimony in that sinful city. It is a great joy to see souls being saved in the new church. Recently a Jewish lady came into our morning service and left with Christ as her Messiah.

My prayer is that Christ will live in me and use me to help others find Him as their Saviour.

CHURCH'S OBJECTIVE BEING FULFILLED IN YORK

By Eugene Hively

I praise the Lord for the "Chapel by the Lake," wherein I can hear the Word of Life. I am thankful for fine Christian friends who led me from a church that is so rapidly turning to formalism to this one where the Word of God is taught and learned.

Praise God for this church that is pressing toward the goal set forth in a favorite passage of mine (Matt. 28: 19-20), which reads: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." I am thankful for the promise at the end of verse 20, which reads: "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

GLAD FOR THE YORK BRETHREN CHURCH

By Mr. and Mrs. Robert Merritt

We were glad, when we moved to York two years ago, to learn that a Brethren church was being organized here. We belonged to a Brethren church in our hometown, and wanted to continue worshipping in one.

We like this denomination for its Bible-teaching, God-fearing principles. The motto, "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible," is constantly upheld, and our wonderful Saviour is given first place always in this church.

We thank and praise our Lord for the fine new building He has given us, and pray that our church will be a testimony to the living Christ Jesus.

ANOTHER APPEAL FOR NAMES

On a number of occasions letters have been sent out to obtain the names of Brethren people who live in distant places where there is no Brethren church. Again we are sending out an appeal for pastors, Sunday-school teachers and laymen to send us names and addresses of such folk. It is the desire of the Brethren Home Missions Council to keep in constant touch with such people by mail, and whenever a nucleus can be found in a strategic place, we will endeavor to establish another Brethren church. Your cooperation in this matter will mean much to these folk who get little of Brethren fellowship; it will be of great help in the further expansion of the Brethren Church and may be the means of winning a host of people in an entirely new community for our Lord Jesus Christ.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONDUCTS DVBS



Top—Miss Mary Cripe, Rev. J. C. McKillen, and Mrs. J. C. McKillen. Bottom—Nursery group demonstration on the closing program.

Miss Mary Cripe, a missionary to Africa, spent two strenuous weeks of her furlough in directing the DVBS for the First Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz. The attendance averaged over 130 and ended with more than 30 decisions for Christ. Of this number some will be candidates for baptism and come into the membership of the church.

The school was by far the largest ever held at Phoenix and the theme, "Pioneering With Christ," was used, as you will recognize from the accompanying pictures.

THE BRETHREN CHURCH A BLESSING

By Mrs. Eugene Hively

I praise the Lord Jesus Christ for leading me to a church where they preach the Gospel. I have been a member of the Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa., for only a few months, but already I have experienced many spiritual and material blessings. Not the least among these was finding a Christian man for a husband. Above all, I thank God for the gift of His Son which has made these things possible and available for me.



Fort Lauderdale sign, with Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Colburn added.

Among all the new and promising home-mission fields available for new Brethren churches, Fort Lauderdale is one of the best.

Located on the east coast of Florida just 20 miles from the great city of Miami, Fort Lauderdale becomes a strategic beachhead for the quick expansion of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches all along that coast and also inland. It is one of the most rapidly growing cities in Florida, while the population of the entire State is increasing at a high rate.

Two Brethren families and several others who are interested in entering our Fellowship constitute a fine nucleus for the beginning of a Brethren church. Their enthusiasm is unbounded. Evidence of this is seen in the beautiful sign placed on our new lots. This sign was built and the artwork done by the men of the group.

As Rev. Ralph Colburn moves into this field in a few months to lead in the expansion of our church locally and throughout the entire State, the prayers and gifts of all Brethren people are certainly needed.

If you are planning a vacation in Florida this year, why not go to Fort Lauderdale and help us develop this church?

When in Fort Lauderdale, until January 1, get in touch with Mr. James Snyder, 1112 NE. 10th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

HOME-MISSION BANQUET

The annual home-mission banquet was held on Thursday of conference week. Because of the increased number of personnel it has been necessary in recent years to limit its attendance to pastors and their wives and missionaries. This year 112 were seated in the large Westminster Hotel dining room.

Mr. F. B. Miller, member of the Home Missions Council directorate, was the toastmaster. Introductions, testimonies, special numbers, and facts about the home-mission program in general made up the program. The members of the Brethren Construction Company were presented and built in a few minutes a miniature church in a very interesting and amusing skit. Dr. L. L. Grubb brought a challenging message on the need for visitation



Miss Peggy Landrum, the pastor's daughter, and Miss Carol Quartz, Akron, Ohio, try to picture the burden of the Clayhole DVBS as they are shown wearing an oxen yoke. To better understand the picture the school started on the first day with only 60 and ended with an average attendance of 102. With more than 100 children for most of the time they had only four workers which was about one-fourth the help needed. It is little wonder that the workers felt they were under the yoke, but it was a real blessing to give forth the Gospel and see the results in victories for Christ.

and soul-winning, which became the highlight of the evening. This period of annual fellowship for the whole home-mission family was greatly appreciated by all and is anticipated each year.

AN URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

For one year a diligent search has been made for suitable lots for our Brethren Chapel in Fremont, Ohio. The territory is limited, as it is necessary that these lots be located within the confines of the colored population area. We earnestly request that each Brethren church make this a daily petition before the Lord.

Rev. Granville Tucker, our pastor, reports that souls are being saved, attendances are increasing and filling out the available space that they have in his home. Even though the chapel has operated under extreme hardship in not having suitable facilities; yet they have experienced growth both numerically and spiritually, for which they praise the Lord.

OPERATION CLEANUP

The two groups of boys and girls shown here were the Navaho Mission Boarding School students of the last term. At the close of the school year a "cleanup" campaign was put on, resulting in the piles of debris in the background of the pictures. Now another school year is under way and the lives of Navaho boys and girls, unless they accept Christ, are headed for the "human debris pile." The "cleanup" day in their lives will come only as they accept Christ as their personal Saviour and this is our mission and purpose of the Navaho Mission Boarding School.

Again this year some of these Navaho boys and girls will be available for your Sunday-school class, WMC, or other organizations to support on the basis of \$10 per month. Write the Brethren Home Missions Council, Winona Lake, Ind., if you want more information. Thanks to those of you who have been and are still helping in this way.



The Grace Brethren Church at Englewood, Ohio, was organized a little over a year ago as a result of a stand taken by God's people against apostasy in another denomination. This group of people, believing that God would bless a straightforward testimony for Christ, united in an effort to build a Brethren church. God has blessed these efforts in a wonderful way. The building is nearing completion and will be a credit to any community.

Rev. Lon Carnes, the pastor of the church, has shown a real spirit of faith in leading this group. We believe that God will use this example of faith to lead other groups across this nation who face the same difficulty in their denomination. When men and women stand for the truth of God's Word in spite of criticism and persecution, they enjoy the complete blessing of God. It is to be remembered that this group has been self-supporting from the beginning. They have received no financial aid from the Home Missions Council. Such outstanding courage, faith, and stability for Christ certainly merits our prayerful support.

NEW HOME MISSIONS TREASURER

Mr. Chester McCall, a Los Angeles layman, was chosen as treasurer for the Brethren Home Missions Council following the annual corporation meeting this year.

The retiring treasurer, Mr. Roy H. Kinsey, of Dayton, Ohio, had served 10 years in that capacity and withdrew from the nomination this year. This makes the first change in the executive committee of the council since 1947.

Every member of the board expresses a deep sense of gratitude to our Brother Kinsey, who has so faithfully filled this position on the board during the past decade.

INVESTMENTS FOR CHRISTIANS

By a Dayton, Ohio, Layman

Editor's Note: Some of our laymen who have been greatly used by God in building Brethren home-mission churches through the investment of loan funds have suggested that other laymen should know about these opportunities. One of our laymen has written the following article as a general suggestion to all others.

In these days of uncertainty those who have money to invest are often puzzled as to where it should be placed. The Christian has an obligation which is not incumbent upon a person who has not been born again. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

The "one pound" servant of Luke 19 was judged because he did not properly invest that which was entrusted to him. In these modern times one can still "give money into the bank" and get usury, but that is not the best.

One way of stepping out of the "one pound" class into one of the classes of greater blessing is to invest in the building of Brethren churches. Apparently only a few of our people know of the opportunity afforded by the Brethren Home Missions Council to invest in the Lord's work and at the same time increase one's income. Even

children's savings of \$100 or more can be taken from a bank or building and loan association where the interest rate is 1 or 2 percent, and be put to work building Brethren churches.

If the situation is viewed only from a personal or selfish angle, surely money will be invested where the returns are greatest, giving due consideration to safety of the principal.

When we have something good that can be shared with our Christian friends, it is our duty to pass the information along. As one who has been richly blessed by sharing in the plan given above, we desire to encourage others to help in the building of Brethren churches by loaning money in small or large amounts. It has been the policy of the Brethren Home Missions Council to reloan such money to new congregations for building new Brethren churches.

The building of new Brethren church buildings is dependent largely upon loan funds received. The need is urgent now. Your loan, even though small, when added to others, may be the amount needed to build another Brethren church building. As to safety of the investment, what can be more sure than a project backed by the owner of the cattle on a thousand hills?

HOME-MISSION PLACE MAT



The new home-mission place mats have arrived from the printer and are now in the hands of the pastors. These are attractively designed and plasticized for enduring wear. We believe that the message contained on them should throw out a tremendous challenge to every

member of the family to pray for, to give to, and to be a home missionary. These have been distributed to the pastors in quantities so that each member of every family will have one. More can be obtained by writing to the Brethren Home Missions Council, Winona Lake, Ind.

NEW CHURCH AT MANSFIELD BECOMES MISSION POINT



Top: The Mansfield, Ohio, Second Grace Brethren Church, with Pastor and Mrs. Gene Witzky and daughter. The four other group pictures are of the adult, young people, primary, and beginners departments in the Sunday school.

The Second Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, sent a delegation to the Home Missions Council petitioning for supervision and financial help. The board of directors have looked with favor upon this request and will help in establishing a second Brethren testimony in the great city of Mansfield.

This group was formerly known as a community church. Under the guidance of Rev. Bernard Schneider, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, in the southwestern part of the city, the work was organized into a Brethren church. At the present the services are being

held in a home that has been converted for these purposes. They have approximately four acres of land well located in a growing section of the city. Plans at present are that a church shall be erected on this property as soon as possible.

Rev. Gene Witzky, a recent graduate of Grace Seminary, is the pastor. The Lord has richly blessed his ministry with excellent interest on the part of the community and with a number of souls. We believe that God will soon raise up another wonderful church in this prosperous community as the council works jointly with this fine congregation.

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SOUTH GATE, CALIF. Recent speakers at the First Brethren Church were Rev. James Cook, Pioneer Bible Missions; Rev. Elmer Fricke, missionary to India; and Rev. Albert Flory, principal of Brethren High School, Long Beach, Calif. Rev. Alfred Dodds is pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Dr. Homer Kent, of Grace Seminary, has conducted Sunday services at the First Brethren Church during September.

CORRECTION. The article on "Christ, Our Peace Offering" in the Sept. 4 issue of the *Missionary Herald* was ascribed to Rev. Dennis Holliday, but the writer of the article was *Rev. Gerald Teeter, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.* We apologize for this mistake. The article arrived in our office without a name on it, and we sought to establish its author through the envelope, and in so doing, the mistake was made.

OSCEOLA, IND. Rev. Ward Miller, pastor of the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., was guest speaker Aug. 29 at his former pastorate, Bethel Brethren Church, of which Rev. Scott Weaver is the pastor.

TROY, OHIO. Rev. Richard McIntosh has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in order to enter Grace Seminary. John Martin, who has assisted in the work of the church, is also entering the seminary. Francis Brill, who graduated from Grace Seminary last May, assumed the duties as pastor Sept. 1.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. Mr. and Mrs. Max Williams are now in Hagerstown, where Brother Williams is assistant to the pastor, Rev. Russell Weber. The Williams address is 454 Guilford.

DAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Russell Ward will assume his new duties at North Riverdale Brethren Church about Oct. 10.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. and Mrs. Edward Miller and their three children expect to leave New York for Brazil the last of Sept. to begin their second term of missionary service in Macapa.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Recent guest speakers at the Second Brethren Church were Rev. Earle Rosenberger and Dr. Richard Ohly. Rev. George Peek is pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Rev. Nicolas F. Wesley, converted Catholic priest, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Aug. 29. Rev. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sumey sailed from New York on Sept. 8 on their way to France. They left France by plane on Sept. 14 for French Equatorial Africa to resume their missionary service after their first furlough.



CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO. The record was recently broken for attendance at prayer meeting when 39 were present. This is a fine record in this new church. Rev. Richard Burch is pastor.

GLENDALE, CALIF. Sunday, Sept. 19 is homecoming at the First Brethren Church. Former members and friends are invited to be present. Rev. Keith Altig is pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS). Clergymen will be eligible for social security benefits next Jan. 1 for the first time since the federal system was set up in 1936. Participation will be voluntary. The measure also offers coverage to foreign missionaries.

DAYTON, OHIO. The Patterson Park Brethren Church was fourth this year in per-capita giving to the Brethren home missions. Rev. C. S. Zimmerman is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The National Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church has announced a Brethren Sunday-school contest to begin Oct. 1. For full details write to Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind.

NEW YORK. In an article in the *Converted Catholic* magazine, the Very Rev. John Flynn, president of St. John's University, is quoted as

In Memoriam

MISS LETHA BUNCH, 61, departed suddenly from this life to be with Christ on Aug. 28. Miss Bunch was for years the treasurer of the Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Raymond Kettell, former pastor of the Leon Church.

DEAN HARSCH, instructor-navigator stationed at Mather Air Force Base, was one of eight who lost their lives when a B-25 plane crashed into a mountain Aug. 25, 50 miles north of San Francisco, Calif.

Dr. Kenneth Monroe, of Westmont College, where Dean formerly attended school, preached the funeral sermon, and was assisted in the service by Rev. Alan Pearce. Dean was a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., since he was 9, and was very active in the young people's activities.—*Dr. Charles Mayes, pastor, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.*

JOHN W. FITT, a deacon in the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., for many years, departed from this life to be with Christ on Sept. 3. Brother Fitt was an active member. Death was the result of a heart condition.—*Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.*

saying that "it is not unlikely that Mary may be 'proclaimed . . . Co-Redemptrix of the human race; that next, the dogma of Mediatrix of all graces may be promulgated; and that finally the definition of her Queenship as participating with her Son in the power of ruling the world may be proclaimed.'" Such a dogma would make Mary equal with Christ.

ALTOONA, PA. Seven Brethren churches of the Blair and Bedford County area are conducting a weekly radio broadcast through the courtesy of WVAM, Altoona. The co-operating churches are Altoona, Juniata, Martinsburg, Leamersville, Hopewell, Vicksburg, and Everett.

WASHINGTON, D. C. President Eisenhower has proclaimed Wednesday, Sept. 22, as a national day of prayer "when all of us may give thanks for blessings received and beseech God to strengthen us in our efforts toward a peaceful world."



Congregation present for ground-breaking service at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

New Church Under Construction

By Rev. Richard L. Burch

Praise God for clear evidence of answered prayer in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio! A new Grace Brethren Church is now under construction on a 2.75-acre site on East Bailey Road at Treash Drive.

Ground-breaking for this \$50,000 project was held Sunday, August 8, immediately following the morning worship service. Sixty-seven people were present as the pastor, Rev. Richard L. Burch, opened the service by reading I Corinthians 3:9-17. Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich, president of Akron Bible Institute, and instrumental in the initiation of the Cuyahoga Falls work, led in the opening prayer.

Mr. W. D. Braucher, chairman of the church building committee, and a charter member of the congregation, turned over the first shovel of dirt. Other shovelfuls were turned over by Paul L. Sunthimer, Albert J. Huelsman, W. V. Holsinger, and Willard K. Smith—all members of the building committee—and by Earle R. Cole, church treasurer and



Left to right—Earle Cole, Albert Huelsman, Willard K. Smith, Rev. Richard Burch, W. D. Braucher, W. V. Holsinger, Paul Sunthimer.

chairman of the budget committee, and by the pastor.

Unanimous testimony to the gracious guidance of our heavenly Father rang forth throughout the neighborhood with the singing of "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow." Rev. Clair D. Brubaker, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, serving as pastor of the Hillwood Fellowship Chapel in Akron, led in the closing prayer and benediction.

The new building will be of brick and block construction, with an auditorium seating 220 people, a full basement, facilities for 14 Sunday-school classes, a baptistry, kitchen, two restrooms, a ladies' powder-room, a glassed-in nursery, a pastor's study, and a furnace room. There is abundant space for off-street parking and also for future expansion.

The building is situated on a main thoroughfare in the midst of several new housing allotments where rapid growth is anticipated.

Approximately \$35,000 is now available (or soon will be) to complete most of the structure. Mean-

while a drive is under way to raise the additional \$15,000 to complete the entire building.

It is expected that the basement and shell will be completed by Christmas of this year, so that worship services can be held on the field.

We earnestly covet the prayers of God's people for wisdom in dealing with the various problems connected with a venture of this kind. Above all else, please pray that our Lord will use this building program and the new house of worship for His own glory in challenging believers and bringing the lost of this community to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

BITS O' WISDOM

Observation from a child: "I think it's perfectly wonderful that God puts dogs together so they can wag their tails."

If you don't enjoy what you have now, how can you be happier with more.—*Fifth and Cherry Light.*

IMPROVEMENTS AT KITTANNING



Pictured above is the North Bufalo Brethren Church showing the recently completed front porch with railing. The church recently purchased a five-room parsonage. Rev. Donald Rossman is pastor.

CORRECTION



The article, "Christ, Our Peace Offering," Sept. 4 issue, was written by Rev. Gerald Teeter (pictured above). See News Brief page.

A HEART FOR SOULS !

EVANGELISM

EVANGELISM CHALLENGES YOUTH!

By Rev. Ralph Colburn

I don't know just how many times in the past few years, as I've talked with Brethren students in Christian schools, that I've heard them say, sometimes wistfully, that they would like to enter the field of evangelism in the Brethren Church. Until recently, we had little to offer them, for we had no evangelistic teams, and the evangelist himself was expected to be not only a man of outstanding abilities, but also of long pastoral experience. And very few were doing evangelistic work chiefly in the Brethren Church.

Now, through the Board of Evangelism, and through awakened interest in evangelism in our churches, we have something to offer young people like these. Although some of them do not make the grade into that field, through family responsibilities, because of calls to military service, and for other reasons, praise God we do have young people who are looking forward to serving with a Brethren evangelistic team.

What better experience could a young man aspiring to the work of an evangelist have than to serve with an experienced evangelist, as song leader and children's worker? What better preparation for other fields of Christian service than some years spent using musical talents for the Lord on such a team? The knowledge of the Word, the acquaintance of Brethren pastors and people, the rich illustrative experiences, will all prove invaluable. Thank God the opportunity is here; and thank God for young people who will grasp it!

AFRAID TO WITNESS

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Tim. 1:7).

The most difficult person with whom you will have to deal in soul-winning is yourself. One of the most serious difficulties will be fear. Satan sees to that. You will be tempt-



Evangelist Archie Lynn
Crusade Team Two



Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Colburn
Song Leader and Pianist
Crusade Team Two

ed to fear failure, to fear ridicule, to fear your ignorance of the Bible, to fear your lack of ability, to fear driving sinners away from God, and to fear your own inconsistent influence. Fear is lack of faith. "Perfect love casteth out fear" (I John 4:18). It is not a sin to fail to win a soul, but it is a sin not to try.—*Roland Q. Leavell.*

Calvary is the place that makes the tears flow and the place that wipes them away. It is the place that breaks the heart and the place that heals the heart.—*Selected.*

IS MUSIC INCIDENTAL IN EVANGELISM?

By Mrs. Ralph Colburn

A church that is famous for good singing and good music does not lack in attendance, so it is important that in any evangelistic effort good music should play a vital part. Virtually all great evangelistic movements owe their success, in part, to dedicated musicians teamed up with powerful preachers.

Almost automatically we link together the names of Moody and Sankey, Torrey and Alexander, Sunday and Rodeheaver, Graham, Barrows and Shea.

Good music unites the hearts and minds of the people, prepares the way for the message and is an important factor in many decisions for Christ.

I am glad that Ralph and I will have the privilege of helping in some small way in the evangelistic crusades in the Northwest this fall.

WHY DO WE BELIEVE IN EVANGELISM?

By Dr. Walter L. Wilson

(Matthew 28:16-20)

The Gospel is not good advice; it is good news. The Gospel is not a program for living; it is a message about a gift. It is only attractive to those whose hearts are yearning for peace with God. Evangelism is the preaching of this good Gospel. It is the only answer to man's need. It is the only solution to man's problem. It is the only remedy for man's sin. It is the only antidote for the devastation and destitution that sin has brought into every nation.—*Sel.*

An old farmer who attended a church conference commented: "You amuse me, for you have papers and discussions on how to get people to come to your meetings. I have never heard a single address at a farmers' meeting on how to get cattle to come up to the rack. We put all our time on the best kind of feed."—*Selected.*

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING FOR POWERFUL SERVICE

EAST FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

When the Lord Jesus said to Simon Peter and to Andrew, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," He was challenging them to a "full" life with Him. To follow Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord is a most wonderful experience, but to be a fisher of men for Him adds untold joy and blessing to that experience. We are saved to serve. The Apostle Paul, in Ephesians 2:10, lays down the principle of service on which the Christian is to conduct his Christian life: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus *unto good works.*"

A. T. Pierson expressed it well when he said, "Among the hundred words which stand most prominent in the Bible, this word 'service' is very conspicuous, and more so the conception it represents. Here is the ultimate toward which all else properly tends—the true goal of salvation and sanctification. No man lives to himself. He is saved that he may be sanctified—conformed to the image of God's dear Son; but even such conformity reaches its highest result in helping others to a like destiny, so all culminates in the glory of God. How plain it is that those who are content to be saved from ruin, themselves, and do nothing to rescue others, are 'blind and cannot see afar off'; so shortsighted in spiritual vision as to lose sight altogether of the grand final purpose of their own redemption."

In this message on the subject, "Spiritual Awakening for Powerful Service," I should like to think, first of all about the Christian's service from the standpoint of (1) Incumbency to Service; (2) Imperative to Service; and (3) Dynamic of Service. Then I want to see wherein the Christian has fallen short in this service, and then present a final treatment on Awakening to Service.

INCUMBENCY TO SERVICE

First of all, let us look at the matter of Incumbency to Service, as related to the Christian and the Christian life.

There is abroad in Christendom today a line of thinking which I like to call the "flowery beds of ease"

theory. This notion is based on the false premise that the soul-winning, and a good part of other service in the church, is the responsibility of the minister, and that others in the cause of Christ are to fold their hands and travel on to glory on "flowery beds of ease." I confess to gross understatement when I say that this is *not* God's plan of world-winning at all! But, to put the matter into proper perspective let us



By Rev. Clyde K. Landrum

examine a portion of Scripture in Ephesians 4, beginning at verse 11: "And he gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

We are told that apostles, prophets, evangelists, and teaching pastors are gifts to the churches—some of us seem to have come wrapped in rough packages, but God doesn't look on the outward appearance as man does. However, those ministering the Word of God are gifts *from* God to the church to do a specific job. We get a better picture of this job if we leave out the comma after the word "saints." Listen as I read it with the comma left out: "For the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry." Hence, we see that the work of the minister, rather than just being soul-winning and the actual service of the church, is to teach the Word of God so effectively to the members of the body of Christ that *they* will be properly equipped to go

out and do this work. Each Christian is to engage in some form of Christian service as the Lord may lead, whether it be the ministry of prayer, tract distribution, personal work, teaching the Word of God, a musical ministry, or some other.

Blame for this false notion of service cannot be placed at any particular doorstep, but perhaps on different ones. Every pastor is to be a "teaching shepherd." He is to care for the welfare of his flock, *and* he is to be constantly teaching them. His church should be a veritable school-room, teaching constantly the full counsel of the Word of God. Where there is such a "teaching shepherd," strictly following God's plan for the church, there should and will be a passion for souls and a growing, thriving congregation. Those pastors who fail to teach thus; those who fail to "preach the word"; those who fail to "rightly divide the word of truth," I like to think of as being like blind dogs in a meat house, blundering about realizing the possibilities and perhaps sensing the fragrance and aroma of Christ-centered and God-honoring service, but not grasping the reality thereof!

And of course there are those who hear the Word of God but are not willing to have it work in their hearts, thus upsetting God's plan for His church, and keeping *themselves* from the greater blessing which He has for them. God's plan for winning the world to himself is fully outlined in His Word, the Bible. All who fail to hear this Word, and fail to hearken to its teachings, are guilty along with those who fail to "preach the word," in upsetting God's program for the church.

When the great plan of salvation had been completed, and Jesus was ready to return to His Father, He gave explicit direction as to who was to carry the "good news" to the lost world. He could have singled out the angels, and they would have gladly responded as they did when the news of the birth of Christ was to be announced, but He did not give this great responsibility to angels. Being omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent, He himself could

have then, and could now, shout the news around the world, but that was not and is not His plan. As the 40 days following His resurrection were drawing to a close, He met with His disciples and said to them, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." I am convinced that my Lord included *me* in that word *ye* there on that day. I am convinced that He included *you*; yes, that He included *every child of God* then and down across the centuries, and that He fully expects us to carry out the Great Commission and to win the lost to himself. It is *encumbent* upon us!

THE IMPERATIVE TO SERVICE

Just as this service is encumbent upon the child of God, so it is imperative that he get at it immediately upon conversion, and that he keep at it until the Lord calls him home. This thought is very definitely expressed in I Thessalonians 1:9-10: "Ye turned to God from idols to *serve* the living and true God; and to *wait* for his Son from heaven." Here it seems that the very purpose of turning to God was that we might *serve* Him. Therefore, if we fail to serve, we are ingrates of the first order.

The imperative mode carries with it the idea of an urgent command. Our orders from heaven from our Commander-in-Chief are authoritative and are urgent. The Bible is a book of *action*; Christianity is a religion of movement. From beginning to end the Word of God has such action words as "go," "come," "come ye," "make haste," "hasten," "hearken," "awake," "straightway," "behold," and many others. Christianity is the religion that worships a *living* Christ, and seeks to win a *dying* world. This being the case, we dare not slacken our pace nor fail to keep our vigil. It is an urgent mission indeed. To get that tug at our hearts that will make this urgent assignment more real, let us follow, in our mind's eye, the Lord Jesus as He served others.

First, notice in Matthew 20:28 that He came for the express purpose of service: "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." This basic principle is carried out in His ministry day and night. "He must needs go through Samaria." For what purpose must He go through Samaria? That He might on that particular trip northward win the vile Samari-

tan woman to himself. He did not have to get His eight hours of sleep, as you and I do, but He was ready to witness to and win Nicodemus, the man who came to Jesus by night. He did not say to the man at the pool of Bethesda, "Wait, and perhaps I will get to you after awhile." No, the Word tells us that Jesus saw him—what a wonderful thought that the Christ of God had His eyes set for such sights as this forlorn creature! Jesus saw him, dealt with him, and "immediately the man was made whole."

Rather than drawing himself apart and eating food to strengthen His own body, He chose to feed the five thousand. Although He knew that it would bring Him into sharp conflict with the Jewish leaders, Jesus gave sight to the man born blind. All through the final night before His crucifixion, Christ was willing to pray with and for His disciples, and

Four things a man must learn to do if he will keep his record true:

To think without confusion clearly,
To love his fellow man sincerely,
To act from honest motive purely,
To trust in God and heaven securely.

Henry Van Dyke.

to suffer ignominious shame for them and us.

After all that He did to set the pattern for us, He still did not leave us without the plain, imperative command to "go." "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." These are His very words. Again, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The *imperative* is there! The urgency in these statements cannot be missed by the reasonable reader. It is for *us* to snatch them from the burning. It is for *us* to win them away from Satan, and to turn their feet from the broad road that leads to destruction. The responsibility of giving to men and women the message of life is *ours*. And the time in which we are to do it is surely short. God realizes this, so He has given us the statement in His Word which says: "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." As Jesus wept over Jerusalem; as He walked up and down the land of Palestine; as He worked day and night to win men to himself, so we must constantly seek to win men and women

to Christ. *This* is our business; *this* is our *urgent* business. It is imperative that we not only hear His command, but also that we "go" to carry it out.

THE DYNAMIC TO SERVICE

God never works in halfway measures. Therefore, He never asks us to do a thing without giving full means with which to do it. So, God would not lay before us the responsibility of service without giving us the enablements with which to achieve that goal. John 1:4 is a key verse in this regard: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men." All life is in Him, and issues from Him. The man grinding at the lathe and the mother who rocks her baby in the home alike receive life from Him. The drunkard on the street, the dwellers in heathen darkness across the seas, the children at play, the man in the field, the governor, and the president, all receive life from Him. Each of *us* is dependent from one breath to another upon Him of whom it is said: "In him was life," for the same Scripture says: "... and the life was the light of men." Whether men appreciate it or not; whether they do or do not use it for His glory, the very breath of life comes from Him.

Not only physical life, but spiritual life as well comes from Him. Our Lord says in John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Eternal death means eternal separation from God; eternal life means eternity with God, and having God with us.

"And you hath he quickened, who *were dead* in trespasses and sins." The person who is outside the fold of salvation is dead. When he personally accepts Christ as Saviour, he "comes alive" spiritually. Christ comes into his life and gives to him eternal life. Through the new birth, then, he comes alive as a member of God's family. This life is the dynamic for our service for Him.

As a seal of the completed transaction, He puts within every believer the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter, our Guide, and the Administrator of the dynamic to service and blessing in the Christian life. Thus, according to Acts 1:8, the Holy Spirit is to be the Person of power in our service: "But ye shall receive power, after that the *Holy Ghost* is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Service is a normal development in the new Christian;

powerful service is the result of being completely filled with the Holy Spirit and in submission to His will.

The weapon of our service and warfare is the Word of God, energized by the Holy Spirit. As God places this weapon into the hand of the person newly won to Him, He does so with the admonition to "preach the word." He says also "it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." Furthermore, "it is quick and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword." And again the new believer has the teaching of Jesus as He prayed to His Father in the garden, "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth." Thus equipped, and fortified by prayer, the child of God is supposed to go forth "doing the will of God from the heart" (Eph. 6:6).

Immediately I anticipate a response from my listeners. A response in the form of a question: Why, then, on the basis of your arguments, has not the world already been won for Christ? If this important service is incumbent upon the Christian, and if the imperative is properly understood, and since the dynamic for the all-important service is a reality, why has not more been accomplished for our Lord? Sad to say, the point is well taken, for although some modicum of success has been achieved, by and large the job is far from completion. And this brings us to our final consideration—

AWAKENING TO SERVICE

Use of the word "awakening" implies a sleeping condition. And, let me say, though it is unfortunate to have to say it, the church of Jesus Christ is asleep today and needs to experience a spiritual awakening! Not long ago when I returned to my home after the morning church service, I found in my door a tract entitled, "Awake From Sleep." Immediately I recognized it as Jehovah Witness propaganda, but the title, all done up in contrasting colors, was arresting. Even those of this false cult realize that there is a condition in the cause of Christ that is not good, and they are seeking to capitalize upon it. How urgent it is that we who have the truth see this condition and do something about it!

Seemingly, Christians have not recognized fully the responsibility that is theirs in having this service incumbent upon them. Somehow, it seems that we of the East District

GRACE IN THE WILDERNESS

(Jeremiah 31:2)

1. *Wilderness of Sin*—"By grace are ye saved, through faith" (Eph. 2:8).

2. *Wilderness of Doubt*—"Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

3. *Wilderness of Trouble*—"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee" (Isa. 43:2).

4. *Wilderness of Poverty*—"As having nothing, yet possessing all things" (II Cor. 6:10).

5. *Wilderness of Disappointed Friendships*—"He is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend" (Song of Sol. 5:16).

6. *Wilderness of Disappointed Hopes*—"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil" (Heb. 6:19).

7. *Wilderness of Sickness*—"My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Cor. 12:9).

8. *Wilderness of Death*—"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me" (Psa. 23).

"Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!"

—E. E. P. in *Fifth and Cherry Light*.

have not fully realized that the people of Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Erie, and other cities and towns of this East District are our responsibility spiritually. We have not touched these fields as yet. Somehow, we have not fully realized that millions of people up and down these United States are the responsibility of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, and that the heathen around the world are looking to us to "preach the gospel to every creature." And, when we know that every 10 seconds somewhere in the world a person dies from cancer alone, to say nothing of all other causes, the urgency of our mission is more vividly impressed upon our minds. Why, then, have we so miserably failed, and why must the statement be made that we need *spiritual awakening for powerful service*? I believe that the whole difficulty lies in the fact that the

dynamic to service has been misunderstood, or that there has been a misapplication of the dynamic to service.

Dynamic to Service Applied

Capacity for reproduction is a basic, fundamental characteristic of God's creation. When He put life within the plant, the animal, the man, He blessed the plant, the animal, and the man with a capacity for reproduction. It is the very nature of each to "be fruitful and multiply." God wants us to multiply spiritually; else we abide alone and are fruitless. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12:24). Too many Christians are willing to *sleep*, but most of them don't want to *die*. Spiritually, the former signifies tragedy, as we heard in the message of our vice moderator last night, while the latter speaks fluently of that which is pleasing to God. This dislike of dying is one of the reasons why we need a spiritual awakening in order to have powerful service. Something has happened to our "first love."

The word "Ichabod" seems to characterize the cause of Christ: "the glory is departed." We must not be satisfied just to have the life *issue* to us from Him who is the life, but we must *share* that life with others, bringing forth a great spiritual harvest, though it would mean death to the original, individual kernel, and that kernel is you and I.

Billy Graham tells of meeting a one-armed taxi driver in London. Upon asking him how he lost his arm he was informed, "I lost it at Dunkirk, sir." Graham then asked him this question: "If you had it to do over, would you be willing to suffer the same loss?" His face flushed, and his form stiffened as he replied, "Sir, I'd die a thousand deaths, and suffer a thousand hells that there might always be an England!" God grant to the church of Jesus Christ the willingness to suffer—and to die—that there might be a great spiritual harvest of souls in the time when the saints go marching into glory!

Dynamic to Service Misapplied

Someone has correctly said that a man has three relationships: inward to himself, upward to God, and outward to his neighbor. The relationship to God, the giver of life, holds the key to the other two. Looking

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to God is the all-important essential for the proper approach to powerful service. Isaiah said, "I saw the Lord." Yes; he looked up and saw the Lord! This caused him through introspection to see within himself the need for correction, and he cried out, "I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." After sin had been confessed and cleansed out of his life, he had the right attitude toward others. Then it was that he cried out to the Lord, "Here am I; send me." This is service in the right relationship—this is powerful service!

While Isaiah's was the right approach, many misapply the dynamic to service. For example, some make the mistake of making the inward look a selfish one. Praise God for Brother Schaffer's message along this line this morning. They see the great need at hand and go all out to meet it, but with too much emphasis on self and self-worth and not enough on God and His power to work in the life. They realize that they are a *part* of the battle, but do not realize that they are *only* a part. This very often results in conceit and egotism.

The story is told of a young sailor in the British navy who discovered a small but dangerous rock in a certain part of the Mediterranean Sea. He reported it to the Admiralty, which in turn telegraphed it to all stations, requesting that it be put on all charts. An old sea captain who was sailing that section read this notation on the chart. He asked, "Who reported this?" When told that it was reported by a young, inexperienced sailor, he retorted, "There is no such rock. I have sailed these seas for 20 years and I know that there is no such rock." He ordered his ship to be sailed directly over the spot. There was a thunderous crash, and an awful naval disaster resulted. This overemphasis of self and self-worth results many times in the loss of good workers in the cause of Christ.

Another perversion of the dynamic to service is the failure to *ask* God for all that is available to us. If prayer is *anything*, it is *everything*; yet, how few of the children of God

use its power. It is said that Mary, the Queen of Scotland, feared the prayers of John Knox more than she feared an army of 10,000 men. God give us more men of this kind of praying; men who pray unselfishly as Knox did when he asked: "God, give me Scotland or I die." Yet how little of praying with real power to-day.

In the Brethren Church, we have seen much of real blessing from God. We have gone forward in our youth work, and in our seminary's training of the youth, of which we heard this morning; we have gone forward in missionary endeavor—both home and foreign; we have strengthened our missionary work through the printed page; and we have made progress in the field of evangelism, both as pertains to the Sunday school and the ministry of evangelism in the churches. But we have merely scratched the surface. The fields are *white* unto harvest, and yet we have not brought in the greater harvest of which we are capable under the leadership of our God. The church has not been willing to "go on the firing line" as far as service is concerned. And, even if the church as a body would move out for Him, He still must have individuals. But, oh, as individuals, how we have failed our Lord! We *do* need to awake from sleep! How Christian individuals have been like Peter—determined to serve, but denied the Lord! Or like Thomas, who was a follower of the Lord, but he is known as the doubter; or like John Mark, who hesitated; David, who sinned; Elijah, who got discouraged; and Lot, who got mixed up with the things of the world. What, then, is needed? What is needed that we may experience that powerful service that will bring in such a harvest? The answer is: *a spiritual awakening!*

Awakening carries with it the idea of renaissance, or revival. We have at our command the factors to produce powerful service; yet that powerful service is not a reality! Oh, that we might lay hold on everything that we have at our disposal to bring about that powerful service! The revival in Josiah's time was

brought about by the finding of the Word of God which had been lost for years. In the case of Jehoida, as must be the case in every spiritual awakening, it was the confession of sin, and the casting out of the idols that were displeasing to God. With Isaiah it was a case of seeing God as all and self as nothing. On the Day of Pentecost it was concentrated prayer and submitting to the Holy Spirit; it was being willing to be led by the Spirit. In the case of the Apostle Paul it was a combination of all of the former, plus the realization that his spiritual life was from God and that his own life actually was the life issuing from God being lived out through him. The summation of all of this, when bathed in prayer, will be that service which is pleasing to God.

Remember, Christian friend, all the life you have comes from God. He desires through your death to self to live out that life through you in Christian service. He longs to have *all* of your life, and to have it free from sin to use in service. He wants you to "preach the word" and to live the Word, depending completely on the blessed Holy Spirit for power and guidance. We need *revival*; we need *stirring*; we need to be aroused; yes, we need to *awake from sleep!* Will you in every message that you hear, in every prayer meeting you attend, and in every testimony that you hear, ask God to awaken you from sleep? Ask Him to bring us *all* to spiritual maturity. I urge upon you and beseech of you to pray, "Lord, send us a *spiritual awakening for powerful service!*"

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SUMMARY OF FOREIGN-MISSION ITEMS . . .

The joint meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio and California corporations of The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church convened at the foreign-mission offices on Monday evening, August 16. Sessions continued throughout the week and at such times as necessary during the week of National Conference. The joint meeting of the Ohio and California corporations was held on Friday afternoon, August 27. A very encouraging number of members attended this meeting, and all the trustees were present for the board sessions. The trustees were so thrilled by reports from the fields that they paused during one session to sing, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

GENERAL

Finance—Offerings are about 6 percent less for the first seven months of 1954 than for the same period in 1953. Offerings at the end of July totaled \$193,921.59. The 6-percent drop in offerings is serious; yet we believe we will not need to curtail needed activities. Our prayer is that there will be no further reductions in the years ahead; if so, it is very certain that our work will need to be curtailed.

Care of Missionaries—The General Secretary has been asked to study very carefully what other societies are doing concerning the retirement of missionaries, reporting at the next board meeting. The board has authorized entering the Social Security program for missionaries and office personnel, if and when such is possible and advisable. Insurance for missionaries is being continued through the Board on Ministerial Relief of our National Fellowship.

Magazines for Missionaries—Several years ago the Women's Bible Fellowship of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, began a project—magazines to be supplied free of cost to all missionaries. The project has been so greatly appreciated that the Board has continued it, this year granting \$10 per missionary family for magazines. This item alone costs the Society between \$500 and \$600 annually. We would be most happy for any group to help in this greatly appreciated ministry.

District Missionary Conferences—The plan is for a week of missionary conferences during the months of February through May in each of our 11 districts. Missionaries will probably travel as a group from district to district, with as many conference centers in each district as there are missionary speakers in the party. In those districts with 20 or more churches some additional time may be given. These conferences will be planned in consultation with the ministers in each district.

For Missionary Children—Further assistance is planned for missionary children. Our greatest joy is to see our second-generation missionaries, and some of us

hope to live to see third-generation missionaries in service. Regular allowances for missionary children were increased recently to an amount of \$150 to \$350 per year, depending upon varying circumstances.

A school for missionary children is maintained in Africa. In the other fields, where needed, the Calvert courses of home instruction are supplied to the missionary families at Society expense. These courses cost us \$52 per year for grade 1 and \$82 per year for each of the other grades through the eighth.

Now this year the board has made an arrangement to help in education above high school, with an allowance of \$125 per semester for eight semesters of training. This is in addition to the grant from the National SMM, through a fund administered by our Society, from which each student (missionary child) receives \$50 per semester, not to exceed \$100 per year, toward higher education.

"How Missionaries Are Selected"—An article on the exact procedure in the selection of missionary candidates, their education, personal characteristics, abilities, experience, and so forth, is soon to be published. This will first be printed in early issues of the Herald and later in tract form.

Area assistants—Bro. Charles H. Croker is being continued as our eastern representative, with headquarters in Philadelphia. He serves chiefly in relation to missionaries and their needs, helping them as they come in to and go out from the United States. He assists as a purchasing agent for many items, and also in personally contacting the consulates of the different countries.

Bro. J. Keith Altig has been authorized as our western representative, with responsibilities, as his busy pastorate at Glendale will permit, in relation to arranging conferences, deputation plans, publicity, and so on.

We do appreciate the help of these brethren, as well as of all others, who so graciously and faithfully help in one way or another.

Missionary Approvals—All missionaries home on furlough, who have met with the Board, have been approved for return to their respective fields at the proper time. For Africa—Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sumey and Miss Clara Schwartz, who sailed on September 8; Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver, Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Sheldon, and Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder. For Brazil—Rev. and Mrs. Edward Miller.

New Recruits—Rev. and Mrs. George Cone, Jr., approved a year ago for Africa, and Miss Rosella Cochran, approved at the recent annual meeting for the same field, plan to sail for France later this fall, but the exact date is not yet known. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hocking were presented to the Society at the recent meeting, and permission was granted to the Board of Trustees to make appointment when their training is completed. Other candidates were interviewed and there is a fine group of workers in prospect for future years. Just at

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present, however, there is no list of candidates trained and ready to go.

Annuities—The Board recognized with appreciation the annuity gifts received during the year and expressed sincere interest in additional annuities and bequests. Contact with the Brethren Foreign Mission office, P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind., is invited.

Historical Plaque—A new prayer chapel is being erected at Winona Lake for the Winona Lake Christian Assembly on the very knoll where The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was organized on September 4, 1900. The Assembly has most graciously granted us the permission to place a historical plaque in the floor of the building. Look for it the next time you come to Winona Lake.

One for One

ARGENTINA

Argentine Achievements—

All praise to the Lord—the achievements are His and our missionaries in Argentina report another year of blessing. They have seen no nationwide or even citywide revivals, but there has been evidence in various areas of the moving of the blessed Holy Spirit and the believers are encouraged.

During the year another missionary family joined our ranks—Rev. and Mrs. Don Bishop. They are living in Rio Cuarto, a city of 75,000 people, and will serve in helping start the second Brethren testimony in that city. In fact, concrete blocks are now being made for the buildings and the lot will be purchased shortly. According to our new program in Argentina, our Society will purchase the lot as our contribution to the church plant and the national Argentine believers will accept the responsibility of building the temple (church) upon it.

A new work has started during the year by the Maconaghys in Jose Marmol, in greater Buenos Aires. A new church building, financed by the national believers,

has been built at Rio Tercero. Another church building is being planned by the believers at Corral de Bustos which they hope to start immediately.

In the past year the believers in Argentina gave to their own work over 63,000 pesos (\$4,000 U. S.). Because of the difficult economic conditions this would be something like a gift of \$31,000 by our North American believers. Our field in central Argentina has been divided into two spheres of activity—the north and the south—with national Argentine leadership in both areas. The



A DVBS group at Rio Cuarto.

Argentine church has assumed the support of several new workers—all are encouraged by the group of Argentine believers in full-time Christian service.

During this report period our missionaries in Argentina have held regular services in 18 or 20 different centers. In addition to these regular services they serve in DVBS, child evangelism, Bible institute, and Bible conference activity. They distributed some 60,000 tracts and about 1,200 Gospel portions and Bibles.

The missionaries, relieved by national leadership, are



THE ARGENTINE BRETHERN COUNCIL

(Members—our men missionaries, national pastors, and some national laymen.) The above picture was taken by Dr. Barnard during his recent trip to Argentina. Those pictured, from left to right, are brethren Rottler, Maconaghy (just behind him), Siccadi, Churchill, Sotola, Hoyt, Di Nardo, Schrock, Boher, Valli, Marshall, Wagner, Dowdy.

concentrating on the great centers of population. It will take from three to five years to complete these changes and be ready to begin to accomplish effectively. During that period we may not receive too many glowing reports, but I can assure you that the future accomplishments in decisions for Christ and churches established will make all of us especially glad.

Do we need more missionaries in Argentina? Yes, we could put our entire missionary personnel of 88 at strategic places in Argentina and yet not fully supply the need. We do need more missionaries and more funds to care for them. We are counting very greatly on the National Argentine Brethren Church; we can never supply all the missionaries that are needed, but the Argentine church can, and we believe that the number of national workers will continue to increase. We are challenged to train the new recruits for more effective service. Pray with us to that end.

Appointments and Approvals—

Many items relating to Argentina were considered at the midyear meeting of the Board and actions taken at that time. However, there are several to be reported now.

Bro. Lynn D. Schrock has been appointed for another year as the president of the Argentine Field Council. We greatly appreciate his careful and faithful leadership.

A second church is to be established in Rio Cuarto. The believers in the present church in Rio Cuarto are making concrete blocks, looking toward the erection of a second church in another section of this large city. Funds have been appropriated by the Board for the purchase of the lot on which the national believers will build the church.

Funds are being made available toward the purchase of a *second missionary residence in Rio Cuarto*, currently to be used by the Don Bishop family. Investigation is being made relating to a plan to purchase on contract—in this case only about \$2,000 in cash will be needed. If this plan can be followed in Argentina, then we will be able to purchase additional residences as they are needed.

A foreign missionary for every pastor at home!

HAWAII

A Brethren Church in Honolulu—

A year ago Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise, our missionaries in Honolulu, were holding services in a little quonset hut as a chapel. Then, just before Easter, that building was sold and the believers were forced to vacate. But the Lord was good, opening another place for lease at a very nominal figure. There was a difficulty, however—the place had been used for laundry purposes and must be rebuilt. Heroically the believers undertook the job to rebuild and equip the new location at a cost of about \$1,200.

How could this be done? Well, our National WMC had designated \$300 for Honolulu. This was sent and with it a loan of \$400 from The Foreign Missionary Society. The believers sacrificially gave the rest. But that isn't the whole story! Shortly after Easter they sent in an Easter

offering of about \$250, and at the same time returned \$200 of the amount loaned to them. Just a few days ago we received another \$200, as the final payment of the loan. I assure you that we like to do mission work with groups like this.

Statistics are usually boring, but these for Honolulu won't be after having read the above report.

Confessions during the year.....	23
Baptisms	5
(And 5 additional since the report.)	
Dedication of babies	3
Anointing service	1
Funeral service	1
Average attendance—	
Sunday school	44
Worship—a. m.	21
Worship—p. m.	15
Prayer meeting	10

Rejoice with Brother Tresise, too, as I quote from a letter dated August 24, in which he gives seven reasons for rejoicing:

1. Four adults and one young person baptized on August 15.
 2. Attendance increasing—59 in Sunday school, which is a record attendance except for Easter Sunday.
 3. One young person planning to enter Bible school in Honolulu.
 4. Two servicemen planning to enroll for further training when enlistment ends.
 5. Last night two more mothers took Christ as personal Saviour.
 6. One young lady just called to tell of leading her first soul to Christ.
 7. A large number of the people growing in the Lord.
- No wonder Brother Tresise continually writes as to how he "thoroughly enjoys the ministry of the Word." In this most recent letter he says, "Our hearts are truly running over with the blessings God is showering."

The Board Expresses Appreciation—

The Board is very favorably impressed with what has been accomplished by Brother and Sister Tresise in Honolulu. The appreciation is even greater since the Tresises are completely self-sustaining missionaries and the group of believers are paying their own way, even to the rebuilding of their chapel at a cost of \$1,200. All bills are paid.

One for One

BRAZIL

Brazil Brings Blessings—

We should say rather that the Lord *gives* the blessings and those in Brazil are enjoying them. May we recount just a few—there were 65 recorded decisions for Christ during the year, 23 were baptized, and as of July 1, 1954, our Brethren membership in Brazil totaled 61. All of this has been accomplished in just about five short years.

We have two centers of activity—one at Icoraci and the other at Macapa—on opposite sides of the Amazon River about 150 miles in from its mouth. There were 743



A packed house for a service at Icoraci.



Worship service preceding communion at Macapa.

different meetings during the year with an average weekly attendance of 521. Offerings given by the national believers exceeded 7,800 cruzeiros. This amounts to about \$150 in United States money, but in light of the very low earning power of the national believers it would represent at least 20 times that much according to our United States economy.

During most of the year we had only two missionary families with sufficient training and knowledge of the language to carry the load of missionary work—the Edward D. Miller and John W. Zielasko families. Just following this report year, on August 17, the Bill A. Burk family arrived in Icoraci and are now engaged in language study.

Our first student in training for the Christian ministry in Brazil will leave for school about October 15. There is a good possibility that a second will go at the same time or soon thereafter. Brethren day schools have been authorized and we hope to open such at Icoraci and Macapa in the very near future with Christian Brazilian young ladies as teachers.

Brazil, at least in our area, is still wide open for the Gospel. Our yearning is for more missionaries and more



Bro. Edward Miller and a group at Mazagao.

national believers to help get the Gospel out while the opportunity is so great.

A third and a fourth center of activity should be opened, but we must have at least one more missionary family before we can open a third center, and at least two—and possibly three—more families before we can open the fourth center. Pray with us for the Lord's will and continued blessing.

Board Actions Relating to Brazil—

Most items relating to Brazil were delayed from the midyear Board meeting until the annual meeting. Being rather a new field, many things are needed in the establishment of the work.

New Motor—A new 15-hp. outboard motor was authorized and we were pleased to have the young people at Camp Bethany take this as a project. They have presented us with a check for over \$322. This will care for the purchase cost and much of the transportation and customs. Thanks, campers!

Additional Residence at Icoraci—Most of our missionaries will receive their language study at Icoraci; hence, a second residence is needed at this location. Such will



A typical Brazilian family in the Icoraci area—contacted by our missionaries.

be built during the year at a cost of between \$2,500 and \$3,500. We extend our special thanks to the National WMC for taking this as a unit of their foreign-missionary project.

Ciher Equipment—A new folding organ is necessary and another mimeograph machine is greatly needed. A new boat—a larger one—is needed with the new 15-hp. motor. All of these have been authorized and are suggested to interested people as very useful projects.

Day Schools—These will be started in connection with each of our stations at the earliest convenience of the missionaries. Some remodeling will be necessary at Icoraci and a new building will be needed at Macapa—the cost at the two places may be as much as \$1,000. Trained young Brazilian ladies, who are believers, will be employed as teachers at a probable cost of \$25 per month per teacher. We will need to assume these expenses, at least until the national church in Brazil is more able to carry the load.

Term of Service—Climatic conditions in Brazil are the most severe we have encountered in any of our mission fields. In protection of the health of our missionaries, the first term of service in Brazil is being set at three years, with succeeding terms of four years each.

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FRANCE

France's First Five—

Just a few days ago Bro. Fred Fogle wrote concerning another capable young man who had accepted Christ as Saviour. This brings the total to five who, Brother Fogle believes, have really come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. None of us ever expected great immediate results—France is a most difficult field for evangelical witness. Those with less courage would have given up the battle months ago, but the Fogles are not made of that kind of “stuff.” They and we are asking, “How can we win more souls for Christ?”

Probably in none of our fields has such a wide variety of testimony been given by any one family. During the year they have placed 1,844 Bible text posters, 43,000 Gospel tracts, 35,300 handbills announcing meetings, 156 Gospel portions, and 53 New Testaments and Bibles. They have held 12 special meetings, 64 Bible classes, showed Moody Science films twice, assisted in one tent meeting, and, as I write this, they are engaged in the first tent meeting completely on their own.

We so very urgently need at least one other missionary family for immediate help, and another within two years. Pray with us for the blessing of the Lord upon this dynamic testimony for Christ in France.

General Secretary to Visit France—

The Board reviewed very carefully the reports from the field and rejoice with Brother Fogle in all that has been accomplished. Further action relating to France was delayed, however, until the General Secretary visits the field there this fall in relation to our program there for future years.

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AFRICA

(Editor's Note—The main portion of the annual field report from Africa, for the year ending April 30, 1954, was presented in the last Foreign Mission Number of the Herald, dated September 4. The remaining part of this report is presented below.)

II. MEDICAL MINISTRY.

We welcomed to our group this report-year a new doctor and his wife and four nurses. The following gives a fair picture of the amount of work done in the medical department during the past year: Patients, 16,600; treatments, 152,300. Many of the patients have found the Lord as their Saviour at our dispensaries where our nurses



Pauline and Louise, happy daughters of African pastors.

hold regular services. Valuable workers have been restored to health and many hearts have been made glad in the Lord. The treatment of lepers with the new sulfone drug has encouraged lepers for miles around to come to our dispensaries and be under the care of our faithful doctors and nurses. The number of patients increased steadily during the year, and we are now treating over 1,000 lepers in our dispensaries.

III. REGULAR DAY SCHOOLS.

This year we welcomed to our staff Professor and Mrs. Charles Taber to inaugurate regular day schools for the Mission. Many years ago the Mission operated several day schools, and quite a few faithful workers, products of the early schools, are now serving the church and the Mission. We did not begin this time with a regular day school but with a normal school to train teachers. The students are all Christians and members of our churches. They will not be eligible for the teachers' examination until May 1955, and those who pass will receive the Teacher's Diploma for Private Schools. It is the plan of the Mission that these day schools will enable our Christian youth to receive an education under Christian teachers and in a Christian environment.

IV. BIBLE INSTITUTE.

With the furlough of Brother Beaver, Brother Dunning assumed the direction of the Bible Institute in No-

ember 1953. The graduating class was the largest in the history of the school—32 men received diplomas and two men received certificates. There are 22 new students this year. The school has now sent out 157 men in the seven years of its history. Classes for the wives of the students were increased this year and we are encouraged by their spirit of interest and cooperation. Financial support given by the churches to their students increased considerably this year. The wife of one of the students was called home to glory. Five weeks before she died she had the joy of winning a woman in a nearby village to the Lord.

For several years we have presented the greatest needs of our work—a revival and more workers, especially pastors. The need for pastors has been emphasized for several years and, as we come up to a year when several of our missionary pastors take furlough at once, the need is increased. We praise God for the one or two who are now almost ready to come forth, and we pray that others will volunteer for the pastoral needs of our large community of 18,000 believers.



One of the Pygmies—they need the Gospel.

Board Actions Relating to Africa—

The greater number of items in relation to Africa are usually cared for at the midyear meeting of the Field Council. However, a few items should be mentioned here.

Field Superintendent—Dr. Orville D. Jobson was re-appointed as the superintendent of our work in Africa. We all appreciate his years of service in this capacity. The Jobsons will be moving to Bangui during the year in relation to our new station there.



Andre, faithful chauffeur of our African Mission, brings the mail.

Opening in Bangui—Permission was finally granted by the government and lots have been purchased in the city of Bangui at a cost of over \$3,000. Building operations will begin immediately and must be completed within 18 months. Bangui is a city of about 100,000 people and is now quite a modern city. Costs in relation to our program there will be in direct proportion to our opportunities. At least \$13,000 will be necessary for this new undertaking.

Bassai Dispensary—Almost two years have passed since the old dispensary at Bassai and its equipment burned to the ground. We are happy to announce that the National SMM has accepted the building of a new dispensary as a project, and they will also supply a microscope for use there. We are very happy for the fine help which the Sisterhood has given and is giving to the work of our Society.

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MEXICO

Another Year in Mexican Testimony—

We began the year with two missionary families serving at two centers—Rev. and Mrs. Walter Haag in the San Ysidro-Tijuana area, and Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Howard in the Calexico-Mexicali area. Miss Dorothy Robinson, who was approved at the 1953 Society meeting, began her missionary service in June. Rev. and Mrs. Sibley Edmiston began a testimony at Laredo, Tex., and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and during the year it became evident to all of us that they should be serving with our Society and our testimony in Mexico. As we enter another year, our witnesses to Mexico total seven.

The activity during the past year, July 1, 1953, through June 30, 1954, in the Mexico area has been most varied. While our missionaries live along the International Border on the United States side and minister largely to the multitudes of Mexican people in the border areas, four major preaching trips were made down into Mexico. The facts listed below are most encouraging.

Preaching services ...	144; average attendance..	41
Prayer meetings	77; average attendance..	21
Bible classes	51; average attendance..	11
Y'ng people's meetings	52; average attendance..	27
DVBS days of schools.....		45
Deputation services		19
Professions of faith		200
Literature distributed:		
Tracts		4,500
Gospels		800
Bibles		14
New Testaments		30

Activity of a special nature included six services conducted by Brother Haag at a large detention camp operated by the United States Immigration Department, and Mrs. Haag assisted in a Red Cross teaching program in Tijuana with 45 classes in the series. There is definite record of the 200 professions of faith; no one can know of the many more who have made such decisions but who have not yet had the courage to speak forth publicly.

It is the plan to open a Bible institute at Calexico around the first of October. Application has been made



Interested in the Gospel at San Ignacio, Mexico.



A typical Mexican and his mule.

to the United States Government for recognition of this school as one authorized to teach foreign students, and with that permission students will have the liberty to come into the United States for study. Brother and Sister Howard and Miss Robinson will carry the teaching load, with other missionaries probably having a part during the year as opportunity arises.

Our greatest need continues to be the same—national Mexican Brethren believers to become pastors and evangelists. It seems that the institute should be an instrument of great promise in helping to fill this need. Pray for the days ahead as we seek to care for the many who have accepted Christ, as well as reach many more for Him.

Edmiston Appointment—

Brother and Sister Sibley Edmiston were appointed as missionaries to Mexico. Their center of activity will continue to be at Laredo, Tex., and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Although separated by over 1,000 miles from the rest of our missionaries to Mexico, the entire field will be operated as a unit.

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HOW? HOW? HOW? HOW?

How can we do all these approved things in addition to the regular operational cost relating to our 83 missionaries on the six different fields?

How can we do all of this in light of the 6-percent reduction in gifts mentioned in an earlier paragraph?

We do not have cash on hand to pay all the bills resulting from this tremendous program, but we are trusting the Lord Jesus Christ, whose we are and whom we serve, to supply the needs. He is more vitally interested in His work than we can possibly be. We ourselves desire, and we invite you to be ready, to help as our blessed Lord will direct in order that there may be no lack in this work so dear to the heart of God.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF GIFTS

TO THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH, JULY 21, 1954, TO SEPTEMBER 10, 1954

(Editor's Note—At the time the previous report of gifts was published (see page 537 of the August 7 issue of the Herald) we had not received offerings and reports from all the churches. Hence, we are submitting this supplemental report listing the gifts received since July 21. As mentioned previously, the complete financial report for the calendar year 1954 will be published just as soon as possible in 1955.)

Akron, Ohio	\$2,184.49	National Miscellaneous	\$25.00
Albany, Oreg.	30.50	National SMM	493.32
Aleppo, Pa.	5.00	National WMC	2,320.68
Altoona, Pa. (First) ..	1,143.89	North English, Iowa ..	14.38
Altocna, Pa. (Juniata) ..	15.00	Northern Ohio District ..	260.00
Ankenytown, Ohio	50.00	Osceola, Ind.	926.28
Artesia, Calif.	19.00	Paramount, Calif.	1.00
Ashland, Ohio	62.93	Philadelphia, Pa. (1) ..	175.00
Atlantic District	133.21	Philadelphia, Pa. (3) ..	71.00
Beaver City, Nebr.	14.60	Phoenix, Ariz.	50.00
Barrien Springs, Mich. ..	5.17	Portis, Kans.	29.73
Camden, Ohio	10.00	Riner, Va.	12.00
Centon, Ohio	44.60	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) ..	10.00
Cleveland, Ohio	15.00	San Diego, Calif.	23.88
Covington, Ohio	4.00	Seal Beach, Calif.	3.32
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riv.) ..	25.00	Seven Fountains, Va. ..	3.00
East District	25.00	Sidney, Ind.	7.25
Elkhart, Ind.	57.82	South Bend, Ind.	4.67
Fillmore, Calif.	19.75	South Gate, Calif.	11.00
Findlay, Ohio	95.23	South Pasadena, Calif. ..	24.23
Glendale, Calif.	62.37	Troy, Ohio	8.00
Hagerstown, Md.	5.00	Uniontown, Pa.	130.50
Harrah, Wash.	969.06	Washington, D. C.	1.00
Hollins, Va.	40.55	West Covina, Calif.	6.00
Hopewell, Pa.	13.00	Whittier, Calif. (Community) ..	229.98
Indiana District	30.00	Winchester, Va.	10.00
Johnstown (Riverside) ..	400.00	Wooster, Ohio	35.00
La Crescenta, Calif. ..	17.34	Yakima, Wash.	22.00
Leon, Iowa	18.60		
Long Beach, Calif. (1) ..	10.00		
Long Beach, Calif. (2) ..	25.00	Total	10,939.60
Los Angeles (C'm'nity) ..	7.50	Total reported as of July	
Los Angeles, Calif. (1) ..	50.47	21, 1954	189,255.38
Martinsburg, Pa.	400.00		
Michigan District	21.30	Total gifts since Jan. 1,	
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma) ..	1.00	1954	200,194.98

Respectfully submitted,

Homer A. Kent, treasurer.
Ruth E. Reddick, financial secretary.

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The Christian Medical Society, organized over 20 years ago to aid Christian physicians and others associated with the profession in their spiritual life, has chapters in 55 medical schools. The membership now totals over 1,200 with more than one-sixth now serving as missionaries on the foreign field.—*Christian Victory*.

Elders in African Brethren Churches

(SEE COVER PAGE)

Noel Gaiwaka, a middle-aged elder of the church at Bozoum, is now ministering especially to the Baya tribe, as well as to some Karne. He has had the most formal education of the present ordained men, having received grammar-school training at Bassai in the thirties as well as some Bible-school training in common with the other elders. He is a soft-spoken man, with a quiet wit; he is carefully listened to by both black and white, both as he teaches and preaches the Word of God.

Silas Dekonou has been serving the Lord at Yaloke station among the Banou for many years. Characterized perhaps as a rather slow, steady worker, Dekonou has stood faithful through many hardships and disappointments. Now he is partially inactive due to sickness.

Jean Mane, a Kabba in the Bekoro field, impresses one with his stature, being well over six feet tall. A stranger might classify him as very quiet, but would soon find him enterprising and wielding a big influence among his people. Opening his home to a number of boys, he has become their spiritual father. From his chapel at Benamkor, Jean goes forth to visit and instruct the catechists under his supervision.

Abraham Yalengue, of the Bouca church, has a striking past. Raised in the home of a medicine man, as a youth he received instruction to follow in the footsteps of his father, attempting to appease the spirits. However, the Holy Spirit used the singing of a hymn to woo him, bringing him under the influence of the Gospel and so be saved. Now as an elder he is a popular speaker,

having a dramatic presentation and a keen sense of humor.

Jacob Yase's ministry has been as an elder of the Bellevue church among the Gbea tribe. Being a big man with a big voice he has been a striking figure walking and pedaling throughout his district, ministering not only to the Gbea, but also to the Kabba to the north and the Banda to the southeast. He is a man who has felt the sustaining hand of the Lord at the death of his first wife and then later at the death of his eldest son. Again he himself was laid on the shelf for over a year due to a bad reaction from a sleeping sickness injection. Now he is once again active in the ministry.

Marc Voloungou, serving at Bossembele among the Banou people, is the oldest ordained elder on our African field. Having been converted when a workman under Brother Hathaway in the thirties, he has been considered the dean of the African pastors in recent years. Now nearly bald, with a graying fringe of hair around the sides, he can still be seen pedaling his bike over the dirt roads as he travels among the villages preaching the Gospel.

Jean Noet'mo, another elder listed among the old-timers of the Mission, has always been located in the Bassai district serving among the Karne. He is perhaps best remembered as having served as boy to Brother Gribble in the historic days of Carnot, and the location of the first station at Bassai; also as being a language teacher to the early missionaries. Now being quite old, he is able to carry on only a very limited ministry in his own village.

MENTAL BEWILDERMENT-SPIRITUAL FRUSTRATION

This was the penetrating analysis of a political figure in East Africa, when asked the reason for Africa's unrest, upheaval, rioting, bloodshed, and murder.

"We've tried to give them 2,000 years of civilization in less than 50," he added, and the result is obvious.

We know that advance for a people is only as good, and the future as stable, as the foundation laid. And there is no vital building that will stand if the Bible is not the foundation. . . .

African hands are eagerly reaching out, grasping after education and what it can bring them. We can not, dare not, leave them to devices and influences other than Christian. So our advance program calls for every means possible to meet the need of the people with the Word of God and the Gospel message, that there might be a strong, evangelical church and a true Christian core to this great continent.—*The Sudan Witness*.

A missionary was talking to a Chinese convert about the "Narrow Way." "Yes," said the convert, "It is a narrow way. There is only room for One to walk in it, and that One is Christ in me."—*The Prairie Overcomer*.

AS OTHERS SEE US

The neighbors remarked of that Old Testament stalwart, Elisha: "I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually" (II Kings 4:9). If the same could be said of us we might well be happy.

This verse from Kings was taken as a subject for a sermon by a young German theological student recently. A member of the International Christian Crusade who heard him sent us the following lines:

Not with lofty thoughts far-reaching,
Not with blasts of mighty preaching,
But with heart that waits Thy teaching
Let me learn of Thee.

In the deed that no man knoweth,
Where no praiseful trumpet bloweth,
Where he may not reap who soweth,
Let me serve with Thee.

In the work that no gold payeth,
Where he speedeth best who prayeth,
Doeth most who little sayeth.
Let me be with Thee.

—*The Evangel*.

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MARTINSBURG, PA. On Sept. 5 Rev. Charles Sumey gave his farewell message here before departure with his wife for Africa. Rev. Gerald Teeter, pastor of the First Brethren Church, his wife, and two members of the church joined the Sumeys in New York on the day of their departure.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sumey, members of the First Brethren Church here, gave their farewell messages Sept. 5 and 8 before returning to Africa. Rev. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

AKRON, OHIO. A district men's rally was held Sept. 26 at the First Brethren Church. Rev. Galen Ling-enfelter, pastor of the Elyria church, was the speaker.

CANTON, OHIO. The Northern Ohio District Sisterhood of Mary and Martha held their rally at the First Brethren Church Sept. 10. Rev. John Dilling is pastor.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. Rev. Edward Bowman, pastor of the Mt. View Brethren Church, Hollins, Va., was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Aug. 29. Rev. Wesley Haller is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert, members of the First Brethren Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 12. Rev. Wm. Steffler is their pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Approximately 240 students have registered in Grace College and Seminary. To date 233 different students have enrolled. Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., and president of the board of trustees, delivered the message at the convocation service on Sept. 13.

TRACY, CALIF. The young people from the Chico, Tracy, and the two churches at Modesto, Calif., held an overnight rally Aug. 13-14; 140 were present. The speaker for the

rally was Rev. Charles Garrett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tracy. Regular rallies are planned for the future. Rev. Wm. Clough was host pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Miss Clara Schwartz sailed from New York on Sept. 8 for France, and will fly from France to French Equatorial Africa on her return trip to the mission field.

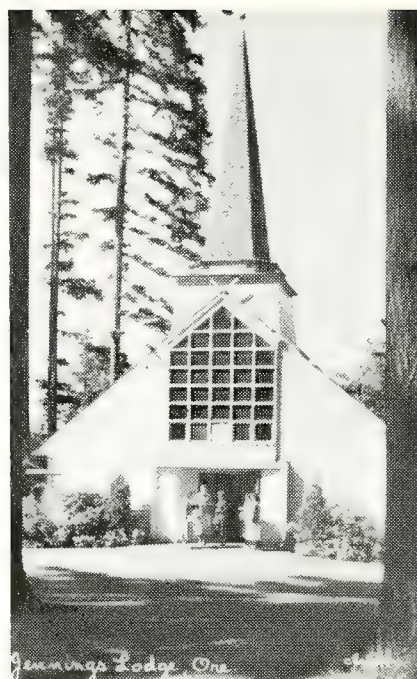
MUNDY'S CORNER, PA. The men's fellowship of the East Fellowship of Brethren Churches was held here on Sept. 13 at the Pike Brethren Church. Rev. Clair Gartland is pastor.



SPECIAL. Gideon International has appealed to the United States Supreme Court for a decision on the New Jersey supreme court ruling on the matter of distribution of Bibles in public schools.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Recent action by the Los Angeles Presbytery forbids any of its members teaching at a fine institution like the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Such is the fruit of modernism.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Dick Depree, past president of the Gideons International, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Aug. 26. Rev. Kenneth Ashman is pastor.



PORTLAND, OREG. A cordial invitation is extended to all Brethren to attend the National Fellowship to be held here Aug. 10-17, 1955. Above is pictured the beautiful chapel at Jennings Lodge where the conference will be held. Full particulars for accommodations will be published in an early issue of the Herald.

COVINGTON, VA. Rev. Harold Andrews, of Nebraska City, Nebr., supplied the pulpit for the First Brethren Church for both services on Aug. 29. Rev. Paul Mohler is pastor. Al Zahlout, noted concert violinist, conducted a sacred music concert here on Sept. 5.

PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Evangelist
M'dy's C'rner, Pa.	Sept. 20-Oct. 3.	Clair Gartland . . .	Wm. Steffler.
Portland, Oreg. . .	Sept. 21-Oct. 3.	Vernon Harris . . .	Crusade 2 (Lynn).
Uniontown, Pa. . .	Sept. 21-Oct. 3.	C. K. Landrum . . .	Cr'sade 1 (Miller).
Grafton, W. Va. . .	Sept. 26-Oct. 10.	Lee Crist	Bill Smith.
Winchester, Va. . .	Sept. 26-Oct. 10.	Paul Dick	Harold Etling.
Dayton, Ohio			
(Bethany)	Sept. 29-Oct. 1.	Charles Gantt . . .	R. I. Humbert.
Oseola, Ind. . . .	Sept. 29-Oct. 3.	Scott Weaver . . .	Paul Bauman.
La Verne, Calif. .	Oct. 3-10	Victor Meyers . . .	Henry Harms.
Akron, Ohio . . .	Oct. 3-17	M. L. Myers	A. R. Kriegbaum.
Hagerstown, Md.	Oct. 3-24	Russell Weber . . .	Michael Walsh.
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	Oct. 5-17	Richard Grant . . .	Richard Jackson.
Kittanning, Pa.			
(North Buffalo)	Oct. 8	Donald Rossman . .	R. I. Humbert.
Kittanning, Pa.			
(First)	Oct. 10-12	Wm. Schaffer	R. I. Humbert.
Yellow Creek, Pa.	Oct. 12-24	Sheldon Snyder . .	Mark Malles.
Martinsburg, Pa. .	Oct. 17-31	Gerald Teeter . . .	Bill Smith.
Clayhole, Ky. . . .	Oct. 18-31	Sewell Landrum . .	Clyde Landrum.
Glendale, Calif. . .	Oct. 25-31	Keith Altig	Norman Nelson.

*THREE NATIONAL LEADERS SPEAK . . .

The Role of the Sunday School

By HON. FRANK CARLSON

U. S. Senator From Kansas

I wish that somehow or other through the National Sunday School Association I might reach the teachers, especially of the boys and girls. My own experience in public life, first in Kansas and now in our nation, leads me to rate the work of the Sunday-school teacher as one of the half-dozen greatest assets to our beloved country.

Here in the Sunday school, as in the Christian home, our children and youth find the inspired leadership that develops and matures their Christian faith. Here our churches find the seed corn of their membership of tomorrow. Of course, the Sunday school can never take and should never take the place of a home where Christ dwells; but it can supplement such a home by systematic Bible study, by training in simple worship, by discussion and exploration of the meaning of Christianity in everyday life. Over and above this, it can and does reach out and attract hundreds of thousands of boys and girls and young people from the other kind of home, where parents are indifferent to religion or derelict in their duty.

Our nation sorely needs citizens and public servants of integrity, whose "yea" is "yea" and "nay" is "nay." It needs citizens who accept responsibility; who assume they have an obligation to serve. These qualities are the full-flowering of a Christian faith.

Over and beyond this, the world today is in the throes of a gigantic conflict for men's loyalties. We of the free world know how near even some of our own people are at times to surrendering their birthright of freedom through fear or for the promise of security. At the heart of freedom, its greatest and strongest foundation, is the belief which many of us learned first in Sunday school, that you and I and each and every human being that ever lived may

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Spiritual Values

By JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice

Of what value is the Sunday school?

Who has planted a garden without coming to know that he cannot harvest a fair yield except as the earth is nourished and cultivated and the sun shines and the rains fall?

If it is not to be dwarfed and stunted, the spiritual side of the human seedling needs care and cultivation and nourishment during the green years quite as much as the physical side requires food and sleep and exercise.

In his letter to the Philippians, the Apostle Paul says, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." The Sunday school is a place in which such things may be thought upon, and absorbed, and fused into one's being. Its teachings are a major means by which the spiritual life of the child may be nurtured, developed, and brought to full growth.

It is impossible to evaluate fully the effect of the lessons which are taught in the Sunday school. But who, looking at his own past, will

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I Believe in the Sunday School!

By F. R. LEE ROBERSON

Highland Park Baptist Church
Chattanooga, Tenn.

I believe in the work of the Sunday school. Throughout my ministry, of over twenty-five years, I have sought to be "a Sunday-school pastor." In all of this time I have not only taken a personal, direct interest in the Sunday school, but I have taught a Sunday-school class each Sunday through the years.

I believe in the Sunday school that does three things:

First, I believe in the Sunday school that teaches the Word of God. The Sunday school is the teaching hour, not the worship hour, not the training hour. The Word of God should be taught by competent, trained, consecrated teachers. The Sunday school is worthless if the Bible is not the textbook.

Secondly, I believe in the Sunday school that reaches out to all classes of people. Clannishness has no part in a real Sunday school. The rich, the poor, the high, the low should be sought to come to hear the Word of God. To that end the Highland Park Baptist Church, of which I am pastor, sends out 11 busses every Sunday morning throughout our city to bring in people who might otherwise never be reached. We sponsor 35 chapels and missions in the city and around the city for the reaching of additional hundreds who reside in places unreached by a Bible church and a Bible-teaching Sunday school.

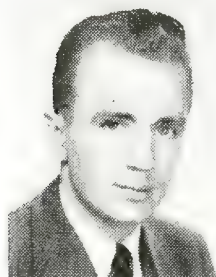
Thirdly, I believe in the Sunday school that wins souls to Christ. I am unalterably opposed to the Sunday school that teaches the Word Sunday after Sunday but never attempts to bring people to Christ. It is sadly true that in some Sunday schools a person can attend ten or fifteen years without ever having anyone to witness to him about his soul. The Sunday school fails that does not endeavor to win the lost.

In this time of crisis and uncertainty we need to enlarge our Sun-

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*These articles furnished by National Sunday School Association, 542 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT



By **REV. GALEN LINGENFELTER**
Vice President
National Sunday School Board

Realize It NOW

Our Second National Brethren Sunday School Convention was an indication that many more of our people are beginning to realize that their work in the Sunday school is an important part of the work of God in our churches. Delegates came from our churches from coast to coast, and beginning with the Sunday-morning session, the seminary chapel was not large enough for the crowds. The large seminary auditorium was used, and for some sessions was filled almost to capacity.

The timely theme for this convention was the little word NOW. As the various phases of Sunday-school work were discussed and we were reminded of their importance, it was hardly necessary for us to be told that NOW is the time to begin working to make our Sunday school what God would have it to be.

60,000 by 1960—This was the Sunday-school enrollment goal for the Brethren churches suggested by the National Sunday School Board. To reach this goal we must begin NOW. In order to help every Brethren church your National Sunday School Board submitted to this convention a Christian Workers Training Program and a Sunday-school attendance contest for all Brethren churches. It is important that all our Brethren churches band together in this great project to reach 60,000 by 1960—not forgetting that our ulti-

mate goal is 60,000 souls saved for Christ.

Your Sunday School Is Important

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, said, "The Sunday school is not only an important part of the church life, but it is also instrumental in materially reducing the army of youthful offenders and delinquents. Parents cannot afford to postpone the use of the Sunday school and church until tomorrow. Tomorrow may be too late."

If men in Mr. Hoover's position see the importance of our Sunday school and church in the making of the lives of our people, surely it is time that we get our eyes open and put our hearts and souls into this great work. Perhaps we pastors, teachers, and parents have been unaware of the great responsibilities that are upon us as we consider the work of the Sunday school. How much more could be done if all of us would be willing to face the facts and earnestly do our best to fulfill the will of God in our lives! There is plenty for all of us to do, and all of us should be interested in getting it done. NOW is the time to begin.

Why Is Sunday School Important?

1. Because the lives of so many people are in our care and each life is valuable.

God places a great value upon every human life. Stocks, bonds, lands, or silver and gold cannot pay for life. It is far more valuable. Jesus said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

The lives of our people are so valuable because of the extent of them. We must not forget that whereas

every man has his beginning, he has no end. Eternity must be spent somewhere, and it is either heaven or hell forever!

A human life's value is seen even more when we realize that his eternal destiny is determined during his life here on earth. Decisions are made here that cannot be made at any other time or place. Men and women, boys and girls must and do decide during their earthly lives where they will spend eternity. If we in the Sunday school are doing our job as we ought to do it, we will lead many of them to a saving knowledge of Christ.

2. Because of the Opportunity to Reach and Train Children.

The greatest opportunity to do a lasting work for the Lord is among the children. Do you realize—

That a child of 6 has just as quick perception as a man?

That the ability to remember at the age of 10 will never be surpassed?

That a man's life is built upon the foundation of his childhood?

These facts certainly show us that tomorrow will be too late. We must act NOW.

Jesus recognized the importance of children. He put the child in the center of the group instead of the adult. He rebuked the disciples when they tried to turn the parents away who were bringing their children to Jesus. His words were, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).

Children are so important because we may easily lead them in forming habits that will go with them throughout their lives. If the Sunday school fails in this respect, the world

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NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK—SEPT. 26-OCT. 3

Future Plans of the National Sunday School Board

Delegates and friends who attended the Second Annual National Sunday School Convention eagerly accepted the challenge of the National Sunday School Board to set a goal of 60,000 enrolled in Brethren Sunday schools by 1960.

To help every Sunday school reach its own share of that 60,000, details of a Brethren Sunday School Contest were announced. Every Brethren Sunday school will be put into a classification of Sunday schools of its own size. There are six divisions, with a goodly number of schools in every division. The contest will be based upon one factor, and one alone—percentage of increase in average attendance. One hundred forty-one schools are entered in the contest. Your growth will be shown once each month, in comparison to every other Brethren Sunday school in the nation.

The Sunday school with the highest percentage gain for the month will receive a banner to be displayed for the month. This banner will be moved from winner to winner in each division each month. In addition, the monthly winners will each receive a "Sunday-school book" to be added to the Sunday-school library. This book of course becomes the property of the local Sunday school. No books will be duplicated, in case the same Sunday school should win a second or third month.

There will also be a winner for the year in each of the six divisions. These winners will be awarded a Sunday-school plaque with their names engraved upon it, and they will keep this plaque for the next year. This will be awarded on the greatest percentage of increase in average attendance for the nine months of the contest.

There will be a grand winner for the year. The Sunday school in the entire denomination which shows the greatest percentage of increase for the year will be the Grand Winner, and will be awarded the Director's Cup, a silver loving cup with name engraved upon it. If won by the same school for three years in a row, the cup will become the permanent property of the school, otherwise it will be passed from school to school as the winner for the year.

Does it all sound great? Let's en-



Sunday School—Home Base for Missions

By HAROLD E. GARNER

Christian Education Department
Moody Bible Institute

Aside from the fact that the Sunday school is the church's greatest medium of teaching the Word "which is able to make" pupils "wise unto salvation," I believe it is the church's greatest means of providing opportunity for Christians to obey Christ's great command, "Go ye . . . teach . . . beginning at Jerusalem."

God is calling for missionaries to go across the street, as well as across the sea. The Sunday school provides the local setup for obeying this missionary challenge which is as much for the development of workmen as for the development of the work.

People have an innate desire to serve. Many times the church does not capitalize on this desire, and as a result its members become discontented with an organization that only asks for their attendance and gifts. "Use me or lose me" is a motto that ought to be hung around the neck of every new convert until the church does something about this challenge. The Sunday school in its home base, as well as in its branch works, is in a strategic position to offer the best means possible for putting people to work, thus providing a means of stability and growth for those who serve as well as winning others to Christ. (Used by permission—National Sunday School Association.)

ter with a real enthusiasm, and determine now to WIN THAT CONTEST!

Oh yes, send us some news items about what you are doing, to help others catch a vision also. We will be happy to get them at Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind.

Value of a Sunday School Worker's Conference

By REV. GORDON BRACKER
Pastor Grace Brethren Church
Fremont, Ohio

On August 1, 2, and 3 we had the privilege of having Rev. Harold H. Etling in our church for a Sunday-school conference. It was a most profitable time of study. In the three days we had four regular public services in which he delivered sermons most helpful to our Sunday school.

He also spoke on our weekly radio broadcast to lay before our listeners the importance of the Sunday school. He spoke at the opening exercises of the Sunday school. He observed the workings and functions of our Sunday school at work and then later gave us many helpful hints. He spoke to our young people's group on Sunday night.

Then, finally, we arranged for two workers' conferences on Sunday afternoon and two before the regular services on Monday and Tuesday. In these workers' conferences we invited those workers from four sections of our Sunday school, having divided the workers according to ages of their scholars.

To sum up the conference I would make the following observations:

1. It increased our Sunday-school vision locally, and helped us see a larger field at home.
2. It increased our Sunday-school vision nationally, and helped us see the job that needs to be done in our Brethren churches across the nation and made us realize that we are one important part of that work.
3. It increased our Sunday-school enthusiasm to pray and work harder in our own field.
4. It increased our understanding of the functional efficiency of our own Sunday school. Several helpful adjustments have been made; some changes are yet to be made as soon as possible by saw and hammer.
5. It increased for all workers the realization of the importance of more training both for present teaching staff and recruits as well.
6. It increased our appreciation of the fine job our National Sunday School Board has already done as an infant and made us realize what it could do as a giant if all Brethren Sunday schools would cooperate financially.

Let's Go Out There to Win!

The first football game of the season was broadcast over our local station the other night. It was a high-school game, and of course our young people were all thrilled about it. The radio announcer said one thing that I was sure you would be interested in. Of course he was rooting for our local team, and as they went out onto the field he said, "All right, gang, let's go out there to win!" And win they did, with a score in every quarter of the game.

But I thought you would be interested in it because that is the very thing we need in our Sunday schools. We need to go out there to win! Win men and women for our schools—and for Jesus Christ.

This is rally time for our Sunday schools. All across our nation within a few weeks, Rally Day will be

held in most of our churches. But in these days leading up to Rally Day, and immediately following, let us make sure we win men and women for more than one Sunday. Let us do the extra things that will bring them back week after week. Be sure to include some special features in your opening services—musicians, singers, chalk-talk artists, flannel-board story artists, and the like. The more unique and novel these features, the more drawing power they will have. Be sure that everyone who presents a special feature brings a Gospel message. Then, of course, advertise the features for the week. Now is the time to send out cards to every member of your school and all the prospects. These are tried-and-true methods and will work. But let us go even beyond the tried and true. Remember, we are out to win!

Establish class goals.

But as I listened to that football game for a few minutes, I was made conscious of one thing. The members of our high-school team were driving away down the field toward a goal. At first it was 60 yards away, then 40, then 20, and finally it was inches away. They never lost sight of it. Even when for a moment they lost the ball to the opposing team, they did not lose sight of the goal.

This is our need in Sunday school. Remember, we will only build our schools as we build individual classes. Let us determine the specific increase we desire for each class during a particular period of time. Make this increase or goal large enough to be challenging, and yet not so large that it will be discouraging. Be sure to talk over the goal with the individual classes, and get them to approve or change it if necessary. Some may ask for a higher goal, and some for a lower one. It is essential that the class be sold on their own goal.

After the goals have been established and accepted by the class, post these goals in the classroom. Let them work out their own plans as to how they will reach the goal. But regularly call attention to the good work being done. Never scold, never complain; just keep in there fighting to win!

One class recently used the idea of a green light and a red light fixed in traffic-light fashion. Each time the class met a goal for a particular Sunday, they lighted the green light over their classroom door. If they failed to meet the goal, they turned on the red light. They hung a class motto over the inside of the door where all must read as they went out. The motto read: "Let's keep on the beam. Keep our light green."

Why should we go out to win? Let me remind you again that there

are two on the outside for every one that is in. Jesus is tremendously interested in those that are not yet reached. It is summed up in a statement found on the back of a church bulletin:

Listen, the voice of the Saviour is speaking:

They are mine—Win them.

They are mine—Visit them.

They are mine—Invite them again and again.

They are mine—Lead them to place their life in my church.

They are mine—Urge them to worship me in my house.

They are mine—Report to me your results; talk it over with me.

They are mine—There is always room for one more, and one more, and one more.

They are mine—I died for them.

They are mine—Pack and jam your classrooms.

They are mine—Provide some more space.

They are mine—Do you love them as much as I love them?

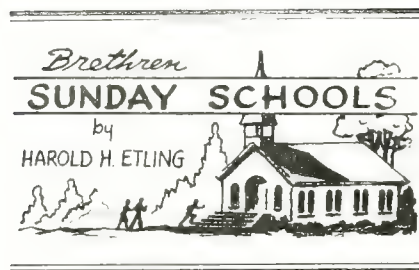
They are mine—Do you love me?

MAKE YOUR PUPILS WELCOME

Very often even when we do win new folks for our classes, they feel on the outside of things. They are not included, or at least they feel they are not, because no one takes the trouble to make them feel at home. We read of one class recently in which few of the members even were really acquainted with one another. They were a dozen in number, and a fine class if they only would become more friendly! The teacher was at her wits' end! And then she hit upon this plan—

After studying her class list from a new angle, the teacher prayerfully paired the names with a view to better general acquaintance and aid in each pupil's all-around development. She tried to team shy, irregular attendants with those most likely to draw each other into comradely contact because of living near, being in at least one weekday activity together, or having a common hobby interest.

She explained the idea at the end of a class hour and gave each pupil a slip as they filed past her station at



held in most of our churches. But in these days leading up to Rally Day, and immediately following, let us make sure we win men and women for more than one Sunday. Let us do the extra things that will bring them back week after week. Be sure to include some special features in your opening services—musicians, singers, chalk-talk artists, flannel-board story artists, and the like. The more unique and novel these features, the more drawing power they will have. Be sure that everyone who presents a special feature brings a Gospel message. Then, of course, advertise the features for the week. Now is the time to send out cards to every member of your school and all the prospects. These are tried-and-true methods and will work. But let us go even beyond the tried and true. Remember, we are out to win!

Organize a telephone squad.

One extra bit of effort can be made by enlisting a number of the members of your Sunday school to call every member, visitor, and prospect by telephone on Saturday aft-

the classroom door. The slip was worded after this fashion: "Mary Lasser: Your class sister is Edith Rose, 814 Maine Ave. Her phone is 796-J." If a girl with no home telephone could be reached through a hospitable neighbor's phone or elsewhere during certain hours, that was noted. Of course Edith had Mary's name and address while other teammates' information was equally clear.

"I hope to learn that all of our teams have gotten together in some way before next Sunday," said the teacher with a smile.

Next Sunday came, and they really had! Some had exchanged calls; others found opportunity to chat at school or downtown; the telephone and mail carriers were supplemented by small brothers proud to serve as bicycle mailmen. Rides, hikes, potluck home meals, an evening of fun soon knit every team into real fellowship. Keen interest was shown in pairing anew at the quarter's end.

Why not try a plan similar to this for real adventure in Christian fellowship for your class? It may pay dividends for you, as it did for this teacher.

every Sunday. This in itself will be a tremendous blessing to them. But it means more. The Word of God is the power of God unto salvation. Hence, as 34,000 more people hear the Word of God, there is possibility of 34,000 conversions. Reaching more people in the Sunday school will always mean more people for Christ.

Even now we are in the process of raising the greatest home-mission offering in the history of our church. The challenges of unchurched communities demand it! We dare not fail these friends who are depending upon us to help them get new churches started. But remember, with 34,000 people added to our Sunday-school rolls, our gifts for home missions will be greatly increased. And what is true of home missions will be true of every other agency of our church. There will be more giving for foreign missions; more for Grace Seminary; more for Herald publications; more for Jewish missions; and so the list grows. Thirty-four thousand

more Sunday-school pupils means there will be more in our church services and more in the prayer meeting.

But again, we need to be reminded that not one church nor even 50 churches can do this task alone. This is a tremendous task. It will take everyone of us working hand in hand to accomplish the job. Our largest churches will have to see that they have a tremendous part in the campaign. To double their average attendance will be difficult in many ways, and yet it is their part of the job. The smallest churches will have real problems—problems of leadership, of space, of equipment—but it is their part of the job. We must all increase 20 percent this first year if we are to begin to do this task.

Let's talk about it everywhere we meet together. "60,000 by 1960" is a real possibility; "60,000 by 1960" is a real challenge! It is a *big goal*—and so it demands *big plans* and *big prayers*, and *big faith*!

National Sunday School Week!

Just because we have been going to Sunday school for many years, we take it for granted that everybody else knows about Sunday school and has the same opportunity as we have. Perhaps this is true, and then again perhaps we ought to confess that it is not true. There are many in the United States that have not even heard that there is a Sunday school. For this reason, the National Sunday School Association has been sponsoring an annual National Sunday School Week between the last Sunday of September and the first Sunday of October. This year that means September 26 through October 3.

You say, What will we do in National Sunday School Week?

Let every service in your church during this week be a "Sunday-School Service." Preacher, preach about Sunday school. Superintendents, plan some special features for both Sundays in your Sunday school. Advertise your school during this week in every way possible. Then when it comes time for your mid-week service of prayer, make it "Sunday-School Prayer Meeting." Ask the superintendent to lead the service on this night. Get the departmental superintendents to plan special prayer groups for their own departments. Have some special features in the prayer meeting for this

one night, which will include some of the boys and girls and young people from your Sunday school.

Of course there ought to be a "SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITATION" during the week. Set one night, or perhaps two, when your teachers and workers will begin their fall campaign of visitation, so that every pupil in every class will receive a visit during the week. This ought to be a regular feature of your school, but especially during this week.

Then, one of the finest ways I know to bring the week to its conclusion is to hold your Sunday-school Rally Day. Make it just what it says—a Rally Day. Of course special preparation will be made for it, but make it the kickoff day for your school in the great "All-Brethren Sunday-School Contest."

Do you want to keep on having every Sunday a Rally Day? Sure, you say! Then why not send your pastor and superintendent to the National Sunday School Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., from October 13 through 15. This is a great gathering of Sunday-school experts from all over the nation. Your delegates will come home enthused to do a better job than ever before.

One more thing I would not forget about National Sunday School Week. Your own Brethren Sunday School Board is in operation 365 days of

"60,000 BY 1960"

The time has come for everyone of us to begin to do some serious thinking about this matter of REACHING THE UNREACHED! It is time for everyone of us to begin thinking about the part our Sunday school is going to play in this total campaign.

This goal is not a dream! It is a vision that has been laid upon the hearts of many of us, and we cannot permit that vision to go unanswered. Let us remember that the Lord Jesus died for the sins of the world. It is true that He so loved us that even if there had been but one soul He would have died for that one. But in the United States there are more than 150 million people without Christ. He died for everyone of these. Even in the cities and villages where we have established Brethren churches, there are thousands that have not even heard the Gospel. In other cities where we have not gone, there are yet other thousands. These multiplied thousands of unsaved are the reasons for our emphasis upon the 60,000 that we believe God would have us reach.

To increase our number by 34,000 (we now have approximately 25,000) means that there will be 34,000 more people hearing the Bible taught ev-

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every year. They are making plans, gathering materials, producing new courses for Christian workers—in general, praying, planning, and working to help Brethren Sunday schools be the kind of schools the Lord Jesus wants them to be. During this week, your National Sunday School Board is asking you to put them on your prayer list! Brethren, we need your prayers! Also, remember that you can help carry on this work if your Sunday school will set aside one penny a week for every Sunday-school pupil enrolled in the school. Check up with your Sunday school and see if they have been supporting the work of the National Sunday School Board. If not, why not take a special time during your next board meeting and talk it over. Then send us regularly your monthly or quarterly offerings at the rate of one penny per member per week. Remember, as you pray for us 365 days every year, we are looking for your Sunday-school letters in Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind.

"EVERY CHRISTIAN A WORKER— EVERY WORKER TRAINED"

Yes, we are sure that the Great Commission, "Go ye," includes every Christian. We are compelled to believe that every Christian will be held accountable in the matter of his time, talents, and money. Therefore we believe every Christian ought to be trained to do the most effective job possible.

Your National Sunday School Board announced details of the new Christian Worker's Training Program (C. W. T. P.) at the second annual national convention. This program will consist of a series of courses of studies, each of which will require 12 class periods of work. The students completing courses will be given certificates, and when the required number of courses have been completed, the student will receive the Christian Worker's Diploma.

This program will be enlarged from time to time to permit Christians to constantly increase their knowledge of the Bible, methods of teaching, evangelism, the Brethren Church, etc.

Watch for the announcement of the C. W. T. P. in your church, and then be ready to join with hundreds

of others across the nation in the greatest training program ever undertaken by our church. This is just one more step in the program of "60,000 by 1960."

DIRECTOR'S ITINERARY

After a few weeks in the office at Winona Lake, getting ready for the convention and sharing in the ministry of that convention, your national Sunday-school director is again visiting the churches.

Two area conventions come first—one in Martinsburg, Pa., the other in the Altoona, Pa., First Brethren Church. Then a week will be spent in Washington, D. C., in a series of workshops for all Sunday-school workers. We will journey to Indianapolis on Monday, October 13, where we shall be in attendance at the great National Sunday School Convention sponsored by the National Sunday School Association. We trust we will see many Brethren in attendance at this convention, October 13-15. The sessions will be held in the Cadle Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Ind.

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attempt to minimize the impression made on his developing personality by exposure to the great truths of the Bible at an age when everything is new and never-to-be-forgotten? Who can fail to remember the picture cards with the Bible verses and the simple stories plainly told and colorfully illustrated? What child has failed to learn something of the majestic law set forth in the Ten Commandments or the challenge in the Sermon on the Mount? What child has not experienced the peace of the Twenty-third Psalm and the glory of praise in the Lord's Prayer?

There is no yardstick for assessing the elements which go into making the individual conscience. The things of the spirit do not lend themselves to easy measurement. But no one should underestimate the role of the Sunday school in developing the spiritual values which make good citizens and which are so vitally essential to the preservation of a free civilization.

YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT

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will lead them into sin and away from God. Many boys and girls are neglected and are being lost by our Sunday schools and are falling into sin; therefore it is urgent that we realize NOW is the time to reach them and train them for Christ.

3. Because It Is God's Work and a True Mission Field.

The Sunday school should be a place where men, women, boys, and girls are won to Christ and taught to serve Him faithfully.

Every Sunday-school teacher is a missionary and the work should have first place in his life. He should never be satisfied until every member of the class is won to Christ. Every Christian parent and adult member should realize that the Sunday school is his responsibility too. It is God's work and here is a great mission field that He is waiting for us to occupy for Him.

The Sunday school is a vital part of your church. It is a channel through which God's children are workers together with Him to reach, teach, win, train, and enlist people for Christ. The Sunday school needs the church; the church needs the Sunday school. And certainly the two working together as God would have them to, can accomplish a great work for Him. Let's do it NOW.

THE ROLE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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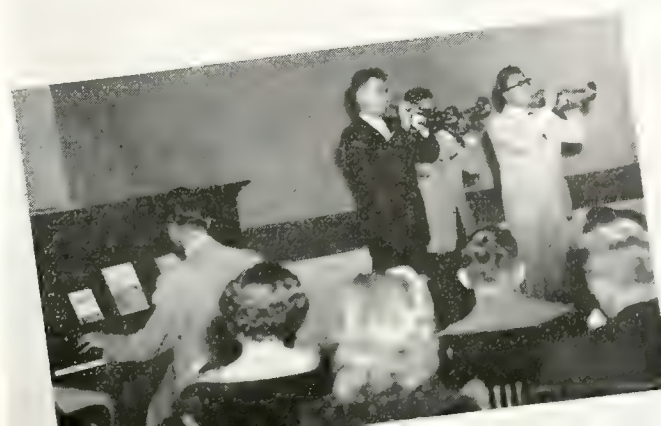
become a child of the living God—too sacred to be coerced, exploited, terrorized. On this rock we build our country, and we would build the kingdom of God among free men everywhere. To this end our Sunday schools are dedicated. To this end may their teachers ever labor. God give them His power!

I BELIEVE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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day schools, to reach out into the farthest corners to bring all we can into our Sunday schools now in operation, and establish new schools in the thousands of places where they are needed. I believe in the work of the Sunday school!

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EDITORIALS

By Vice President Paul R. Bauman

Drinking in College

A report on the drinking habits of young people in colleges was recently published by two men, Roger Straus and Seldon Bacon.

"It is an analysis of the survey conducted by the Center of Alcohol Studies of Yale University, which has been working on the problem of alcohol in American society for 20 years. Questionnaires were sent to 17,000 men and women students in 27 colleges throughout the country.

"Like all statistical reporting, this book is not what you'd call good reading, but the conclusions are of great importance. For instance, students follow the example of their parents. Where both parents use alcohol, 92 percent of the men students drink also, and 83 percent of the women. Where only one parent drinks, the percentage is 83 of men, 54 of women. Where both parents abstain, it is down to 58 of men, 23 of women.

"Clearly parental example is an important factor in the decisions of college youth about drinking. The influence of income, religion, and ethnic background is also traced. And the truth emerges that college drinking is primarily a matter of custom. It is not, as is so commonly believed, the free rational choice of the individual; not a desire to experience the effects of alcohol or to satisfy a specific taste; not a need to show off, to act

PRESIDENT McCLAIN GIVEN TIME FOR WRITING OF BOOKS

(A Statement)

Recognizing the widespread and long continued interest in having Dr. Alva J. McClain's theological lectures made available in a series of books, and feeling that in such a project he could render no greater service to the Brethren Church; therefore, in order that Dr. McClain may have the necessary time for this important task the Board of Trustees of Grace Theological Seminary at its recent annual meeting arranged to have the administrative duties of his office transferred temporarily to the Administrative Committee of the Faculty composed of Dr. Paul R. Bauman, Vice President in charge of Public Relations; Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean; Dr. Homer A. Kent, Registrar; and Dr. James L. Boyer, Financial Secretary, with Dr. Homer A. Kent acting as the chairman of the committee. During the time of this temporary arrangement, President McClain's activities at the Seminary will be devoted exclusively to writing and the teaching of his regular classes in Theology and the Book of Romans.

perversely, or defy authority. But it is a custom deep seated in the culture pattern of certain segments of our population."

Long ago the Spirit-guided writers of the Bible pointed out the importance of proper parental influence. Christian parents need to remember that proper teaching and proper living are both needed in the home, and that their children are influenced far more by the teaching and customs of the home than they will ever be in a hundred college courses. Too many parents expect a college or Bible school to be a sort of reformatory to compensate for their own neglect in these matters.

The Struggle for Jerusalem

In the ages-long struggle between the Jew and Arab for possession of the Holy Land, the very center of the controversy has been the city of Jerusalem. The Jews say it must be a Jewish city; the Arabs say it must be Arab. The United Nations, on the other hand, insists that it be an international city.

Recently in Rome (WNS), an editorial counseling "complete internationalization" of Jerusalem and its surroundings "as the only solution guaranteeing preservation of Jerusalem and the Holy Places" appeared on the front page of *Observatore Romano*, official Vatican paper. The editorial appeared simultaneously with a visit to Rome of King Hussein of Jordan, who was received in private audience by Pope Pius XII. The Pope was reported to have voiced hope for a peaceful and equitable solution of the Arab-Israel situation.

Thus men continue to fulfill the prediction given by Jesus nearly 20 centuries ago: "Jerusalem shall be trodden of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

"Lovers of Pleasure"

One of the characteristics of the days which will bring our present age to a close is stated by the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 3:2-4: "Men shall be . . . lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." Statistics are showing that the pleasure-loving tendencies of the present day are not confined to the United States of America. Every now and then reports come to us from other countries, poorer and consequently less capable of indulging in the modern forms of amusement than the people of our country. Yet the tendencies are the same. For example, "Italian educators were disturbed by the report that the Italians spent \$120 million on amusements in 1950—just twice what they spent before the war. Entertainment spending in 1950, plus \$64 million spent on gambling, added up to more than all of Italy spent that same year on rent."

President of Board Attends School Opening

By Dr. W. A. Ogden

THE CONVOCATION

For the first time in the history of Grace Seminary and College it was my privilege to be present on the campus for the opening day. I attended the convocation service Monday morning, and had the joy of giving the message there. In the evening I attended the faculty reception and noted a very fine relationship exhibited there between students and faculty. It was possible for me to meet a great many of the students. The thing that impressed me was the number who came to me to express their very sincere appreciation for our school. A young man and his wife from Kansas, having heard me introduced as president of the Board of Trustees, came to thank me for the way the Board has provided this school and made its courses available to them. I met college and seminary students from California, Ohio, and many other States, who likewise spoke of our school with genuine enthusiasm and appreciation. A man who has served in the pastorate in another denomination is here as a candidate for the Doctor of Theology degree, and he, too, is thankful for the opportunity he has to take this degree at Grace Seminary.

You will see elsewhere in this magazine the Registrar's report of enrollment. I want to say that it was a thrilling experience to greet this fine group of new students, and to feel something of the hope and joy that is theirs as they begin their course of study. They are a serious group, and are here for business. Some of them will have problems of securing work with which to support themselves. Pray for them.

Our faculty, most of them well-seasoned in their work, are meeting their new classes, ready to give themselves in complete devotion to their task of training young men and women for the place in Christian service to which God has called them. I have never been more hopeful for our school than I am at this moment. I have never been more convinced of its God-ordained ministry in the Brethren Church, and in the world. Let us keep looking to God and go forward.

AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT

We want our friends in the churches to understand the facts in regard to the present arrangements for the administration of the affairs of the school, as indicated in the statement appearing in this issue of the Herald.

1. Dr. Alva J. McClain is still the president of Grace Seminary, but in an arrangement with which he is in complete accord he has transferred, for the present time, his duties and responsibilities to the committee named in the statement.

2. The four men named as members of the administrative committee have full authorization from the Board of Trustees to conduct all administrative duties ordinarily devolving upon the president. This committee will meet and plan all such duties, and will apportion the same to the proper channels.

3. The chairman of this committee, Dr. Homer A. Kent, has been asked to take this position for one year, and will be responsible for calling the committee together, and to exercise the reasonable duties of a chairman to see that the actions of the committee are carried out. He will not carry the title, "Acting President."

This arrangement is thoroughly understood by the men involved, and has been accepted unanimously by them as the practical way to administer the affairs of this growing school at the present time.

This is being written Thursday evening, just before I leave the campus for my home and work in Johnstown, Pa. I want to say that the men who are picking up this extra load are doing so with tremendous courage, and with an expression of faith in the future of our school that heartens me beyond my ability of expression. Long hours have been spent with them during the past four days and many details have been talked over, and plans laid for the future. These will be properly channeled and announced as they are ready for action. This program is worthy of your confidence, and we ask for your continued and prayerful support for a greater Grace Seminary and College.



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The Byers Library-Museum

Recently Grace Theological Seminary and College became the recipient of an excellent library which will be of particular value to the expanding college division of the school. The gift includes between 1,800 and 1,900 volumes, the largest single contribution of its kind in the history of the school. It has come to us through the kindness of Mrs. Rose S. Byers, a charter member of our church in Canton, Ohio, and was the library of her husband, the Rev. Edward E. Byers. In addition, Mrs. Byers has given the school her own music library of considerable size and a number of interesting articles from the Byers Museum. How all these books were accumulated and saved until the very time they were most needed by Grace College in particular is nothing short of providential. The gift will be greatly appreciated for many years to come. The following article, told in Mrs. Byers' own words, presents a segment of Brethren history little known to most of our people.—P. R. B.

By Rose S. Byers, as told to Paul R. Bauman

Morrison Cove, a valley hemmed in on all sides with mountains, had no schools of higher education when Edward E. Byers was born there at Woodbury, Bedford County, Pa. As a young boy, he dreamed of some day founding a college in his native community, Morrison Cove, Pa. With no high schools to attend, he knew this meant attending normal school to get his high-school education while he was helping operate the Byers farm. This led him to enroll in the Woodbury Normal School, and in the winter he taught school in order to finance his education. Later he enrolled at Juniata College while he worked as janitor to finance himself until his graduation. Returning to his home, he helped his parents by teaching the home school in winter and attending Grove City College, Pa., summer school.

The Byers ancestors, religiously speaking, were descendants of the German Baptist Church at Germantown, and came the way of the Tunkers and finally the Church of the Brethren. Edward E. Byers was deep-dyed in Brethrenism. His religious belief gave him an inerrant desire to attend Ashland College, at that time the Brethren Church college, for further college study and training for the ministry. Here he engaged also in part-time college teaching.

Soon the Byers family moved from Pennsylvania to Ashland, Ohio, and operated a 200-acres farm near Ashland College to support themselves and finance their college and seminary training. Edward received his Bachelor of Divinity and some college degrees from the school and served as student pastor in and around Ashland. Lima College, Lima, Ohio, operated a summer school which he attended and earned a degree.

After his marriage to Rose M. Summers in 1908 they together went to summer school at Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, Mr. Byers taking his Master of Arts and Doctor of Science in Education from Defiance College. He also served as college dean and dean of men in the men's dormitory. Defiance College gave him leave for further study at Michigan State University. Later he and Mrs. Byers attended summer sessions at Chicago University, Chicago, Ill., Mr. Byers in the School of Education and Mrs. Byers in the School of Music. Elon College, in North Carolina, conferred an honorary degree, Doctor of Literature, on Mr. Byers. Before leaving for their permanent home in Morrison Cove, Pa., they returned to Ashland College, where he taught both in the college and seminary.



Edward E. Byers

At last Mr. Byers was coming near to the realization of his dream, that of founding a college of fine and vocational arts in Morrison Cove, Pa. In April 1917 Mrs. Byers and her mother left for Morrison Cove. Mrs. Byers opened and operated the first music department there. In June, after Mr. Byers completed his Ashland College teaching, he joined Mrs. Byers and they operated a six-weeks summer normal school for teachers, with special courses in music and art. During the winter months Morrison Cove College offered college courses and special courses in music, art, and expression. The

evenings were used in holding public meetings at schools and churches throughout the Cove to present the idea of vocational high school and college training for the people of the Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Byers also served a circuit of four Brethren churches, Mr. Byers preaching the Gospel by word and Mrs. Byers bringing the story of salvation through song. This was done along with many other school duties. The public interest grew rapidly in favor of a vocational high school in the Cove. Mr. Byers wanted a high school as a feeder for the college he intended later to found. He met with various township school boards at their regular meetings, explaining vocational training to them. In October 1919 the townships of North Woodbury, Taylor, and Huston, together with men from the Pennsylvania State Department of Education met, and

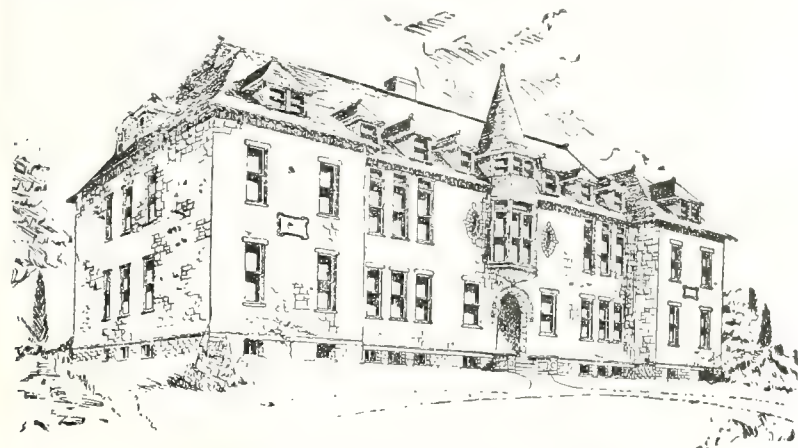
the main building overlooking the beautiful valley of Morrison Cove, Pa.

Approximately 1,500 have graduated from the Morrison Cove school to date. Some of the Grace Brethren alumni are Dr. Raymond Gingrich, president of the Akron Bible Institute; Mr. L. C. Stoudonour, who has served as head of Morrison Cove School for the past eight years; Miss Priscilla Zimmerman, recent missionary to the Navaho Indians; and Mrs. Paul R. Bauman.

Edward E. Byers had the idea of establishing a free public library for the school and community after the high school and college were founded, and to use his private library as a foundation around which to build an ever-growing free library. After his death this thought prompted his wife, Rose S. Byers, to carry out his wishes by founding the first free public catalogued library in Morrison Cove. It was set up under the standards of the Pennsylvania State Library Association, who also recommended the head cataloguer. It is catalogued under the Dewey Decimal System. It was dedicated as the Byers Public Library-Museum and officially accepted in an impressive service held in the Morrison Cove School auditorium September 1, 1935.

At the time Grace College and Seminary accepted the Byers Public Library-Museum there were approximately 2,000 volumes. The Grace College and Seminary book gift contains between 1,800 and 1,900 volumes. The Byers collection on Brethren church history is included in the seminary gift. The collegiate department gift contains a splendid collection of sociology, education, history, and literature volumes.

The music department was given the Rose S. Byers private music library and her vocal and instrumental music, metronome, batons, classic musicians' pictures, etc. The museum gifts are spinning wheel, yarn reel, homespun articles, wool rolls, yarn skein, etc., and the Rose S. Byers rare old book collection, including a complete set of McGuffey's Readers. The library furnishings are composed of reading tables, chairs, and sectional bookcases, four units, five sections high. The complete gift was transferred from Morrison Cove School, Martinsburg, Pa., to Grace College and Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., July 26, 1954.



Morrison Cove Vocational School

Morrison Cove Vocational School was founded, and Edward E. Byers named as its first vocational director.

Mr. Byers lived to see only the first class of seven graduate in May 1920. This was followed by two summer normal school terms of six weeks each. At the close of the second term, June 25, 1920, Mr. Byers was killed in an auto-train collision within sight of the school he founded and loved. At the time of his death, the interior of the brownstone building was not completed. The people of Morrison Cove raised the amount of money needed and finished the building as a memorial to him. The people requested that he be buried on the school grounds. A committee selected a beautiful site north of

OUR COVER PICTURE

School was in full sway on Monday, September 13, with the busy convocation service, beginning of classes, faculty reception, and busy life at the dormitory, all packed into one day. Appearing on the front cover (first row) President of the Board of Trustees, Dr. W. A. Ogden, speaks at convocation service; Rev. Lester Pifer and Dr. Paul Bauman chat with Mr. Robert Hughes, new manager of Winona Lake Christian Assembly. Mrs. Pifer, Mrs. Bauman, and Mrs. Hughes appear on right. Second row—Gerry Adams, Don Rough (both of Temple City, Calif.), and Paul Gehman (Berne, Ind.) at work in their dormitory room. On right, Mrs. Herbert Bess serves Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stagg (Alexandria, Va.) and Mrs. Theodore Franchino (Glendale, Calif.). Third row—Helen Taber (Ashland, Ohio), Dorothy Crees (Leamersville, Pa.), and Ruth Moine (Sterling, Ohio) in their dormitory room. Right, at Hammond organ in dining room, Alva Steffler (Dayton, Ohio), Ruth Bennett (New Troy, Mich.), Marilyn Shoemaker (Argos, Ind.), Eleanor Norris (Mentone, Ind.), Douglas Cassel (Harrisburg, Pa.), James Hawkins (Covington, Va.), Robert Firl (Meyersdale, Pa.), Ronald Henry (Waterloo, Iowa), Dale Hostettler (Meyersdale, Pa.), Paul Newmeyer (Jeromesville, Ohio), and Harry Pryor (Hagerstown, Md.). Fourth row—David Halvorsen and Grace Trumpeters play at faculty reception. On right, Ruth Moine serves students in dormitory dining room.

GIFTS TO GRACE SEMINARY FOR AUGUST 1954

Allentown, Pa.	\$7.00	New Troy, Mich.	\$47.00
Altoona, Pa. (Grace) ..	9.00	Peru, Ind.	10.00
Artesia, Calif.	10.00	Philadelphia, Pa. (3) ..	169.00
Ashland, Ohio.	75.40	Portland, Oreg.	11.00
Beaumont, Calif.	20.00	Rittman, Ohio.	23.00
Bell, Calif.	29.00	Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) ..	10.00
Camden, Ohio.	23.00	San Diego, Calif.	10.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa ...	49.00	Sidney, Ind.	9.00
Clay City, Ind.	14.00	Uniontown, Pa.	13.25
Clayton, Ohio.	5.00	Waterloo, Iowa.	69.50
Conemaugh, Pa.	11.00	Waynesboro, Pa.	42.25
Dallas Center, Iowa ...	2.00	Whittier, Calif. (1) ...	20.00
Danville, Ohio.	15.00	Winchester, Va.	30.00
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riv.)	9.00	Winona Lake, Ind.	438.46
Fort Wayne, Ind.	2.00	Winona Lake (Maint.)	500.00
Goshen, Ind.	18.00	Isolated Brethren.	30.00
Hagerstown, Md.	102.00	Non-Brethren.	100.00
Homerville, Ohio.	18.00	Conference Offering ...	50.00
Johnstown, Pa. (Riv.)	139.80		
Kittanning, Pa.	79.50	Total General Fund ..	2,842.41
Limestone, Tenn.	7.00		
Long Beach, Calif. (1)	89.00	Designated Funds—	
Los Angeles, Calif. (1)	37.00	Isolated Brethren.	10.00
Mansfield, Ohio.	329.25	Winona Lake, Ind.	78.25
Martinsburg, W. Va. ...	11.00	Bauman Lectureship ...	265.99
Meyersdale, Pa.	163.00		
Middlebranch, Ohio. ...	8.00	Grand Total.	3,222.65
Modesto, Calif. (C.Ctr.)	4.00	Tot. Designated Funds	354.24

Enrollment Reaches 251 at Grace

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Registrar

Registrations reached 251 at the end of the first week of the fall semester at Grace Seminary and College. This compares with 222 which was the previous record made last fall. Thus again the school has achieved a new victory.

A breakdown of the total enrollment reveals that there are 112 new students entering the school this semester, 55 in the seminary and 57 in the college. There were 139 returning students, 92 in the seminary and 47 in the college. There is a total of 147 students in the seminary and 104 in the college. The figures reveal an outstanding gain in the college over the previous year.

The division in the student body as to sex is as follows: In the seminary there are 132 men and 15 women; in the college there are 66 men and 38 women.

The cosmopolitan character of the student body is shown in that 24 States and the District of Columbia are represented plus the Dominion of Canada. Pennsylvania leads all other States in the number of representatives:

ASSEMBLY LOANS EQUIPMENT TO SCHOOL

One of the distinct blessings and advantages Grace Seminary enjoys is its location and its consequent association with the Winona Lake Christian Assembly which operates the great Winona Bible Conference during the summer. Through the cooperation with this organization excellent dormitory facilities are provided at the McKee Courts, while a special room in the Eskimo Inn serves as a modern dining room equipped with both piano and

59. It is closely followed by Ohio with 50 and Indiana with 45. Other States with good numerical representation are Michigan with 13, New York with 12, California with 11, Iowa with 9, Virginia with 7, Illinois with 6, and Kansas with 5. There will doubtless be plenty of arguments as to which State is the best place to live in these United States!

Denominationally, the student body is composed of representatives from more than 16 denominational groups. The Brethren lead in this category by a considerable margin with the various Baptist groups coming second. There are also representatives from the Mennonites, Presbyterians, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Evangelical United Brethren, Methodists, Evangelical and Reformed, Christian, New Dunkard Church of God, Mission Covenant, United Presbyterian, Congregational Christian, New Creation Fellowship, Apostolic Christian, and several groups of Independents.

It is the conviction of the faculty that these splendid young people have been sent our way in definite answer to prayer. It has often been the burden of their prayer that the student body shall be made up of the young people of God's own choosing. We feel a solemn responsibility in directing their lives aright. We need the prayers of our readers that this responsibility may be faithfully discharged.

CONVOCATION AND FACULTY RECEPTION

On Monday morning, September 13, classes opened at 7:30 o'clock. The convocation service was held in the chapel at the regular chapel hour of 9:25 a. m. Dr. Homer A. Kent, chairman of the administration committee, was in charge. Dr. James Boyer, teacher in Greek, and financial secretary, read the Scripture lesson, and Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dean of the school, offered the convocation prayer. Glen Lockwood, student in the college, sang "Back to My Father and Home." The convocation sermon was preached by Dr. W. A. Ogden, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who was introduced by President Alva J. McClain.

The faculty reception was held the evening of the same day in the large ground-floor auditorium. Over three hundred were present for the occasion, including students and their wives and friends, the faculty and their wives, and a number of invited guests from the community. Prof. Donald Ogden, head of the Department of Music, was in charge of chorus singing. Dr. Paul R. Bauman, vice president in charge of public relations, gave the address of welcome to the new students. Dr. W. A. Ogden presented the members of the Administration Committee and their wives. The other members of the faculty were introduced by Dr. Homer Kent, and the invited guests from the local church and community were presented by Prof. Homer Kent, Jr. Special music was rendered by the Grace Trumpeters, Robert Zimmer, and Ira D. Halvorsen.

The devotional message was brought by Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, editor and business manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company. The reception concluded with the serving of refreshments by the faculty women.



Students help to move piano loaned by Assembly.

Hammond organ. During both semesters the school has the use of such equipment belonging to the Assembly as may be necessary for our work. We are particularly grateful for the loan of three grand pianos. One has been installed in the large lower auditorium, another in the school's student lounge, and the third in the dormitory lounge. This equipment greatly aids in the development of our expanding Music Department, under the direction of Prof. Donald Ogden.—P. R. B.

HOW OLD IS CIVILIZATION?

By John Rea, Associate Professor in Archaeology

Have you ever been puzzled by statements about cavemen living on earth long ages ago? Anthropologists and paleontologists usually claim that man has existed on earth for hundreds of thousands and even millions of years. According to recent discoveries in Mesopotamia and Palestine, however, men have been living together in towns and villages only for the past six or seven thousand years. Furthermore, writing did not come into use until about 3300 B. C. in Mesopotamia and about 3000 B. C. in Egypt. Thus true civilization is a comparatively recent innovation on the time chart of the anthropologist.

The earliest known village was at the site of Jarmo, near the modern Kirkuk oil fields in Iraq. It is a mound in the foothills of the Kurdish (or Zagros) Mountains. Robert J. Braidwood, of the University of Chicago, excavated at Jarmo in 1950-51. He believes that the lowest of about a dozen levels of occupation in this mound represents the earliest available village in the world. Three radioactive carbon dates (Carbon 14 method) have been determined from shell and charcoal found in this level at Jarmo. The average of these dates is about 4700 B. C.

The people who lived at Jarmo were food-producers (as opposed to food-gatherers). They lived in houses with stone foundations and walls of packed mud. They made unbaked clay figurines of animals and small idols. They also made bowls and dishes, mortars and pestles, ax and hoe blades, pendants and beads from stone, and sickles from pieces of flint fastened in a curved stick or bone. They had not yet invented pottery, however. They harvested two species of wheat, a kind of barley, peas, and pistachio nuts. Ninety-five percent of the animal bones found were from sheep, goats, pigs, and oxen; only 5 percent represent wild animals. It appears, then, that the Jarmo people were living together under an agricultural economy.

The current excavations in Palestine at Tell es-Sultan, the site of Old Testament Jericho, reveal that the lowest level there contains the remains of people who had not yet begun to make and use pottery. At present Jericho is the earliest known city, i. e., a community with a city wall. This wall had been constructed of heavy stones, while their houses were built with mud bricks overlaid with a good plaster carefully smoothed, painted, and polished. This level is dated only one or two hundred years later than the first occupation of Jarmo.

Jarmo is in the northern part of Mesopotamia, which has long been recognized as the cradle of civilization. That mankind began in this region is also the testimony of the Bible. Genesis 4:17 indicates in addition that people—Cain and his descendants—almost from the beginning began to live together in “cities” or towns or villages, implying that there was no long period of time when all men lived only in caves and hunted and fished to eke out an existence. We do not deny that some men lived in caves long ago, but as a matter of fact, caves in Palestine and Spain and China are still being used today as human dwelling places. Isolated cave-dwellers do not form a civilization. Jarmo is significant because we see

the beginnings of communal life and definite culture patterns.

Since there is no evidence of a tremendous flood in or between any of the levels of Jarmo, probably this earliest village was founded after the Deluge of Genesis 6-9. The same observation would be true at Jericho. Undoubtedly the Flood must be placed many, many years before 2348 B. C., as it is dated according to Bishop Ussher's chronology in the Scofield Bible. There is sound evidence that there are gaps in the genealogies of Genesis 10 and 11 (compare Gen. 11:12 with Luke 3:36). Furthermore, none of the great pyramids of Egypt or the ruins of temples in Mesopotamia, which are known to have been erected as early as 3000 B. C. or before,

Dead men
still speak
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show damage by water. The universal Noahic Deluge almost certainly destroyed all remains of antediluvian civilizations.

But how long after the Flood would the first dwellers at Jarmo have lived? Since the two sites, practically contemporaneous, are so far apart, it is probable that both Jarmo and Jericho were not built until after the confusion of tongues and dispersion of the peoples from Babel. If this be so, then that first great fiasco (Gen. 11:1-9) of the postdiluvian age would have to be dated around 5000 B. C. or before. In ascribing to the civilization at Babel this tentative date, which may seem to be rather early to some people, we are not joining the ranks of the paleontologists. Instead, both the Word of God and definite scientific evidence point to a time long before Abraham for the spread of civilization around the earth from the land of Shinar.

A Tour of Alaska's Territory

By Norman B. Rohrer

Our readers will recall the article entitled, "Witnessing My Way to Alaska," written for the June Educational Number of the Herald by Norman Rohrer, a middler in the seminary. At that time he told of his plan to do itinerant missionary work during the vacation season. Those who prayed for the Lord's blessing upon this trip are undoubtedly wondering about its success. Accordingly, we have asked Norman to give us a report concerning some of his activities and observations.—P. R. B.

Over eight thousand diversified miles have slipped under me since I filed my class notes last June and picked up my trombone and suitcase for a trip to Alaska.

Hitchhiking on fishing boats, freight trucks, jeeps, army sedans, and flying when necessary, I visited over two dozen mission stations in two months, participated in more than forty gospel services, including a week's counseling at Victory Bible Camp, high in the Talkeetna Mountains, and did everything from preaching to playing a borrowed guitar for congregational singing on isolated Afognak Island.

Instead of worrying my old car over the Rockies, I drove an expense-paid Driveaway car to Seattle, and wrote enough features in a week there to fly to Anchorage. By summer's end, I had sold a sufficient amount of one-cent-per-word manuscripts to fly back to Chicago. But best of all, I saw God honor His Word by saving souls. That was the most rewarding experience.

En route to the Territory from Seattle, I stopped in Juneau, where notified friends had planned an itinerary for me. The Sunday I spent there I preached in four different churches, and played my trombone in five services.

From Juneau I flew to Anchorage on the same day as Secretary of the Interior McKay, met Rev. John Gillespie, pastor of the Church of the Open Door, Anchorage, and boarded a Sunday-school bus for a 100-mile trip north to Index Lake, site of Victory Bible Camp.

It was missionary week at the camp, and Dr. John Mitchell, of Portland, had come to teach missionaries gathered from all parts of the Territory. Talking to this grand group gave me an excellent opportunity to learn the hardships and blessings peculiar to each station, and write up features on dog-sledders, pilots, and ways to endure 72-degrees-below-zero weather. Making friends with so many of like precious faith assured me of contacts when camp dismissed and I began hitchhiking to Fairbanks on the Glenn Highway (mostly rough, gravel-surfaced road bulldozed through spruce forests), south-east on the Alcan for a stretch, and ultimately down the Kenai Peninsula where the road ends at an airport by the sea. All along the way missionaries opened their



(Top) Author in front of famous Mendenhall Glacier, Juneau. (Bottom) Counseling at Victory Bible Camp, high in the Talkeetna Mountains, interior Alaska.

homes, put me to work, and bade me Godspeed when I insisted on leaving.

In spite of its rapid development, Alaska still has unevangelized villages. Most of them lie along the damp Aleutians and west along the icy Bering Sea. In the principal cities, however, there is inefficient overlapping because, as one pastor observed, "Some missionaries are more loyal to their denomination than they are to the Lord!" and they must get a toehold with their church too in a comfortable, established community.

A mission flier told me, "When I go home on furlough, I never make a plea for recruits—this place is too romantic. Everybody wants to come, and there is a terrific percentage of washouts now!"

Whether the statement is justified or not, that man knew the importance of being commissioned by the Lord to the lonely Territory.

Long ago, in the last century, when denominations were vying for strategic spots, they huddled and came up with the Comity Agreements. These sectioned off the Territory and handed out priorities; as, for example, Bethel for the Moravians, the southeast for the Presbyterians, the Yukon River Valley for the Episcopalians, etc. But it didn't work so well. As in the development of this country, pioneers took their own church with them, and so have new Alaskans. This was very obvious to me

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as I sat in the Igloo Youth Center, Fairbanks, interviewing Phyllis Bates for an article on her aggressive work. While we talked, a man walked in and asked where he might rent about 40 chairs. We asked of his mission, and he said he was preparing to start a "Full Gospel" church in his home, or a rented building.

Youth organizations called "Cat Gangs," especially in Palmer and Fairbanks, make it rough for any kind of youth work. These long-haired, leather-jacketed and suede-shoed arrogants stop at nothing for thrills, and



(Left) Cleaning a "humpie" salmon in Russian village of Niniichik, Kenai Peninsula. (Right) Home of Thlingit Indians, near Copper Center.

have been known to make it hot for a kid who attends a gospel service. Broken homes, and irresponsible parents are causing serious problems among juveniles all over the Territory.

It seems that any free, uninhibited society floats on liquor, and Alaska is no exception; rather it sets a precedent with some citizens spending more for booze than for food.

Any kind of work with the native Aleut, Indian, and Eskimo is hard because they are so exasperatingly shy and spineless. It requires infinite patience, and handicaps the indigenous principle. The Central Alaska Mission, Glenallen, Alaska, this past year reached a tremendous milestone by sponsoring a native conference—native

Bible teachers, native-sparked prayer meetings, and native baptisms.

"We eat God's Word," said one Thlingit Indian; "that's how we grow." Another requested, "Next year we have meeting again?"

I was able to try some new markets this summer for my manuscripts, including The War Cry magazine, Presbyterian Life, and Youth Today, but received most revenue from the Light and Life Press, Winona Lake, Ind.

My diary is full, my address book bulging, and, although my wallet is flat at the beginning of school, I thank the Lord over and over for allowing me to make the trip. Alaska's hospitality to a *cheechako* (newcomer to the Territory) was wonderful, and except for the good graces of missionaries, natives, and sourdoughs (old-time prospectors or established Americans) I could not have covered as many miles, eaten as much food, nor stood in the pulpit to "proclaim the unsearchable riches of His grace!"

ENTHUSIASM FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Dean

The new Department of Education, headed by Dr. Norman H. Uphouse, was greeted at the time of registration with unusual enthusiasm by the students attending Grace College. The number enrolling in the various subjects being offered in the field was indicative of the widespread interest in the field of elementary and secondary teaching.

Since it is the purpose of this department not only to prepare teachers who will meet standard requirements for teaching in the public schools, but also to equip them for teaching in Christian day schools, the large enrollment is significant. This is undoubtedly a token of even greater strides in this field during the near future.

FAMILIAR SCENE AT GRACE

Here is a busy class of students at Grace College. These, and many others like them, are preparing for life's work under the guidance of the Lord in a spiritual atmosphere.



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MARTINSBURG, PA. Rev. Irvin Miller, recent graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, was ordained to the Christian ministry in the First Brethren Church on Sept. 19. He is the new pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich.

WATERLOO, IOWA. The average Sunday-school attendance at the Grace Brethren Church for the last year was 242. Mr. E. J. Schrock is superintendent and Rev. Richard DeArney is pastor.

GLENDALE, CALIF. A four-page insert folder entitled "Responsibilities and Activities of the First Brethren Church" was distributed to the Glendale congregation on Sept. 19. The nature of the folder was to set forth in digest form the work of the four major boards of the Brethren Church, and the moral and spiritual responsibility of Brethren people to support Brethren works. Rev. Keith Altig is pastor.

CLAYTON, OHIO. The new Sunday-school annex building will be dedicated on Oct. 17 at the First Brethren Church. Rev. Harold Etling, national Sunday-school director, will be the speaker. Rev. Clair Brickel is pastor. Oct. 17 will also be homecoming day, celebrating the 47th anniversary of the church.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. The First Brethren Church has 16 of her young people in colleges, and of this number 9 are registered in Grace College and Seminary. Dr. W. A. Ogden is pastor.

WHEATON, ILL. The Brethren Construction Company is engaged in the construction of the new Brethren Church here. The company is an organization under the Brethren Home Missions Council, and is composed of Christian laymen who dedicate their talents to the Lord as carpenters, masons, electricians, etc., and work on salaries comparable to pastors, in order to further the work of the Lord and the ministry of the

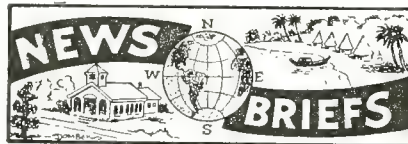
Brethren Church. Praise God for men with such a vision.

GRAFTON, W. VA. Rev. Clyde Landrum was guest speaker at the homecoming service of the First Brethren Church on Sept. 12. Rev. Lee Crist is pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The Second Brethren Church has officially changed its name to the *North Long Beach Brethren Church*. Rev. George Peek is pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ. A new air conditioner has been installed in the First Brethren Church. Rev. J. C. McKillen is pastor.

SPOKANE, WASH. The Women's Missionary Council of the First Brethren Church sponsored a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Hall on Sept. 10. Rev. and Mrs. Hall were presented with a platform rocker and a gift of money with which to buy a lamp table. Rev. Hall began his ministry in Spokane on Aug. 1.



SEATTLE, WASH. A new pulpit desk was recently presented to the View Ridge Brethren Church by Harold Mackey. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Thirty-seven were present at the first session of the Teacher Training and Personal Workers Institute sponsored by the First Brethren Church. Special speakers have been Dr. Philip E. Howard, Jr., Rev. A. F. Ballbach, and Rev. Roy Snyder. Future speakers will be Dr. Philip E. Howard, Jr. (Oct. 5), Mrs. Robert McCarthy (Oct. 12), and Rev. George Schmeiser (Oct. 19). Rev. John Aeby is pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Steves, members of the First Brethren Church, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sept. 19.

FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICA. A cable was received by the foreign-mission office that Miss Clara Schwartz and Rev. and Mrs. Sumey have arrived here to take up their work. Miss Schwartz will be located at Bellevue and the Sumeys at Bassai. Miss Elizabeth Tyson was moved from the hospital in Bangui back to her home at Yaloke on Sept. 3. Her right wrist needed only a small cast,

but her left leg, broken a few inches below the knee, required a cast from the foot almost to the hip.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. A Christian Workers Conference was conducted Sept. 27-28 at the North Long Beach Brethren Church. Dr. Clyde Narramore, Christian psychologist with the Los Angeles school system, was the speaker. Rev. George Peek is pastor.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH. The new Grandview Brethren Church, at Grandview, Wash., was dedicated Sept. 12, with regular services being conducted by Rev. Harold Painter, pastor of the First Brethren Church.

STERLING, OHIO. Rev. Lester Pifer will be the rally day speaker at the First Brethren Church on Oct. 3. Rev. J. L. Gingrich is pastor.

COVINGTON, OHIO. An impressive installation service for the officers of the Sisterhoods of Mary and Martha was conducted by Rev. James Young pastor of the First Brethren Church.

SIDNEY, IND. A special evangelistic campaign closed on Oct. 1 at the Sidney Brethren Church with Rev. Lester Pifer as evangelist. Rev. John Evans, student in Grace Seminary is pastor.

YORK, PA. Rev. Gerald Polman, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here, is on the teaching staff of York Bible Training Institute.

WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO. Forty-four assisted in the painting of the Sampleville Brethren Mission on Sept. 6. Rev. C. A. Flowers is pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO. Don Farner and Charles Eagle, both members of the West Tenth Street Brethren Church, were approved for ordination by the district ministerial examining board on Sept. 13. Don Farner will become the pastor of the Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash., and Charles Eagle will go to Japan as a missionary under The Evangelical Alliance Mission. Rev. Miles Taber is pastor of the Ashland church.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. The East Fellowship Women's Missionary Council fall rally will be held here at the First Brethren Church on Oct. 7 at 10 a. m.

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The Most Unusual Person

In a recent issue of the Readers Digest is an article with the title, "The Most Unforgettable Character I've Met," by Robert C. Ruark. In this article the writer tells of a man who is a professional big-game hunter in Africa. He tells of the splendid characteristics of this man and then he says, "Within a few days [after getting acquainted] I would have trusted him with my life—in fact, did."

I want to tell you about the most unusual person I ever met. In fact, He is the most unusual person that ever lived. He was unusual in so many different ways. He was unusual in His birth, in His character, in His work, in the things that He said, and in His death. This One of whom I speak is a personal friend of mine, and I want to introduce Him to you just now. He is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God.

UNUSUAL BIRTH

His birth was unusual because He did not begin to live when He was born. All men have had their beginning at the time of conception and birth, but not so with Jesus Christ, for He always existed (John 1:1-2, 14.)

The One of whom I speak is the only person who had the privilege of choosing who His mother would be as well as choosing on which day He would be born. Also His birth was unique in that He is the only person ever born into this world who did not have a human father (Luke 1: 26-38). So this One of whom I write was most unusual in His birth.

UNUSUAL CHARACTER

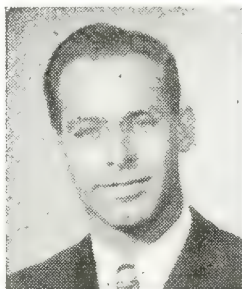
No man ever lived like the Lord Jesus Christ. He lived a sinless life. "Jesus the Son of God . . . was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:14-15). He also said "I do always those things that please him" (John 8:29), which means that every moment of every day He always did perfectly the Father's will.

How different we are! We have all broken God's law. "All we like sheep

have gone astray." We have failed miserably. The Bible says: "There is none righteous, no not one." Therefore, the Lord Jesus Christ stands out as being most unusual in His character.

UNUSUAL WORK

No man ever worked like the Lord Jesus Christ. He said to the raging sea, "Peace, be still," and there was a great calm. He could just speak a word and cast out demons. He cleansed the leper, gave sight to the blind, enabled the lame to walk, and raised the dead. No man ever worked



By Rev. Dennis Holliday, Pastor
First Brethren Church
Compton, Calif.

like the Lord Jesus. He has supreme power and authority in every realm. He is absolutely unique.

UNUSUAL MESSAGE

We recognize certain men today as great teachers, orators, and men of much learning, but none are equal to the Lord Jesus Christ. He could speak of things in the distant past, as well as things yet future, with absolute accuracy. He could speak on the subjects of heaven and hell as no other man could. He could speak of eternal life, for He is the source of all life. He said, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condem-

nation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). "And when Jesus had ended these sayings [the Sermon on the Mount] the people were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46).

UNUSUAL DEATH

The death of Christ was unusual in that He did not have to die. He said, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:17-18).

Men may have died for the cause of liberty, others have died for their country, but none ever died as the Lord Jesus did. We read in I Corinthians 15 that "Christ died for our sins." The sinless Son of God bore the penalty for your sin when He shed His precious blood on Calvary's cross. No one ever died like that. Confucius, Buddha, and Mohammed died as ordinary men, but Jesus Christ, the God-man, died for *our* sins (I Pet. 2:24).

CONCLUSION

In your lifetime you may meet some very important people, some very unusual people, such as the governor of your State, or the President of the United States, or even the Queen of England, and yet having met them your life may not be enriched so very much. Today I have introduced you to the most unusual person of all time. To know Him and to trust Him means all the difference between heaven and hell for eternity for you (John 3:18). I have only introduced you to Him today. Now take your Bible and study it, and attend the services in the house of the Lord, that you may come to know Him better and come to the place where you trust Him with your life for time and eternity. Then you too can say along with me, Jesus Christ is the most unusual person I ever met.

Moderator's Address

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF BRETHREN
CHURCHES - By REV. RICHARD JACKSON, JR.

Introduction—

We are meeting today in the second annual conference of the Michigan District Conference of Brethren Churches. This means that our district has been in existence for one year. In this year we have been privileged to lay the groundwork on which the future years will be built. It is important, then, that this basic year should have been established on a sound foundation. And we believe that it has, for, as the theme of our conference states, we believe that this district is founded in Christ. Further, it is just as important that we remain on this foundation in the years to come. I am sure that, in view of this, it would be well for us to consider once again this great foundation and our relationship to it.

In pursuit of this, then, will you turn with me to the great prophecy of Isaiah. In chapter 1, as you know, the prophet presents God's case against Israel and intimates judgment, but follows this with glorious promises of kingdom blessings and Messianic prophecies. And the next 11 chapters are filled with a mixture of promise and warning. And the great pinnacle of this section is chapter 6, in which Isaiah has his vision of the Lord, high and lifted up and with his train filling the temple, and hearing the seraphim cry, "Holy, holy, holy."

Then beginning with chapter 13 the prophet examines the experiences of the nations of the world and pronounces woe and trouble and judgment upon the principal nations. There is Babylon and Moab and Damascus and Egypt and Assyria and the rest.

Then in chapter 24 there comes the dark picture of the great tribulation with its judgments. But this section is followed by the joyous announcement of the establishment of the kingdom of Christ and the ingathering of the nations into it for peace and joy and blessing. All of this section has concerned the gentile nations with occasional reference to the remnant.

But in chapter 28, God turns specifically to His people. In verses 7 through 12, He considers the condition of Judah whom He accuses of perishing through self-indulgence, lack of knowledge, and false de-

pendence upon what He calls a "refuge of lies." His people have turned to these rather than love for Him, knowledge of Him, and dependence upon Him.

These boastful men of pride and self-dependence have turned their backs upon God and because of this, Isaiah is instructed that their refuge is a refuge of lies and that the overflowing scourge will surely pass through the favored land carrying all before it and will be followed by a time of sore vexation.

In the midst of all this and standing out strikingly in its contrasting brilliance is the promise that God himself would lay a foundation of such enduring strength and character as to withstand all the floods and storms of the ages and thus become



Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr.

a bulwark of salvation to all who would believe.

My brethren, once again men in this day and age in which we live are putting their dependence in refuges of lies as they have done through the ages. Organizations and movements and enterprises are being built on the flimsy papier-mâché of humanism and modern liberalism and worldliness. This foundation will literally dissolve when the floods of God's judgment roll over this old world and these organizations and movements and enterprises will crumble and fall.

But there is a foundation that has been laid by God that is sure and sound and unmovable—a foundation that has been laid and not created; a foundation that was laid in poverty and indignity; a foundation that was laid in the passion and bloody

sweat of Gethsemane; a foundation that was laid in the agony and death of Calvary. "And other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ."

And in Isaiah 28:16, God reveals the character of this foundation. May our study of it today cause us, of the Michigan District Conference of Brethren Churches to be "grounded and settled that we be not moved away from the hope of the gospel."

I. Jesus Is the Stone.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."

I think it is self-evident that Jehovah God is speaking here of the Messiah and thus of Jesus, His only begotten Son. And even as Israel was to find this stone a sure foundation, so would the church, His bride, those who were a called-out people for His name find Him to be a sure foundation.

God calls this foundation a stone which is a characteristic figure of the Messiah.

As Isaiah says in chapter 8 and verse 14 of his prophecy, to the Jews at His first coming Messiah was to be a stone, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense. However, at His second coming, according to Zechariah 4:7, He was to be the chief cornerstone.

From the time of the smitten rock of the wilderness journey down through the years, "the stone," was symbolic of the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the living God.

On one occasion, when traveling to Caesarea Philippi according to Matthew 16, Jesus asked His disciples who men said that He was and received from them various answers. But when He asked them of their opinion, Peter, the outspoken one, said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"; and Jesus said, "On this rock," not Peter, but on himself who was the Christ, the Son of the living God, would the church be founded.

Thus Jesus Christ is the stone, the foundation which Jehovah has laid. And the assertion of Paul stands before all criticism that other founda-

tion can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ.

II. *Jesus Is a Tried Stone.*

Sometime ago the St. Francis Dam near Los Angeles burst open and the flood waters poured out in an overwhelming wave of destruction. More than 450 people lost their lives in the resulting flood. A commission was sent to investigate the cause of the tragedy and found that the collapse was due to a faulty foundation.

This charge can never be levied at the foundation that has been laid by God, for that foundation is a "tried stone." It is a stone that has been tried and tested and found to be of proved stability and thus suitable as a foundation.

It has been tried by Satan. He has thrown all the forces of hell upon it and against it, but the Rock Christ Jesus was found to be unmovable. There in the wilderness, as we read in Matthew 4, Satan tried Him with the stress of the lust of the flesh when he suggested that Jesus use His powers to turn the stones into bread that He might satisfy the hunger brought on by 40 days and nights of fasting.

He tested Him with the weight of the lust of the eyes when he showed Him the kingdoms of the world and offered them to Jesus if He would bend just enough to worship him.

He tested Him with the strain of the pride of life when he suggested that Jesus cast himself down from the temple that the good people might see the one unto whom the legions of angels had been given to minister.

Though tried and tested by all the forces and stresses of hell, Jesus remained the immovable rock, the sure foundation.

He was tested by the Father and found to be steadfast and unmovable in His position as the Rock of salvation.

In Matthew 7, we read of the occasion when Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him up onto the mount and was transfigured before them, and the fashion of His countenance was altered and His face shined as the sun with His own glory. And the Father looking down said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." In that moment Jesus could have gone back to heaven, back to the glory that He had left, back to the riches that He had laid aside, back to the presence of the Father whom He had given

up. He could have gone back to glory and escaped the cross of Calvary, but that was the test. And Luke 9:51 tells us that when the time was come that He should be received up, when the opportunity to bypass the cross was presented as a test, Jesus proved to be the unmovable Rock of salvation and sure foundation, for He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem and Calvary.

On another occasion, He took these same three men, and removing himself and them from the rest of the disciples in the garden of Gethsemane and requesting them to pray, He went a stone's throw further on and fell on His face before God. What would He say? How would He pray? For what would He ask? Here was the testing and proving once again,



this time in the crucible of Gethsemane.

Then came the words, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless thy will be done."

Luke tells us that while He thus lay prostrate upon the ground in that attitude of agonizing prayer, an angel was sent from God to minister unto Him. Here was God's answer, "My Son, I send this angel as My answer to your petition. I send him to minister strength to You, for it is My will that You drink of this cup." Here was the test. In this instant the heat and flames of the crucible of Gethsemane were the hottest. But Jesus remained firm and unmovable as the Rock of salvation and back came the answer, "Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from Me except I drink it, Thy will be done." A tried Stone for a sure foundation.

This Stone has been tried and tested by Christians. Peter tested it

at Pentecost and found it sufficient as the Rock of salvation for 3,000 precious souls.

Stephen tested it before the Sanhedrin, and as the stones hurled by the Jews were smashing out his physical life, he saw Jesus, the Rock, standing in heaven at the right hand of God as the sure foundation of his eternal life.

Paul tested it before kings and gentiles and Jews; in prison and in shipwreck; and it proved to be the immovable Rock and safe Anchor for his soul.

Luther, Calvin, Mack, Moody, Torrey, Gribble, Bauman—all have tested it and proved it to be a safe foundation.

My brethren, in the face of this, we of the Michigan District can have full assurance that we have a tried and proved foundation on which to base the evangelization of the entire northern peninsula; a foundation upon which may be built a strong church at Ozark, Lansing, Berrien Springs, Flint, Kalamazoo, Galien, Muskegon, Traverse City, and many other possible points; a foundation upon which we may build a growing district mission program, a strong boys work, a Christ-manifesting Women's Missionary Council, a strengthening laymen's organization, and a fine Sisterhood. In short, brethren, as the Lord tarries, I feel that the future holds real victory and growth for us because this district is founded in Christ, the tried and proved stone.

III. *Jesus Is a Precious Stone.*

God tells us in Isaiah 28:16 that this foundation is also a precious stone.

It is said that the crown of Ivan contains 841 diamonds, the crown of Peter contains 887 diamonds, the crown of England contains 1,700 diamonds, the imperial crown of Russia contains 2,500 diamonds, the crown of France contains 5,352 diamonds. But that One who is the diadem of beauty to the residue of His people; that One who is the precious stone of Jehovah's foundation exceeds in brilliance, beauty, and worth all these others put together.

He is precious in His person, for He is the holy, virgin-born, sinless Son of God.

The battle still rages over the person of Jesus Christ and has become of major importance today. This same battle has been raging since the days when He himself faced the

vituperative Pharisees with their low and base opinions of Him.

As in the days of His flesh some said that He was John the Baptist or Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the prophets, so do men say today that He was a great teacher, a great example, the flower of manhood. But their puny voices are drowned out by the heavenly thunder as God says, "This is my beloved Son."

To know and realize that it was the Son of God who for our sakes became poor that we through His poverty might become rich; to know that it was the Son of God who set His face steadfastly toward Jerusalem; to know that it was the Son of God who having loved His own He loved them unto the end; to know that it was the Son of God who loved us and gave himself for us, makes precious beyond compare.

He is precious in His work, for His work is saving and keeping saved all those who come unto God by Him.

Peter, writing to the sojourners of the dispersion reminded them that they were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold but with the precious blood of Jesus.

And Paul said that having been justified by that precious blood, we shall be saved or kept safe by His life. Yes, He is a precious stone.

Beneath our feet lies the silent immobile kingdom of rocks and minerals. Its blazing splendor and flashing brilliance and inestimable worth are represented somewhat by the gems and jewels that have come from it. But they all fade into dingy lack-

luster and worthlessness in the presence of the Christ of God who is the precious stone of Jehovah's foundation.

When men have found precious stones of great worth and beauty, it gives them the greatest pleasure to display them to the world that others may enjoy their beauty. And they do everything possible to display those gems so as to reveal their finest beauty and worth. Let us also find joy and pleasure in presenting to the world the Lord Jesus Christ, the precious stone of God's foundation. Let us seek to know Him and make Him known through our lives and our churches.

IV. *He Is a Sure Foundation.*

May I say, finally, that not only is Christ our Saviour, the stone of Jehovah's foundation; not only is He a tried stone; not only is He a precious stone, but He is also a sure foundation.

We are engaged in a great building program in two areas of spiritual experience. We are engaged in the work of building up our existing churches in order that souls may be saved, the saints built up in the most holy faith, and that we may effectively participate in the great commission of preaching the Gospel to every creature. Such a program can never succeed with eternal results without the Spirit-applied power of the inspired Word of God of which Jesus Christ, our sure foundation, is the living expression. In these days of doubt and apostasy fostered by modernism, when people are being robbed of their faith in the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and in order to effectively carry out this part of our building program, I call for the churches of this conference to take their stand more firmly and openly than ever before for the faith once for all delivered unto the saints and to preach and practice, without apology, the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible.

We are engaged in the task of building a new district and this is no small task. We have been building now for one year and I believe that progress may be seen.

We have seen what amounts to three average-sized churches and two mission points welded together in a unanimity of thought and action that has brought about victory for Christ in many ways. Our young people have marched out in a thrilling way for Christ in their rallies,

and the prospects for camp are most promising. Our Women's Missionary Council has presented a united effort that has seen the fulfilling of all their goals, an increase in the attendance at their meetings and rallies, and additions to the membership. Our Sisterhood and boys work have progressed. Our District Mission Board has functioned successfully and a new church in Lansing has been started. All of this is because of Christ, our sure foundation.

But we must not let up. We must keep building, and we must keep on building on this sure foundation which is Christ. "For none other foundation can any man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ." In view of this, I believe it well for this fellowship of Brethren churches to reaffirm their faith in the great fundamentals of the Christian faith as they are set forth in the Message of the Brethren Ministry to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Let us so dedicate ourselves to the cause of our Saviour that we will be "Founded in Christ" for time and eternity.

BILLY GRAHAM PRAISED

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (RNS). The Archbishop of Canterbury said here that a return to religion had started in England before Dr. Billy Graham arrived there last spring, but that the young evangelist came at the right time. Billy Graham was praised especially for his "complete sincerity" and "complete humility."

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HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray that the Yakima home-mission church will be prepared for their evangelistic meeting in November with Crusade Team Two.

2. Pray for a new citywide youth organization similar to Youth for Christ which is being planned for Johnson City, Tenn.

3. Pray for the Washington Heights Brethren Church of Roanoke, Va., that many will be reached for Christ through the Christian Life and National Brethren Sunday School Contests.

4. Pray that the Bible class at Davenport, Iowa, will be developed into a thriving church as Bro. True Hunt becomes their pastor.

5. Pray for the Spanish-American work as changes are being made in the pastors. David Tollardo, of Arroyo Hondo, will be going to Albuquerque and Jake Maestas will be taking over the work at Arroyo Hondo.

6. Continue in prayer for the home-mission offering period. The proposed budget for 1955 is the largest in the history of Brethren Home Missions.

GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the way He has been blessing the school and for the increased enrollment for the new year.

2. Pray for Dr. McClain, that he may have strength of body and deep spiritual perception as he writes his theology books.

3. Pray for Dr. Kent and the other members of the administration as they assume new duties for the school year.

4. Pray for the student body: that new students may become adjusted quickly to the new routine and that all those who need work may be able to find it.

5. Pray for a deeper sense of financial responsibility to the school throughout our brotherhood that will cause our churches to enter more completely into the Monthly Envelope Offering Plan.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Missionaries traveling—Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Edward Miller and family, scheduled to leave for Brazil, and Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder for Africa during the first week in October; for Rev. and Mrs. Charles Summey and Miss Clara Schwartz now back in Africa; for Rev. and Mrs. Jack Churchill and Mrs. Loree Sickel now on furlough.

2. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Williams request prayer for health and strength as they teach in their Bible school, especially for Mrs. Williams as she teaches a large group of boys and girls with "lots of pep, and not in the habit of listening too well." Pray, too, that the new Roman Catholic French school established next door to our mission in Batangafo, Africa, will not attract children away from the Gospel.

3. Rev. and Mrs. George Cone, Jr., and Miss Rosella Cochran are busy buying and packing outfits for Africa. Pray that there will be funds sufficient to purchase outfits.

4. Pray for all missionary candidates, some of whom are entering the last year of training.

5. Pray for the tent meetings soon to begin in Argentina, both in the Buenos Aires area and at some of our locations in the interior; for the Argentine church now being completed at Rio Tercero; for the one soon to be started at Corral de Bustos; and for the second church in the city of Rio Cuarto, for which building blocks are now being made.

6. Pray for wisdom in the construction of the second missionary residence at Icoraci, Brazil, and for the Burks in language study.

7. Miss Elizabeth Tyson is rapidly recovering from the broken wrist and leg. Pray that she may soon be in her beloved work again.

8. Pray for the Klievers, now completing another term of service in Africa and soon to return to the States.

9. Pray for the General Secretary as he visits France, and for wisdom as he and the Fogles plan for the years ahead.

10. Pray for our missionaries in Mexico as they begin intensive Bible training of all of our Mexican believers.

11. Pray for the five who were recently baptized in Honolulu, and for God's further blessing on the work there.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE—

1. Pray for the work of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade as they enter into the second year.

2. Pray for Team Two as they cover all of the churches of the Northwest District.

WMC (Southeast District)—

1. Pray that all members of WMC will practice the theme verse (Col. 2:6) in their daily walk.

2. Pray that those who have children may recognize their responsibility and privilege to train them up for the Lord's service.

3. Pray for the new council recently organized in the Southeast District at Riner, Va.

SMM—

1. Pray that each SMM girl will endeavor to further develop her own spiritual life through the goals for the coming year.

2. Pray for our newly elected president, Myra Joy Conner, and the other officers as they lead the girls in the "Footprints of Jesus."

3. Pray that our devotional topics may be used to draw the girls of our denomination closer to Christ.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Pray that the regional youth directors who will be assuming new responsibilities shall quickly adjust to the work, and carry it on well.

2. Pray that financial support may continue for the total youth program.

3. Pray for the young people who desperately need jobs to stay in school, and pray that all our new students will get along well with their work.

4. Pray for Ralph Colburn and his wife as they leave the youth work to help with Crusade Team Two for the fall months, then as they go to Florida to start a new church the first of the year.

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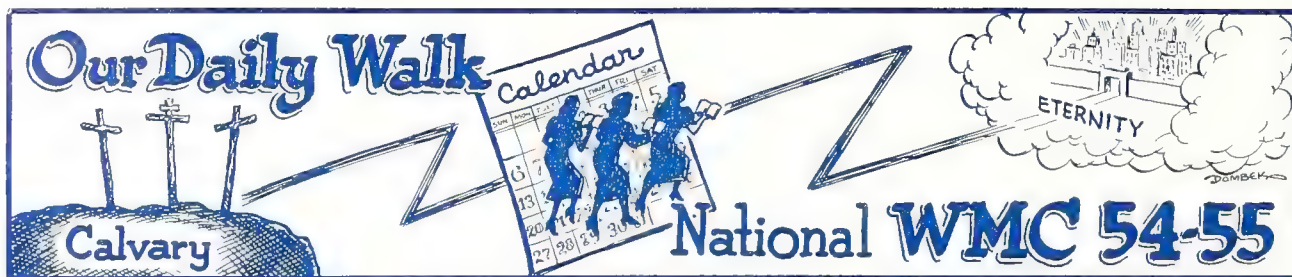
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**"THE GRASS WITHERETH, AND THE FLOWER THEREOF FALLETH AWAY: BUT
THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOR EVER" (1 PET. 1:24-25)**



OUR DAILY WALK—BY FAITH

By Mrs. Mary Fisher, Flora, Ind.

Since being assigned this topic, I have been trying to determine just what it really means to "walk by faith." I am more and more convinced that most of our "walking" is by sight and not by faith. We forget the vast storehouse of strength and power that is available to the child of God that would enable us to live victoriously day by day in Him, through Him, and unto His glory.

First of all, let us think of a definition for the word "faith." Hebrews 11:1 tells us that "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith is believing God simply because God has said it. Faith is not believing God *can*; it is believing that God *will*. It actually includes the idea of helplessness and hopelessness. In faith one calls upon another to do that which one is unable to do for oneself.

The object of the sinner's faith is Christ. He did not come into the world to *help* men to be saved. He came to *save* that which was lost—that which was beyond all human help.

But salvation is not the end of faith, for Romans 1:17 tells us that "the just shall live by faith." Even as a child looks to his parents (whether consciously or unconsciously) for food, clothing, shelter, and for every need of his body, just so should the child of God, by faith, look to His heavenly Father for all things for his good.

D. L. Moody has said: "Is your belief in God so reverent that you put it to one side carefully as being too sacred for daily use? Learn to use it. Let God be in on your life."

The walk of the "victorious" Christian is often spoken of in the Scripture. This beautiful walk of victory is called by various terms; such as "walking in love," "walking in wisdom," "walking in the Spirit," "walking worthy," "walking circumspectly," "walking in truth," and "walking as the children of light."

This is a day in which men's hearts are failing them for fear. Men of the world do not see any stability in this old world. Newsmen say we are on the precipice—civilization on the very brink of disaster. These men see the need for a strong church and for Christianity to be put into action. Unless our eyes are covered by a veil of doubt and unbelief, we can look beyond these things and conditions and know that He will speak peace to the nations and Christ will rule everywhere. Does trouble trouble you? Let trouble come; let frightening events happen with ever-increasing swiftness and intensity; we need not fear.

It is only as a believer comes to depend upon the Lord

in the problems of daily living that he can enjoy a normal, healthy spiritual life. We are so prone to doubt, so quick to turn to human strength and our own wisdom, to rely upon material substance and forget the vast storehouse of the love of God that is available to the believer. There are so many, many precious promises for the present hour to those who will just trust Him.

Do we need strength? "Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength" (Isa. 26:4). Or wisdom? "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." And He has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." These are but "sample" promises, but they indicate the attitude of the loving heart of God toward the simplehearted Christian who seeks to walk by faith in the midst of a world given over to sensuality and materialism.

In Romans 8:28 we have that very familiar passage that we often quote so glibly. Do we really believe that all things work together for good? Does the "all things" include those rough places in our path—those unkind things spoken about us, and the criticisms that are heaped upon us? Does it mean all those little aggravating things (57 varieties) that we meet each day? Does it even mean our illnesses and misfortunes? Our verse says ALL, so by faith we look for the hand of God in these and trust Him to give us the inward strength to walk and live above them. God has promised to supply all our need according to the riches of His glory by Jesus Christ. All the resources of God are open and available to strengthen the inner man.

A Christ-centered mind is a practical thing. It does not daydream about heaven, but rather it meets the daily problems here on earth in a balanced way, with the correct perspective which keeps Jesus in view. It produces Christian balance and sanctified common sense. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." This is God's declaration that peace and poise are the results of staying the mind on the Lord. This phrase "staying the mind" on the Lord is explained by the one following: "trusting in the Lord." Such a mental attitude is immensely practical, and it is such a normal sort of thing.

Oh, that we might keep our hearts and minds centered in the Lord Jesus, always remembering Him and never forgetting His presence. In order to facilitate this Christ-

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centered thinking we will need to read His Word every day and to be continually looking to Him in prayer. Man in his natural condition is entirely taken up with himself. But in the normal condition of a Christian, he is occupied with Christ.

There is no strength in us to go against the enemy of our souls. If we were to trust in our own strength we would fall before the enemy, but we can be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Victory henceforth may be ours, but it will only be so as we continue to exercise faith. "As therefore, ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him." As the first step in the life of victory was taken in faith, so each subsequent step must be.

We need not live below the will of God for our life. We need not taste the gall of defeat. No child of God need yield to any sin, be it ever so small and respectable. God has provided for our whole life. Defeat and failure come because we have not appropriated all that God has provided for us.

Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me!

All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

LETTERS FROM AFRICA

Dear WMCers:

We three (Lester, Lois, and Judith Lynn Kennedy) would like to thank each and every one for your thoughtfulness in sending all the beautiful birthday greetings, both cards and letters. We do appreciate hearing from you folks at home.

We enjoy hearing of the Lord's blessings to you individually and as a group. May the Lord continue to bless you, WMC, for all the joy you have brought into the lives of many.

Thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness.

(Note—The cards? Mommy made Judy a book with them and she enjoys each one.)

We remain,

Yours in the Lord,
The Lester Kennedys.

Dear Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in His wonderful name. Yes, the beautiful birthday greetings are still arriving. They are all so colorful and cheery and our hearts are made glad. Someone has said, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." We, too, enjoy so much the messages some of them bring to us. Naturally, we do pray for you, but as the different ones tell about the activities in the church and home we can pray for you more intelligently.

Mr. Jobson and I do once again wish to thank you all for these remembrances. In our Bible classes for the women I see many of them use the cards as bookmarks, and how they, too, love the beauty of them. God bless you all is our prayer. "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me" (Psa. 139:17).

Lovingly, in Him,

The Jobsons.

CONFERENCE ECHOES

By Mrs. Kenneth B. Ashman, National WMC President

How much I would like to send a tape recording of our National WMC sessions to each local council that you too might share the joys and the blessings we had together. Indeed, our morning and afternoon meetings were "spiritual walks" together with the Lord and our sisters in Christ.

Rain or shine (and with plenty of warm weather) our attendance was exceptionally fine at each session. The spirit manifested was sweet indeed, being an inspiration to us all. Looking back at the previous year's work brought notes of praise to our lips. Looking ahead at the coming year's work caused us to humbly ask for the power of the Spirit.

Our hearts thrilled as the various reports were given, showing how the Lord had blessed in all our endeavors of the past year. At the same time we were caused to stop and ponder at the weaknesses shown. We trust and pray that the Lord will give us greater power and a greater determination that our women shall be better testimonies in their "daily walk" with the Lord and before others.

Each message brought a new and different challenge and blessing, such as the challenge to all of the officers to seriously accept their duties and complete such; the challenge of Africa where superstition has such a death-grip upon the masses; the challenge of the alcoholic situation among the Navahos; the challenge of the scales hiding the light from the spiritual eyes of the Jews; and the challenge of Catholic oppression in many missionary fields. We were inspired to pray with missionary parents who must be separated for long periods from their precious children. We were moved to both tears and laughter as our missionaries reported their experiences, both humorous and otherwise, as they labored upon the fields.

We truly felt drawn apart with the Lord in our morning prayer meetings. As the messages and goals were presented we felt that we wanted to go forth for Him as better witnesses than ever before. Satan does cause us to become discouraged in the work. But during these inspiring sessions we were led to forget ourselves and to get busy serving the Lord. Our would-be obstacles were forgotten along the path of service for Him. The national conference sessions were indeed a mountain-top experience for all who could attend.

This is the month when many councils will be holding their consecration services. Oh that each WMC woman would have had a taste of the above feasts and would seriously reconsecrate her life in walking worthy of the Redeemer, would yield her all in a more fruitful service to the Master, and might plan that her devotional life of prayer and Bible study might increase to His eternal glory! Such a yieldedness of heart and life, coupled with thanksgiving for the goodness of our God, would carry us through another year of joy and victory in the completion of the work committed unto us to perform.



Mrs. Ashman

Who's Who for October

REV. RUSSELL OGDEN

The author of our WMC Bible study for the month of October is Rev. Russell Ogden. He is the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ogden, of Johnstown, Pa. His father is pastor of the First Brethren Church of that city, and his mother, Frances, is a past national WMC president.



Russell was born November 30, 1924, in Centerville, Iowa, but at the age of one year he moved with his parents to California, where he lived until he completed high school in 1943.

After graduating from high school in Los Angeles, Calif., Russell joined the Army Air Force and spent more than two years as a pilot for Uncle Sam. He was discharged from the service in 1945.

Desiring to follow in the footsteps of his father into the Christian ministry, he attended Westmont College for one year and then transferred to Bob Jones University, where he graduated in the summer of 1950. At Bob Jones University he met miss Betty Ralph, who became his wife on August 20, 1948. The Lord has blessed their home with two sons and a daughter.

After completing his college work, Brother Ogden entered Grace Theological Seminary, from which he received the B. D. degree in May 1953.

Brother Ogden served in a student pastorate at Johnson City, Tenn., while a senior in Bob Jones University. After entering Grace Seminary he assumed the pastorate of the Findlay (Ohio) Brethren Church, commuting between Findlay and Winona Lake each weekend. In September 1952 he became the student pastor of the Sunny-mede Brethren Church in South Bend, Ind. After graduation he moved to the field with his family and assumed the responsibilities of a full-time pastor. It is a note of interest during this home-missions quarter that all three of his pastorates have been home-mission churches.

REV. W. CARL MILLER



The ninth child, William Carl, was born to Rev. and Mrs. R. Paul Miller on April 10, 1929, at Philadelphia, Pa. When he was only four months old the family moved to Berne, Ind., on a 40-acre farm, which has been "home" ever since.

Among the things cherished during childhood were the first five grades spent in a little red-brick schoolhouse only a hefty stone's throw from home, for it was during that time that so many Christian principles were instilled indelibly upon his young mind. A wave of school consolidation was responsible for his completing the remainder of his first 12 years of formal schooling at Geneva, Ind., commuting daily those five miles each way by bus. Then the big day arrived to board the train for Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C., where the Bachelor of Arts degree was received in the spring of 1951.

On July 25, 1951, he took unto himself a wife, Miss

Betty Bingham, of Gray, Sask., Canada, whom he had met several years earlier at Bob Jones. Before their marriage they had received information that the new work at Washington Heights in Roanoke, Va., was developing very fast. They committed that matter to prayer and at National Fellowship time the Home Missions Council approved their going to the field. They arrived in Roanoke on September 17 and he preached his first message there on September 23. A full schedule of services was immediately begun. The congregation was officially organized into the Washington Heights Brethren Church on November 4, 1951. The church was granted affiliation with the Home Missions Council for spiritual, financial, and legal help. Last month marked the end of the three years it has been their privilege to serve the Lord in that field. The Lord has blessed with a new church building completed in March, an increase in church membership from the original 12 to 55, and a thriving Sunday school averaging over 100 per week.

Rev. Miller is the author of the WMC mission study for October, which presents in greater detail the development and growth of this thriving home-mission church.

ANNA, THE MIRACLE BABY

By Mrs. Orville Jobson, Bozoum, Africa

Among the students who enrolled in the Junior Bible School this year at Bozoum were Paul and Alice. This young couple are from the Mbai tribe. It is not the custom in their tribe to have Christian marriages; however, Paul and Alice desired to have a Christian wedding. Paul waited several days here at the government post until our local administrator decided to give him a marriage license.

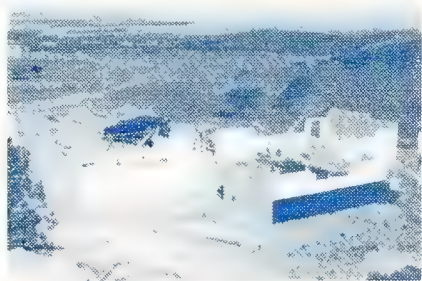
When this couple came to Bozoum a year later to attend Bible school, Alice was expecting a baby and they both were looking forward to having a child. However, as the time drew near for the delivery we asked her to have an examination at our dispensary. After the examination both Dr. Mason and the government doctor told her that it would be impossible to have a normal delivery. They asked her if she would be willing to have a Caesarian operation.

The poor girl had never heard of this before, but as we talked to her and told her the danger of not having the operation, she and her husband both consented. Our French doctor took them to Boaur, about sixty miles from here, where the surgeon was located. The operation was successful and they now have returned to school here with much joy in their hearts because "God has performed a miracle, and has given us little Anna."

Last week at our WMC meeting Alice gave a testimony of praise and thanksgiving, telling how wonderfully the Lord answered prayer and spared both their lives. She said there were two other women who also had operations and both of their babies died. Knowing the fear that is in many mothers' hearts about going to a hospital, we feel the Lord answered prayer, and their faith has been strengthened in Him.



UP GO THE WALLS! The picture that follows in this column presents to us the actual stage of construction of our new Navaho school building within the past few days. Your editor received this picture from Bro. Evan Adams just in time to include it in this issue of the Herald.



At conference time we learned that the foundation for the building had been poured and that several members of the Brethren Construction Company were planning to go to the mission station at the close of conference. This picture is clear evidence that they have been putting the past few weeks to good use. By the time you read this Herald the building will probably be nearing completion. It is quite possible that the building will be completely finished and ready for use by the time our offering for this home-missions quarter has been turned in to our financial secretary and she, in turn, has sent it on to the Home Missions Council.

During this present quarter it is our goal to give another \$2,500 to complete this school-building project which we began last year. The Home Missions Council has faith in our ability as a WMC to fulfill our promises, and so they have gone ahead with the building of the school. As the walls go up and the roof goes on, may each one of us be careful to do our share to make this Navaho school completely OUR gift to the children of Navaholand.

Let us as WMC women rejoice in the fact that the Lord has permitted us to give to these "neglected Navahos" the facilities they need so badly there at our mission station. Boys and girls will have the opportunity of learning to know the Lord Jesus Christ and of learning to read His Word and to grow in the knowledge of Him because we as WMC members have been faithful in our gifts to Him for them.

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EDITOR'S REPORT

AUGUST 1954

Dear Fellow Laborers in WMC:

With this report your editor brings to a close her first year's work as WMC editor. This past year has been one of great blessing as the WMC number of the Herald has been compiled and sent to press each month. We have enjoyed the work thoroughly.

Being completely new in this position, your editor has had much to learn, but the cooperation and help of the national officers, the Missionary Herald staff, the Sisterhood editor, and the individual WMC members have made the task much easier than it otherwise would have been.

Your editor has tried throughout the past year to use the pages of the Herald to keep you informed as to the projects and goals attained and the challenges to be met, as well as to give additional material for thought along the line of the month's Bible and mission study.

The edited news reports from the local councils have served to link us closer together and to share helpful methods and suggestions. Your editor has appreciated your letters and asks you to keep them coming to her desk.

We are happy to be able to report such fine cooperation from the ladies. You have been very gracious and prompt when asked to write articles. Your editor feels that we ladies should write the material for our own Herald in so far as possible rather than to depend upon the pastors to write for us. So be prepared to receive a request to write an article sometime in the future.

We have appreciated the conscientious effort of the Sisterhood secretary, Nancy Weber, in getting her material to us well before the deadline. Her cooperation together with that of article writers has made it possible for us to get our copy in to the Herald office ahead of time each month so that we have been able to receive the discount they allow for that.

Your editor has appreciated the fine spirit of cooperation and help she has received from Brethren Kriegbaum and Deloe at the Herald Company. They have always been ready to do whatever they could to help make your Herald attractive and worthwhile.

Your editor wishes especially to recognize the help she has received from the Home Missions Council, the Foreign Missionary Society, and Grace Seminary. They have generously supplied us with pictures and cuts throughout the year that have added much to the attractiveness of our paper without added burden on our treasury.

As we begin a new year we are conscious of our own weaknesses, but we are looking to our WMC members for help materially and spiritually. Pray often for your editor and her problems, as well as for all the WMC officers, and help materially by being faithful in sending in your newsletters, short articles, requested material, and also your criticisms and suggestions for a better Herald.

May the Lord bless us together as we seek to serve Him through WMC in the coming year.

Yours in Christian love,

Mabel Hamilton.

ANNUAL WMC REPORTS

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

By Mrs. Ethel Putt, District President

It is my happy privilege to represent our 15 councils and 260 members of the Southeast District again this year at our National Conference and report to you some of the things that have been accomplished during the past year, recognizing that were it not for His goodness and mercies, we could not have done anything. So we give Him all the praise.

All of our councils made most of the goals, a few falling down on family altars and prayer warriors.

The October district rally was held in Covington, Va., with Miss Ruth Snyder as special speaker. We had a good attendance and very inspirational sessions.

Our spring rally was held in Limestone, Tenn., in April with Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Barnard as our guest speakers. They brought very interesting and challenging messages concerning the various mission points in Argentina and Brazil. We received an offering at this rally for the upkeep of the Missionary Residence in Winona Lake.

In June we met at Johnson City, Tenn., for our district conference and had two WMC sessions each of the three days and made plans for our work for the coming year. We received an offering to help the Johnson City church meet a \$450 note which was due in a few days. We added our credential offering to this also.

We accepted as our projects for this year the buying of two new mattresses for the Missionary Residence, the balance of the project offering to go to our new church in the district at Riner, Va. Last year we had as our projects the buying of a stove for Miss Grace Byron and helping the Washington Heights church in Roanoke to get some of the many things they need for their new church. However, Miss Byron wrote that she did not need a new stove (such unselfishness!) and so we gave all of our project money to the Washington Heights church.

Some of the local projects of the councils were as follows: bought electric range and other supplies for church kitchen; gave missionaries gifts from hope chests; bought bookcase for Sunday school, church, and WMC supplies; bought nursery supplies and curtains; paid for side walls around church annex; made quilts and bought linens for guestroom at parsonage; worked in daily vacation Bible schools and child evangelism classes; sponsored reception and shower for new pastor; entertained Sisterhood girls; helped needy families; etc.

We are so thankful that we have had a small part in promoting the work of the Lord, and we hope that our love for Him prompted everything we did and that it will bring glory and honor to His name.

ATLANTIC DISTRICT

By Mrs. Phyllis Polman, District President

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus to our WMC sisters.

The Atlantic District, representing 14 churches and made up of 17 councils, has a total membership of 411 members. We are sorry there were no new councils to report, but are happy to report a gain of 64 members and a loss of only 9.

The ladies of the Atlantic District had two district

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Africa—

Miss Mary Cripe.....December 5
Elizabeth Ann Hill.....December 8, 1947
Rev. Harold Dunning.....December 27
Mrs. Donald Miller.....December 27
Miss Mary Ann Habegger.....December 29

Argentina— ...

Norman Edward Schrock.....December 2, 1946
Rebecca Ann Schrock.....December 2, 1946
Carson Lee Rottler.....December 28, 1949

France—

Rev. P. Fredrick Fogle.....December 27

Hawaii—

Mrs. Foster Tresise.....December 14

Mexico—

Rev. Walter E. Haag.....December 4
Rev. Sibley M. Edmiston.....December 17

In the United States—

Miss Johanna Nielsen.....December 3
Margaret Loree Churchill.....December 20, 1952

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE SECRETARY—1953-54

The past year has been an interesting one in serving you ladies of the WMC as your literature secretary. At the close of conference last year it was necessary to have WMC stationery, covenant cards, prayer warrior cards, and the new constitutions printed as the supplies on hand were very low.

Having received about 70 different pieces of mail requesting WMC material, we in turn sent out 18 cards and letters, 30 program packets, 50 constitutions, 624 prayer warrior cards, and 445 membership cards. The postage was \$7.90 for the year.

We read many wonderful books, and it was hard to select those to suggest as reading-circle books. I finally chose the ones included in the recommendations.

As we look ahead to another year of work together, let us take our theme for the year very personally. Let us constantly ask ourselves: "Is *my* daily walk with *my* Lord pleasing unto Him; is He satisfied with the way I am taking care of the duties assigned to me in WMC?" Continue to pray for your national officers and we in turn will pray for you.—Mrs. Olive Deloe, *literature secretary*.

projects. In the fall a project offering of \$180 was given to the Pond Bank Brethren Church for the purchase of a new piano. Pond Bank is a district mission church located near Chambersburg, Pa. In the spring a project offering of \$333.82 was presented for the purchase of a vibraharp for the use of the Fogles in France. The Fogles are members of the Washington, D. C., church of our district, and so our ladies had a special interest in making their offering large for this use. A used vibraharp was purchased abroad, and thus our offering was more than enough to cover the cost of the vibraharp.

The members of the various councils pooled their General Mills coupons and the Philadelphia ladies purchased silverware with them (by the thrift plan) to be presented to any outgoing missionaries who might need silverware.

The local councils have been busy with many projects.

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FOOTPRINTS of JESUS

VANTAGE POINT OF THANKFULNESS

By AVA SCHNITTJER

MISS CHADWELL: Do you girls know very much about icebergs?

MARY: Icebergs? Not very much, I guess. Just that they're big hunks of ice floating around in the sea.

ALICE: They're very dangerous if ships drift into their path.

MISS C.: What happens to a ship in their path?

Mary: I read about the *Titanic*, a big luxury ocean liner. An iceberg tore open its side and the ship sank.

ALICE: And sometimes a ship has been crushed like a little toy between icebergs.

MISS C.: Do you know why they are so powerful?

MARY: Are they heavier?

MISS C.: There is a greater difference than that. Only a small portion of the entire iceberg appears above the water. About nine-tenths of it is beneath the water—a mighty, powerful mass. And the part above the water only indicates that beneath the surface is this great powerful support. Alice will you read Colossians 2:7?

ALICE: "Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

MISS C.: Where is our vantage point of thankfulness?

MARY: Oh, I see. We're the part of the iceberg that shows if we are rooted and built up in Him.

MISS C.: Look again, Mary. Does it really say that you are the part that shows?

MARY: Oh, no, Miss Chadwell. It's our thankfulness that shows what is under the surface.

MISS C.: Right. A truly thankful spirit is evidence that there is a deep source of thankfulness. You couldn't see this portion of the iceberg above the water unless there was infinitely more underneath. Those who show the deepest thanksgiving are those who have received and value most our wonderful Lord. Paul said, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15). Did you notice the verb form used—"abounding" in thanksgiving? What sort of feeling does that word give you?

JANE: May I answer, Miss Chadwell? My mother says our house abounds with children. And she means they're under her feet, all over the furniture, and almost hanging out the windows.

ESTHER: My dad said we had a bountiful apple crop. "Bountiful" has about the same meaning as "abounding." We had apple pies, baked apple, and applesauce. We canned apples and we ate raw apples. We gave apples to all the neighbors and still we had apples left.

MISS C.: What good illustrations of "abounding"! Those children, Jane, are a fruit of the love which joins your father and mother. It's the nature of apple trees to grow apples. Because your tree, Esther, is rooted deep in the soil and properly nourished, apples abound.

MARY: It's so clear now that if we are to be fruitful in every good work, we'll have to abound with thankfulness.

ESTHER: I agree that thanksgiving is a fruit of the life of a Christian. But I can see something else too—thanksgiving is fruitful. I was a Christian, but one of the things that made me really want to give my life completely to the Lord was seeing some of our missionaries, how happy and thankful they are. They are thankful for blessings, and then they are thankful for the hardships because they bring them closer to the Lord.

MISS C.: If you are established in the faith, abounding with thanksgiving, your thankfulness bubbles up out of your heart like springs of living water. It's part of your very being. It represents your whole attitude toward Christ, and it's one of the sure indications of whether we really belong to him—whether we are rooted and built up in him.

JANE: I'd like to say that after the lesson on following our map, I resolved to read my Bible every day. Then I did present my body to the Lord for whatever He wants me to do. And I know that this lesson is true because of how happy and thankful I feel inside. I know I haven't climbed very far, but I'm following His footprints. Miss Chadwell, could I read the words to a song I found this week?

MISS C.: We'd like to hear them, Jane.

JANE:

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on heaven's table-land;
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

MISS C.: Thank you, Jane. As we close, let me tell you about the letter a young man wrote to his fiancée. He said: "To build the Empire State Building in New York it was necessary to dig dozens of feet into solid rock to find footing for such a massive edifice (1,060 feet). You are the first 500 feet of my potential success."

Anything worthwhile has to have a good foundation. Let Christ be yours. He loved you; He redeemed you. Believe in Him and be rooted in Him. Study His Word and pray and be built up in Him; let Him live in you and be established in the faith. Abounding therein with thanksgiving, you are on the way toward being a lovely young woman who will shower blessing on all whom she meets from her vantage point of thankfulness.

HISTORY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH—III

The first congregation of our Brethren forefathers was established at Schwarzenau, Germany. But seven years after the beginning of the work found the Brethren suffering much persecution. Many fled to the settlement of Krefeld, where the ruling sovereign granted his subjects more religious liberty. This brought many from different denominations into Krefeld. The Tunker church there practiced hospitality and to a large degree pooled their possessions. This brought some of those who had been wealthiest in the congregation to extreme poverty.

Perhaps the great number of different backgrounds, the lack of employment in this growing community, and certainly Satan himself, contributed to a spirit of dissension in the groups. Persecution was on every hand and some fled to other towns and some to Holland.

About A. D. 1719 some twenty or more families set sail for America on a large Flemish vessel with several other passengers. It was an eventful voyage. A furious storm arose at sea. The sails were lowered and much of the cargo of the ship was thrown overboard. But these steps seemed no help to the struggling vessel.

The captain, in great trouble, went to the quarters of the Tunkers. There he found them in the hold of the ship singing and unitedly praying for the sea to be calmed. Their simple faith seemed to impress and inspire the captain. He returned to his post and told his crew that God would not let a ship be lost with such a pious people on board. With this encouragement they all worked together and soon the sea calmed and all was well.

The ship which brought these first emigrants to this country landed at Philadelphia, Pa., in the autumn of the year 1719. They immediately scattered abroad, finding homes for their families. Some remained at Philadelphia, some went to Germantown and other surrounding communities. They were following a well-known German trait of getting a secure home and keeping it.

The history of the first three years of the existence of the Tunkers in America is nowhere recorded in the history of the Brethren Church. No doubt they were all busy getting established in the new land. Many had brought their trades with them, as had Peter Becker, the leader of the group in America, who was a weaver.

Such a state of inactivity as an organized church was not satisfactory to men who had left home, friends, and all that was dear to them for the sake of worshiping and living in a land of religious freedom.

How often they must have looked back to the pleasant homes they had known in Germany! These brave men and women endured much in their lonely homes in a

new land where they were surrounded by the red men. But surely even as a feeling of homesickness may have come occasionally, a greater and deeper feeling of inner peace and joy must have been theirs. They knew they were serving the Lord in His own appointed way in this new and primitive adopted homeland.

Next month we shall see the early beginnings of the organization of the Brethren Church in America.

BITS O' INFORMATION

If you want something different in your local groups, adopt a point system. So many points can be given to the girls for practical Christian work; such as helping in the church nursery, visiting the sick, preparing a meeting, not only Sisterhood, etc. Awards could be given for the one with the highest number of points. SMM pins, stationery, scarf, etc., can be used as awards.

No. 18 in Recommendations is something entirely new. This is to acquaint another lady with SMM work so that when the time comes to elect a new patroness, it will not be entirely new to her.

We suggest that you emphasize handwork and do some outside activity. Make each meeting better than the last one.

Now is the time to begin on your writing project. There is an award to all entries and also an award for the best. Get your thinking caps on!

Don't wait until the year is half over to begin on the personal project of memorizing Colossians. And you senior girls should be started in reading the Bible through.

Those not receiving their jewel awards, please notify your national literature secretary.

Please be careful in tearing and rolling bandages. We get them all sizes and it just means extra work for someone else who has to go over all the uneven bandages.

Don't forget our national project of building the dispensary in Africa! It is very badly needed and we're depending on you girls to meet the goal of \$1,700. And be working on the General Fund offering. Those of you who were at our SMM sessions at Camp Bethany saw the situation. Conference expenses, gift to National Youth Council, gift to WMC for Herald pages, literature expenses—all these have to be paid from the General Fund. So let's get busy and support our work.

PROGRAM GUIDE FOR NOVEMBER

THEME SONG—"Footprints of Jesus," and repeat the year's verse, Colossians 1:10.

PRAYER CIRCLE—Enter into the closet and have prayer with the Lord.

HELP FOR OUR DAILY WALK—Seniors study "Vantage Point of Thankfulness." Middlers consider "Utterly Destroy."

TALENT—Give a special number.

SOMETHING NEW—Discuss "Brethren Church History." It is important to know the beginning of our church denomination. Discuss it in an interesting way.

BUSINESS MEETING.

SMM BENEDICTION.

SMM MINUTE-GIRLS FOR CHRIST!

Have you heard the latest news? Our National General Fund is very low this year, and we don't even have enough money to order materials for the Sisterhoods. Would you like to help? You can! We're taking a special offering this month for the General Fund. However, this will not take the place of the offerings in January or July for the General Fund. We need your help to keep materials coming to you. Please send offerings to the national treasurer immediately, if not sooner!

"UTTERLY DESTROY"

By MRS. JAMES DIXON

We have discovered from our Bible studies that our theme for the year taken from Colossians 1:10 is a part of a prayer, and it is God's desire for each Christian.

In order that we may walk worthy of the Lord and please Him in everything we must be filled with the knowledge of His will. This is revealed in the Bible. The rest of the Book of Colossians tells us how we can walk worthy of the Lord.

First, we must seek the Lord with all our hearts. Paul told the Philippian church that the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus his Lord was worth the loss of everything else. We seek Him through Bible study, prayer, communion with Him, and by meditating on the Lord day and night.

Secondly, we learned that we must set our affections or our minds on heavenly things, not on earthly things. We learned that where our treasure is, there shall our hearts be also.

This month we learn more ways we can walk worthy of the Lord. Colossians 3:5: "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry."

Now, these are very big words. Let us see what they mean. "Mortify" means "put to death"; we might say destroy forever from our lives the ugly list of sins that follow. These sins are sins of immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is an intense desire to possess someone or something for yourself.

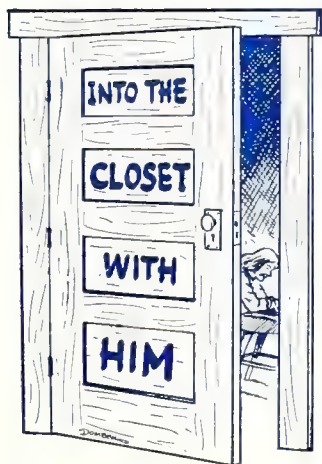
We are living in an age where we see immorality and impurity, passion and evil desire all around us. In fact, the standards of the world are so low that we are sometimes deceived by the thought, "Everybody is doing this

sort of thing, so it is all right." Verse 6 tells us because of these things God's wrath or judgment is coming against the world. To please the Lord the Christian must have a higher standard. Necking and petting and social dancing may lead to immorality. When a girl gives a fellow the first kiss, she doesn't know where it may lead. God would have you keep your body pure, so that when you marry you may have an undefiled body to offer the man you love.

Needless to say, filthy stories and jokes, vile books and magazines have no part in the life of one who is seeking to walk worthy of the Lord.

Finally, we are told to put to death "covetousness." That simply means an undue longing to have for yourself something or even someone. It doesn't have to be wanting an evil thing. The thing in itself may be very good. The sin comes in when this thing becomes the center of our thoughts. Getting it is all we can think about. It may be a new dress you want for that party next month. It may be an invitation to a certain social event. It may be a young man whom you desire to go with so badly you can think of nothing else. Now remember, just thinking about, or desiring, any of these things is not wrong. It is wrong when any of these, or any other thing on this earth, becomes an obsession. It becomes an idol. Remember Jesus said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Have you set your affection or your mind on the things above? Jesus said: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Things of this world bring happiness but for a moment. Seek Christ; in His presence there is fullness of joy, at His right hand there are pleasures forever more.

PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for the new SMM program that it will interest the girls and help them in their Christian life.

Pray for the situation of the General Fund. We nearly were in the red at conference time, so be praying that the offerings will come in better this year.

Your national officers again request prayer, for without the prayers of you girls we can do nothing. It's a lot of work and only with the Lord's help are we able to do the work successfully.

Be praying for a greater offering for the National Project this year than ever before. This Bassai dispensary is very badly needed, and be also praying for Gail Jones, who is the missionary at the field which we've taken as our project.

Pray for all the young people at colleges and schools all over our land.

Never fail to mention the missionaries in your prayers.

SUGGESTED READING BOOKS FOR SMM—1954-55

Missionary—

"Queen of the Dark Chamber," by Christiana Tsai.
"African Links," by Mary Emmert.

Fiction—

"Riven Fetters," by Sallie Lee Bell.....\$2.50
"Unto the Uttermost," by Sallie Lee Bell.....\$2.50
"Homespun," by Emmet Russell.....\$2.50
"Man Under Authority."
"Inherit the Earth," by Lou Woodrum.....\$2.50

Especially for Juniors—

"The Triplets Series," by Bertha B. Moore...each, \$1.00
"The Sugar Creek Gang Series," by Paul Hutchens.....each \$1.00
"Trail of Gold," by Elise Fraser.....\$1.50

SPECIAL NOTICE

We're sorry to have missed two girls who memorized James and weren't recognized last month. They are Phyllis Davenport and Carol Guittar. Somehow their names got mislaid, for which we apologize sincerely. This makes a total of 12 girls earning the personal award.



ANNUAL WMC REPORTS

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1. **AWARDS**—Start working on your goals now. There will be a new ruby jewel awarded this year. You can get all three awards, so let's see how many you can earn.

2. **MATERIALS**—Have you gotten your SMM material or awards yet? Maybe you didn't send in a statistical blank. You can order this from the new literature secretary, Carol Sue Quartz. Be sure and specify what church, the age group, and the number of girls in your group.

3. **IMPORTANT**—We need a list of your local officers and district officers. Please send this to the national president and the national general secretary.

4. **CONTEST**—It's time to get started on the writing contest. If you have any writing ability, try your hand at it. Maybe you'll find some hidden talents! These skits, poems, or short stories about SMM should be sent to the national patroness, Mrs. Kriegbaum, by June 10. Each girl who sends in an entry will receive either an SMM pin or SMM stationery.

5. **HARD? NO!**—Have you already started on your personal project—memorizing Colossians? It's only 95 verses this year. The blessings that come from this project cannot be measured with the little time that it takes to be completed. The deadline for this is June 10. Each girl may have her choice of awards: \$7.50 toward Bethany Camp, \$7.50 worth of literature from the Herald Co., an SMM sweater, or an SMM key necklace.

6. If you haven't received your award for learning either I John or James, please notify the general secretary.

NEWS FROM SISTERHOODS

From the middler group in MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO, comes an interesting idea for a summer meeting. After the devotional meeting, the girls first went on a picnic where they went swimming and fried hamburgers for their supper. The girls then played miniature golf and ended the picnic by going swimming again. For a local project they have started to paint church trays.

A good report of a successful year comes from the senior girls in MARTINSBURG, PA. Rolling bandages was a regular part of their meetings; they gave a baby book to one of the patronesses; bought a folding umbrella for our Jewish missionary; and gave a dress to a sick church member. Here's a new idea for increasing a special offering: these girls each counted their jewelry and gave 2c for every piece!

The senior group in ASHLAND, OHIO, have enjoyed this year in Sisterhood immensely. On two Sunday afternoons they held services at the Old Folks Home. At one of the meetings Mrs. Wayne Beaver was the speaker, and a Sisterhood girl gave the message the other time.

The junior girls in WINCHESTER, VA., have rolled a large number of bandages and some of the girls made

New baby clothing, comforts, etc., have been made and sent to mission points, both home and foreign. Many bought supplies for their local churches. Meals for rallies were prepared by local councils. Almost all have missionary hope chests. A number of councils have sent hand-knitted string bandages for use in our African medical dispensaries.

We praise the Lord for the privilege of being connected with the national Brethren WMC work. During the coming year we trust that the Atlantic District may be able to report a greater year than ever before.

MIDWEST DISTRICT

By Mrs. M. J. Davis, Retiring President

The Midwest District has had a year of blessing and service in WMC work. We are perhaps the smallest district in number of councils and we are widely scattered. This makes it impossible for us to have rallies. The only time we get together is at district conference.

We have five councils with a total membership of 78. All councils have had 12 devotional meetings using the program packets. All councils support the four major offerings and all send clothing to the missions. Four councils assist the Sisterhood girls in various ways; such as opening their homes for their meetings, having joint meetings with them, rolling bandages, and being their "mystery mothers."

Our district also sent in the Missionary Residence upkeep offering, the thank offering, and the birthday offering. Our district projects were as follows: \$90 to the Jewish offering; \$10 to send a Sisterhood representative to National Conference; \$20 for a communion set for Argentina; \$40 for Bible-school supplies for Taos, N. Mex.

We are praying that the Lord will be able to use each of us in a richer, fuller way in the ensuing year.

sock dolls for the missionaries' children. Their group has grown about six girls.

During their pastor's vacation the girls of the senior SMM in CANTON, OHIO, had charge of a Wednesday-night prayer service, at which they presented a play which had previously been given to the WMC women of the church. The offering was given to the national project.

A wonderful year in SMM was enjoyed by the middler group in MUNDY'S CORNER, PA. They sent a box of towels to Miss Evelyn Fuqua for the ladies at Dryhill, Ky. An offering toward the building fund of the local church was given. To add some interest to our meetings, one of the girls gives a book report on a Christian fiction book which she has read.

SMM OFFICERS

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ALTOONA, PA. Rev. Mark Malles has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church here and has accepted the call to become pastor of the First Brethren Church in Fort Wayne, Ind.

SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF. A writeup telling of the rapid growth of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church appeared in the South Pasadena Review Sept. 16. The article gave a complete history of the church from the beginning until the present time. Dr. Charles Ashman is pastor.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. Rev. Glenn O'Neal, pastor of the First Brethren Church, entered Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital Sept. 6 for an operation on a ruptured leg muscle. He was back in his pulpit on Sept. 12.

SPECIAL. Many Brethren churches are cooperating in the national Sunday-school contest which runs from Oct. 10 through Nov. 14. There will be a great many winners according to the church bulletins.

ASHLAND, OHIO. There were 477 present at the unified service on Aug. 22, and 411 present on Sept. 5 at the West Tenth Street Brethren Church. The 1953 average Sunday-school attendance was 332. Of the nine students enrolled in colleges from this church, four are attending Grace College and Seminary. Thirty-five attended our National Fellowship from this church this summer. Rev. Miles Taber is pastor.

CALIFORNIA (Special). Twenty-one of the 28 churches of the California District Conference of Brethren Churches are 100-percent churches in subscribing to the Brethren Missionary Herald.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Over 500 have enrolled in the Brethren High

School and the Paramount School, which are a part of the educational program of the First Brethren Church. Dr. Charles Mayes is pastor. The new building, which will include an auditorium and six classrooms, is under construction.

WHITTIER, CALIF. Dr. Claude Bunzell, director of Twentieth Century Evangelism, was guest speaker at the Men's Brotherhood at the First Brethren Church Sept. 14. Rev. Lewis Hohenstein is pastor.

JERUSALEM (E/P). The Fourth World Congress of Agudat Yisrael (Orthodox organization) concluded its deliberations here recently with a call for the immigration of Jews to Israel where they would follow the precepts set forth in the Torah (Jewish religious law). It called upon Jews to invest one-tenth of their income in Israel. The Congress called upon the State of Israel to work through the United Nations to obtain access to Jewish holy places in Jordan-controlled territory.



CONEMAUGH, PA. The Cone-maugh Brethren Church came within 10 of reaching their goal of 200 for rally day. This was the largest attendance in 14 years. Rev. Stanley Hauser is pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Oct. 10-17 is the "big week" which begins with homecoming. Dr. Bernard Schneider, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, will speak each evening. Rev. James Dixon is pastor. The First Brethren Church was host to the Atlantic District Men's Fellowship on Oct. 2, with Dr. Clyde Taylor as the speaker.

NEGEV, ISRAEL. Evidence that the Wilderness of Zin was settled when Abraham moved through it from Canaan to Egypt about 4,000 years ago was recently discovered, according to King's Business. Dr. Nelson Glueck, of Cincinnati, authority on Palestinian archaeology, said the discovery was revolution-

ary. "It has been the accepted belief that the Negev below Beersheba was almost uninhabited in Biblical times." Recent discoveries reveal that Negev supported a successful agricultural state.

NORWALK, CALIF. The Norwalk Brethren Church reached a new high in attendance on Sept. 19 when 109 were present in Sunday school and 97 for the morning worship service. Beginning Oct. 3 all services will be held in the educational unit of the new building. The main auditorium of the structure will be under roof in a few weeks.

GOSHEN, IND. A new record attendance was established Sept. 12 at the new Grace Brethren Church when 75 were present. Herman Hein is pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. A new sign has been erected on highway 422 to advertise the First Brethren Church. Rev. Wm. Schaffer is pastor.

LEAMERSVILLE, PA. Rev. Wm. Schaffer, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa., was guest speaker at the monthly Bible conference sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood of the Leamersville church. Rev. Robert Crees is pastor.

RADFORD, VA. The Fairlawn Brethren Church was host to the Southeast Fellowship WMC rally Sept. 24. Rev. K. E. Richardson was host pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. The adult Bible class of the Grace Brethren Church has completed the raising of a special offering to assist in purchasing lots for the Brethren Chapel, where Bro. Granville Tucker is pastor.

COMPTON, CALIF. Rev. George Richardson served as interim pastor for four months at the First Brethren Church until the arrival of the newly called pastor, Rev. Dennis Holliday, who assumed his duties Sept. 1. A food shower was given the new pastor and family on Sept. 15.

ALTOS, CALIF. Attendance continues to mount at the new Stearns Street Brethren Church. The attendance on Sept. 12 was 164. Rev. Charles Underwood is pastor.

This Issue of the Brethren Missionary Herald Has Been Mailed to 8,240 Homes, Offices, and Foreign Lands

"It's the Oregon Trail to Portland in '55—August 10-17"

Long Beach Youth Have "Best Meeting" Contest

By Eva Suiter, Cosponsor

Excitement was in the air, interest was running high, the ballots had been counted—who would be the winner?

For almost a year the High School Christian Endeavor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach had been trying to see who could plan and put on the best meeting to the glory of the Lord. Every Sunday evening the meetings were judged by certain standards with the possibility of receiving 100 points. Every fourth week a ballot was cast to decide the best meeting in that group.

The eight winners had presented meetings that were "tops," and now we were all waiting to see who would receive the cup engraved "Best C. E. Meeting in the Year 1953-54." Could anything be more exciting, or any moment more tense?

Then Dick Dickinson heard his name and felt himself walking to the front, and sure enough, the cup was being placed in his hand by the



Dick receiving trophy.

sponsor, John Suiter! It had been work, it had been interesting, and yes, even fun. Everyone felt it was worthwhile because the Lord had blessed spiritually as well as in numbers (the C. E. had grown considerably); and Dick was happy to know that the very ones competing against him had voted his meeting the kind they enjoyed the most.

Dick is a wonderful young fellow. A senior in Poly High School of Long Beach, he excels in swimming and has won letters for water polo. He is naturally a little shy, but when it comes to speaking up for the Lord at C. E.—well, the vote of our own young people answers that! He's tops!

Now we are starting to look for



Long Beach youth group at the home of John and Eva Suiter.

the best meeting in 1954-55. Excitement is still in the air and interest is higher than ever before. This has been a real blessing to our C. E. Why don't you try it?

SEVEN GIRLS AID IN DVBS IN NEW MEXICO

A total of 10 daily Vacation Bible schools were held in New Mexico in 10 weeks this summer. Each DVBS was two weeks in length, so that means at least two were going on at a time all summer! This was due to the wonderful help of seven girls, five of whom were there for the entire 10 weeks.

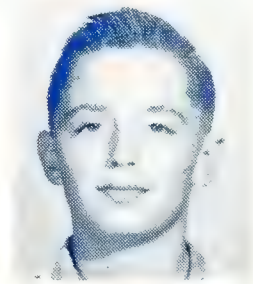
Three of these were sent and supported by National Brethren Youth Fellowship, one was sent and supported by her home church in Sampleville, Ohio, one was sent by the Whittier, Calif., church, and two came for three weeks only with Evangelistic Crusade Team One.

The thrills that were theirs in this missionary work will never be forgotten, and the help that they gave in the work was invaluable. Bro. Sam Horney reports that they were the finest team yet! (Of course, he says that every summer!) But it was

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ANOTHER BOY WINS BBC TOP AWARD

Dale O'Neal, son of Rev. Glenn O'Neal, pastor of the Los Angeles First Brethren Church, completed all requirements this past summer for the top rank of Brethren Boys Clubs—that of Swordsman. To earn this rank, one must have learned more than 60 Bible verses, know the



Dale O'Neal

books of the Bible, have read all the New Testament and several fine Christian biographies, and completed a number of other requirements, including the winning of a soul to Christ. Dale met these requirements by June 14, 1954.

This is only the third boy reported who has earned this rank—and by the way, all three are Californians! Congratulations, Dale!

Brethren Laymen - - - On the March

Are You ON the March for Jesus?

Yes, the march is under way! Re-fired with the SPIRIT as only one can be through National Conference feeding and fellowship, men throughout our fellowship (1) renewed our laymen goals with an important addition; (2) multiplied our evangelism project fourfold; (3) retained our seminary student aid project with determination to take care of our needy Grace Seminary students' financial emergencies; (4) doubled our project for Boys Club development; and (5) maintained the general fund project at the current level.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN—PROJECTS

Support of the Brethren Evangelistic Crusade	\$12,000.00
Grace Seminary Student Aid	1,000.00
National Brethren Boys Club	500.00
National Laymen's General Fund	500.00
Total	14,000.00

WE WILL MEET THESE GOALS AND PROJECTS AS WE MARCH.

Now is the day to start your daily Bible reading. Find out where others in your local church are in their systematic outlined reading schedule. Pick it up there, or set your own schedule.

Now is the day to start a family altar in your home.

Now is the day for your visitation, for your tract distribution, for your supporting evangelistic services and rallies.

Now is the day to support your own pastor and your brothers in Christ in your own local work (I Cor. 12).

Now is the day to help build your Sunday school—support your local and our national Sunday-school boards. Be active in Sunday school, men!

Now is the day to start a regular fellowship program with the men in your local church and your district. Your church will grow and you will be happier in it.

Now is the day to help out in training your boy and other boys in your town to fellowship together in Christian-sponsored boys clubs.

Now is the day to start regular and

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National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen Officers—1954-55

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Northern Ohio Men Rally in Akron

"God Needs Men" was the theme Rev. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor of the new home-mission work at Elyria, Ohio, used in addressing the Sunday afternoon rally September 26.

The district project for this meeting was a mimeograph machine for Elyria. It is needed now in the work there.

Wray Shankle, songleader from Canton, and Wayne Guthrie, pianist from Mansfield, teamed up to lead the song service.

West Kittanning, Laymen Sponsor Bible Conference

David Long, secretary of the men's fellowship, announced Bible conference speakers for the October 12-13 sessions and November sessions as Rev. R. I. Humberd, Flora, Ind., and Dr. Paul R. Bauman, Winona Lake, Ind., respectively.

August Treasurer's Report

Receipts—	
Board of Evangelism	\$55.00
General Expense Fund	231.85
Total	286.85

Our Vice President—Owen E. Hacker



Twenty-one years old in the world—40 years old as a child of God—61 years young. He spent his boyhood in an orphans home until he was 17 years old. His formal education closed with the eighth grade. His 40th wedding anniversary will be celebrated next year. He owns his home at 1621 Benson Drive, Dayton 6, Ohio. He is a commercial artist, working with Reynold & Reynolds Co., printers and lithographers.

In addition to his noteworthy service as our vice president, this dear brother is a member of the Board of Evangelism, a deacon, and assistant Sunday-school teacher of a mixed adult class in the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio.

In days past, Brother Hacker has served as national president of the Laymen's Fellowship and as editor of this page. He has served as president, secretary, and assistant secretary of the Board of Evangelism.

Brother Hacker Writes—

The National Fellowship sessions are now history. In many ways they were the most inspirational I ever attended.

God has truly blessed the Brethren Church over this land with a fine group of laymen—men who are on fire and ready to go for Jesus Christ our Lord in their home churches and districts. We have had fine Christian fellowship with approximately 120 men from some forty or fifty different churches, and oh, what a blessed fellowship it was! It is really an inspiration to have worked with them.

We have set some high goals to shoot at this next year. With God's help and your and my willingness, we will make all our goals and projects with flying colors.

NEWS from the CHURCHES

Berrien Springs, Mich.

Robert William Markley was ordained to the Christian ministry in a service held on the afternoon of August 29 in the Grace Brethren Church of Berrien Springs, Mich.

Rev. Arthur D. Cashman, of Winoona Lake, Ind., delivered the ordi-



Robert Markley, kneeling. Standing (left to right), Mr. Frank Crawford, Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr., Rev. William Swihart, Rev. Earl Funderburg, Rev. A. D. Cashman, Rev. H. Leslie Moore, Rev. Robert Griffith, Mr. Weaver.

nation address to 125 people who had gathered for the occasion.

Rev. William Swihart, pastor of the Community Church of Berrien Center, officiated over the service. Just preceding the message, Rev. and Mrs. Markley sang a duet entitled "Surrender." The authoriza-

ARE YOU ON THE MARCH . . .

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consistent tithing in and through your local church.

Now is the day to start giving regularly to the national laymen's projects. If we meet these projects, it will be because you and I have started. Do you need an envelope? Put your 10 cents per member of your family per week in any envelope regularly and mark what it's for and drop it in your local church collection plate, or if you wish, send it to your national treasurer. Walter Hoyt has indicated that envelopes will be made available soon for your convenience. But don't wait; the Evangelistic Crusade needs our support now.

tions for ordination were read by Mr. Frank Crawford, of the Berrien Springs church. Rev. Robert Griffith, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Lake Odessa, Mich., read the Scriptural qualifications. Rev. Earl Funderburg, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Ozark, Mich., presented the questions and led the candidate in his vows.

Rev. H. Leslie Moore, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Meyersdale, Pa., made the prayer of dedication. Rev. Richard Jackson, Jr., pastor of the New Troy Brethren Church, New Troy, Mich., gave the charge. This was followed by a duet by Mrs. H. Leslie Moore and Mrs. Markley, and then the candidate, Rev. Markley, pronounced the benediction.

Following the service, refreshments were served to all who attended.

CHRIST CHANGES EVERYTHING

A woman whose wicked husband was converted and gave up booze for the Bible, said, "I often hear people speak about heaven with its golden streets and gates of pearl and many other beautiful things associated with the future state, but I don't think the change will be any greater for me than the change which has come to this home since that Sunday afternoon when my husband brought with him to our fireside the Lord Jesus Christ."—*Christian Victory*.

SEVEN GIRLS AID IN DVBS

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the largest team ever. It made for quite a houseful around Horneys'—as high as 22 a meal during the evangelistic crusade! Our only regret is that there were not sufficient BYF project funds to fully take care of the room and board of every one of them, and Brother Horney is still in the hole financially because of the extra expenses. But he says the spiritual results made it more than worthwhile.



Front row: Lorraine Streeter, Whittier, Calif.; Nancy Weber, Hagerstown, Md.; Carol Flora, Camden, Ohio. Back row: Vera Lee Kyker, Limestone, Tenn.; Ilene Derstein, Philadelphia, Pa.; Marilyn Steinberger, Yellow Creek, Pa.; Carol Peterman, Juniata, Pa.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Evangelist
La Verne, Calif.	Oct. 3-10.....	Victor Meyers....	Henry Harms.
Akron, Ohio.....	Oct. 3-17.....	M. L. Myers.....	A. R. Kriegbaum.
Goshen, Ind.....	Oct. 3-17.....	Herman Hein.....	Dean Fetterhoff.
Hagerstown, Md.	Oct. 3-24.....	Russell Weber....	Michael Walsh.
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	Oct. 5-17.....	Richard Grant....	Richard Jackson.
Kittanning, Pa.			
(North Buffalo)	Oct. 8.....	Donald Rossman..	R. I. Humberd.
Kittanning, Pa.			
(First).....	Oct. 10-12.....	Wm. Schaffer.....	R. I. Humberd.
Aleppo, Pa.....	Oct. 11-24.....	Fred Walter.....	Leslie Moore.
Yellow Creek, Pa.	Oct. 12-24.....	Sheldon Snyder..	Mark Malles.
Jenners, Pa.....	Oct. 13-15.....	Victor Rogers....	R. I. Humberd.
Martinsburg, Pa.	Oct. 17-31.....	Gerald Teeter....	Bill Smith.
W. Alexandria, O.	Oct. 17-31.....	C. A. Flowers.....	Lon Karns.
Clayhole, Ky.....	Oct. 18-31.....	Sewell Landrum..	Clyde Landrum.
York, Pa.....	Oct. 19-22.....	Gerald Polman...	R. I. Humberd.
Harrah, Wash....	Oct. 19-31.....	Donald Farner...	Crusade Team 2.
Glendale, Calif...	Oct. 25-31.....	Keith Altig.....	Norman Nelson.
New Troy, Mich...	Oct. 24-Nov. 7...	Richard Jackson..	Crusade Team 1.
Clayton, Ohio....	Nov. 7-21.....	Clair Brickel....	Bill Smith.
Dayton, Ohio (N.			
Riverdale)	Nov. 7-21.....	Russell Ward.....	A. R. Kriegbaum.
Inglewood, Calif.	Nov. 22-28.....	Glenn O'Neal....	Rev. Vaus.

In View of His Coming

By HENRY REMPEL

A Summary of the Moderator's Address at the California District Conferences of Brethren Churches, May 29, 1954

[In view of the length of this moderator's address, it has been necessary to make this summary for publication purposes.—Ed.]

Our conference theme this year is, "In View of His Coming." This theme is certainly timely and fitting. Events on every hand point to His soon return. Nearly 2,000 years have passed since our Lord promised His own: "I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Soon after these words had been spoken our Lord went back to heaven. On the Day of Pentecost the fervent preaching ministry of the church began, and from that day forth the early church spread the message of life, "In view of His coming."

Paul, the great exponent of the premillennial return of Christ, speaks of this event in all of his epistles, calling it the "blessed hope." John the Revelator, often refers to the Lord's coming, stating that those who are embued with this prospect will purify themselves, even as Christ is pure. . . .

The Survey

In making a survey of last year's activities, the cooperation of the pastors was solicited, and they all graciously complied. A questionnaire was mailed out to each pastor to be filled in. The response was very gratifying, and in a few short weeks every form was returned with the necessary information given. The purpose of the questionnaire was to procure information which would present an objective picture of the spiritual status in our district. In some instances the information was fragmentary due to change of pastors. . . .

Since the doctrine of the second coming of Christ receives such prominence in the Scriptures, it was deemed wise to inquire how many had preached upon this truth. Here 27 of the 28 pastors had discoursed on the doctrine. . . .

Deductions

From our survey we can make the following deductions:

1. The churches in our district

are making concentrated effort to reach the unsaved with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is evidenced by special meetings which were conducted, by the fact that the lay-people are busy in visitation work and in personal soul-winning, and by the fact that there was an increase in attendance over the previous year.

2. Our second observation is that our pastors are earnestly endeavoring to establish our Brethren people in their most holy faith. This they are doing by a persistent program of indoctrinating the members in the practices and ordinances of our church as set forth in the New Testament. Brethren, we do have definite cause to praise our Lord for the increase our district has experienced during the past year.

Some Statistics

Let us look now at the actual statistics for detailed information. Our average attendance in the morning services was 3,691, which is an increase of 275 over last year. Dividing this by the 28 churches in the district it means that on the average per church we had an increase of less than 10 in the morning services.

Our Sunday-evening services showed an average attendance of 2,170, which means an average attendance per church of plus 77. This indicates the small increase of 4 per church over last year's attendance.

Now to the prayer meeting, and here we find an average attendance per church of plus 36, which indicates an increase of 2½ per church over last year. The Bible school statistics show the following: The average total attendance per Sunday was 5,573, and the breakdown shows that this means an average weekly attendance of 199 per school, and an average increase of 16 per school.

Statistics further show that our churches reported a total of 659 conversions during the year. Dividing that by the 28 churches we find that on the average each church led plus 23 souls to the Lord during the year. . . .

Men's and Boys' Work

By all indications our district is somewhat weak in the activities

among our boys and the men. Only 12 of our 28 churches have a going men's organization, and only 14 churches have a program for the boys. As for boys' activities, it can be said here without reservation that our own Brethren Boys Club work has been tried and proved successful. . . . To the other 16 churches we would recommend that they lay plans as soon as possible for the launching of a brotherhood work. The churches who sponsor such a work will testify to the fact that such a program is proving a real blessing in the local church. A great many men have been won to Christ who came to a men's fellowship supper, where they might otherwise never have darkened a church door.

Some Suggestions

The questionnaire which was circulated among the pastors provided a spot where the men might list some of the needs in the district. . . .

Some have thought that it would be profitable to schedule youth sings and more interchurch activities for our young people. . . .

"Every creature of the conference should have the full cooperation of every church" was another suggestion. This should be true in our national program as well as in our district. Allow us to cite an example here in favor of the need of cooperation. One church during the year 1952-53 gave \$974 to support a non-Brethren missionary activity. That same church gave for the same year \$309 to Brethren foreign missions, \$160 for home missions through the Brethren Home Missions Council; it gave \$16 to our own district mission program, \$1 for the support of Brethren publications, nothing for Jewish missions, and nothing for the support of Grace Theological Seminary. In total that church gave \$493 to Brethren projects combined and over twice that amount to non-Brethren missionary activities. Does this bespeak a GENUINE LOVE for our church, our missionaries, our training school, and our district work?

One pastor stated: "We need a greater loyalty to our own church and its financial needs." How fitting

these words are in the light of the case just considered. Let it be clearly understood here, that we do not minimize other mission boards and their work. Surely they, too, are reaching precious souls for the Lord. BUT is not our FIRST RESPONSIBILITY to our own denominational interests and their needs? If we are BRETHREN, then let us be LOYAL to our own church and its missionary enterprises and to our distinctive Brethren doctrines. . . .

District Missions

The churches of Bell, Seal Beach, and the Christian Center of Modesto have moved forward under the blessing of God. Each of them report real victories and definite progress during the year. They made regular payments on their building debts, enjoyed an increase in their attendance, and witnessed the salvation of precious souls. The Christian Center of Modesto is not requesting an allotment for the coming year. This church is looking to the Lord for the necessary funds to carry on independently of any support from the district mission board. This is a commendable step by faith, and we praise the Lord for it.

The blessing of God has rested upon our Arrowhead Brethren Church of San Bernardino during the past year. This church is now in the midst of a relocation program. Already this group has purchased a four-acre plot of ground for the establishing of a new church and a Christian day school. Such a move shows real vision and foresight by people and pastor, and we commend them for it. This church, too, is planning to carry on, as of July 1, financially independent of the mission board. The Arrowhead Brethren Church has undoubtedly shown the most progress of our district churches, and for this we praise the Lord, and assure our Brethren there of our combined prayers as they launch out in their new venture. . . .

Last year our budget called for \$12,200. Per member, in the district, this meant the sum of \$2.44. There was a day when that would have been considered a good offering, but not today, when the dollar is worth about 37 cents. And really, that is a

small offering per member when we stop to think that last year we gave nearly \$90 per member for all purposes. It is most commendable that some churches adopted the "ten cents per member per week" plan and are giving to district missions accordingly. Other churches are exceeding that amount. If at least the great majority of our churches gave in such proportions, we should have a potential of about \$5 per member, which would approach the \$25,000 mark for the year. . . .

Recapitulation

Our district has moved forward for the Lord in many ways. The First Brethren Church of Long Beach has launched a new work in the Los Altos area. The North Long Beach Brethren Church has made strides in its Sunday-school program, and won first honors in a national Sunday-school contest. The Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles sold the former location, purchased property in Norwalk, and the new Norwalk Brethren Church is under way.

In one way or another EVERY CHURCH has had its victories during the past year. Thousands of dollars have been given to the various denominational missionary projects. Above all, the district was used by the Saviour to redeem 659 souls during the year. For all these tokens of God's grace we bring Him our heartfelt thanksgiving.

That is the right side of the ledger, but what about the other side? Let us merely touch upon a few things in the form of questions. Let the churches or pastors involved furnish the answers. Why do less than half of our churches use Brethren Sunday-school literature? Why is it that only six churches furnish any kind of secretarial help for their pastors? Why must the other 22 pastors do their own secretarial work? Why is it that nearly one-half of the pastors reported that their income is not commensurate with living costs today? Why do some churches neglect to administer Biblical discipline any longer? Why is it that some of our pastors do not fully subscribe to the Message of the Brethren Ministry? Might the Holy Spirit show us

our own mistakes and failures, and might we be willing to admit our failures and mend our way IN VIEW OF THE LORD'S SOON APPEARING. . . .

Conclusion

Your moderator has sought to submit a fair and unbiased picture of the spiritual status of our churches in the district. He has tried to point out the victories as well as the weaknesses.

He has made some recommendations which, if adopted, should lead our churches to higher planes of spiritual achievement, to the end that precious souls might be saved, and the saints edified.

We are rapidly approaching the sunset of the day of grace. Darkening shadows are falling all round us. Perilous times have beset us on every hand. The forces of communism, atheism, skepticism, and rationalism are seeking to destroy every vestige of true Christianity. Our Lord forewarned us that such days would betoken the latter times. They are no cause for alarm nor for discouragement. They should, however, remind us of the fact that the time is short, and that we must work while it is yet day, for the night cometh, when no man can work. . . .

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).

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Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



Islam Evangelizes America

"There is no God but Allah! And Mohammed is his prophet!" Five times a day this heathen, blasphemous chant will be heard in a minor chord from the newly constructed Islamic minaret in Washington, D. C.

The beautiful new Mohammedan center under construction in the capital city of our nation is supposed to be a religious center for Islamic people in the western world. The magnificent new mosque will face Mecca, the center of Islam culture on a bearing of 56 degrees, 33 minutes, 15 seconds east of true north. Located in the heart of the embassy section of the capital it is in a strategic position to make its influence felt in high places.

The Mohammedans are missionary-minded, especially as far as the financial potential of America is concerned. The Moslem nations having representation in Washington are financing this project for the purpose of "the promotion of understanding of Islamic religion and culture in the United States."

This should be a danger signal to each child of God. False religions as Mohammedanism, Buddhism, etc., see in America the greatest mission field for converts. They actually see something which many American Christians do not see. This nation has more potential for Christ in evangelizing the world than any other nation on earth. From every standpoint this is true. If pagan religions are evangelizing America, then the true church here at home should be doing infinitely more to meet the nation's spiritual need. Someday the lay, dilatory church here at home will find itself fighting the same rising tide of Islam which has plunged many oriental countries into spiritual darkness.

May God grant that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches shall not share any such ignominious distinction.

Crime Exceeds Population Rate in America

If you have any sincere conceptions about America being a Christian nation, read this. Crime in America is exceeding the population rate 4 to 1. Since 1950 we have averaged a 20-percent increase in over-all crime.

An interesting and significant sidelight is a two-year study of drinking behavior in relation to the commission

of 882 crimes in Columbus, Ohio. In 64 percent of these crimes the criminals were under the influence of alcohol to the extent that their inhibitions were greatly reduced.

Crime and alcohol are blood brothers. In addition to the natural depravity of human flesh the freedom with which alcoholic beverages can be secured in this nation provides the additional weapon in Satan's hands to overcome any sense of morality in the average drinker. Thus human depravity operates without any control. The result is a tragic increase in crime.

America needs the Gospel!

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Rev. John Aebly

Pastor, First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Do You Really Want God to Love You?

"But," you say, "He already does!" Yes; infinitely, John tells us: "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation [mercy-seat] for our sins" (I John 4:10). This is God's love which He commendeth "toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

But He has a special love He delights to shower on His children who qualify! Read carefully II Corinthians 9:7, "Every man [believer]—

(1) "As he purposeth in his heart, so let him give." This is our motive in giving. God is concerned first of all with our motives. The Christian life is a "heart-life," and the heart is the place where purposes are born.

(2) "Not grudgingly." Not under pressure, or because we are embarrassed to withhold our gift. Sad to say, some of us have so given. No wonder the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," sound so hollow in our ears! "Do you really want God to love you?"

(3) "Or of necessity." Not because there is a need which must be met. Honest men, Christians or not, pay their debts, and there is a measure of satisfaction in doing so—even though joy may be lacking.

(4) "For God loveth a cheerful giver." Not simply a Christian who can "shell out" and still manage a smile while doing it, but one who can get a greater thrill out of giving heavily to home missions than he does in buying a new suit or new automobile; or more joy out of giving to foreign missions than in buying a new dress or carpet for the living room; or in laying up treasure in heaven than in making a wise investment in the uncertain "securities" of the world's financial market. The

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ARCHITECT COMPLETES SEATTLE PLANS

The View Ridge Brethren Church is ready to start making the plans a reality in the rapidly growing city of Seattle, pictured at bottom of the cover page. Read "God's Challenge to the Brethren Church in the Pacific Northwest," by Pastor Thomas Hammers.

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Another Brethren Church Dedicated at Grandview, Wash.



Top—Henry Dalke, Yakima, Wash., pastor; Harold D. Painter, Sunnyside and Grandview, Wash., pastor; and Rev. Herman Baerg. Bottom—Dedication audience on hand for the special occasion.

The Grandview First Brethren Church was dedicated on Sunday, September 12, 1954, with Rev. Harold D. Painter in charge. At 10:30 a. m. the church was dedicated to teaching, at 12:30 it was dedicated to fellowship, at 2:30 it was dedicated to service, and on the following Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock it was dedicated to prayer.

Rev. Harold D. Painter, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash., started the church with a Bible class. Later a building located at Elm and Fourth Streets was secured and this was the one dedicated. The building now being used is rented, and the church has the opportunity to buy if it is desired. Another location is available and may be secured later.

A capacity crowd filled the church on dedication day, with others seated and standing on the lawn. Last Sunday (September 19) there were 60 in the morning worship service and 53 in Sunday school. More than half of the Sunday-school attendance is made up of adults from teen-age and older.

Mr. Lloyd Woolman is acting Sunday-school superintendent, and classes are being provided for all ages. Rev. Earl Reed teaches the adult class, and Mrs. Ruth Wear has charge of the primary department.

In addition to the speaker, Rev. Harold D. Painter, Rev. Henry Dalke, Rev. Herman Baerg, and Rev. Earl Reed participated in the dedication services.

GOD'S CHALLENGE TO THE BRETHREN CHURCH IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

By REV. THOMAS HAMMERS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

Editor's Note—This moderator's address was given by Thomas Hammers, Seattle, Wash., at the Northwest District Conference and, because of its timely challenge to the need of home missions, is being printed in the Home Mission Number of the Brethren Missionary Herald. Due to its length, approximately one-half of the address will appear in this issue and the balance in the next Home Mission Number.

Introduction—

1. We are gathered in this, the 33d Annual Northwest District Conference of Brethren Churches in the sweetest, most powerful name in all of heaven or earth, even the precious name of our wonderful Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. With the hymnwriter of old, we join voices to sing:

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall:
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

2. Our hearts overflow with praise to Him for His amazing grace by which He has seen fit to redeem us with His own precious blood, and to assure us an eternal home in His presence in heaven. We praise Him for His blessings upon us as individuals and as churches. Nor are we unmindful that we are among the most privileged people on the face of the earth, to live in the land of an open church and an open Bible.

3. It is the prayer of our heart that everyone in this conference may behold Him and worship Him of whom Paul wrote in Colossians 1:15-18—that He "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."

4. That is, that He himself, the Creator of the universe as well as the very Head of the church, may be the One to hold first place in every heart and life, in every thought, word, and deed, in every prayer and message, and in every deliberation and decision of this entire conference.

5. That Christ may be Sovereign and speak with

authority. That the majesty and glory of His person and presence shall literally dominate us as we have fellowship with Him and with one another.

Even as majestic Mount Rainier, with its beautiful, glistening-white snowcapped peak towering more than 14,000 feet, dwarfs and dominates the entire Cascade skyline and everything about it; as one sees it glowing iridescent in the rays of the sun, it is no surprise that to the early Indians it was "the mountain that is God," as the name Rainier implies. Yes, its splendor fascinates me and my eyes are irresistibly drawn toward it every time I am in a position to see it. But, oh the thrill—just to know that it was my preeminent Christ who made it!

6. As we behold the preeminent Christ throughout this conference, may it be true of us as it was with Isaiah of old when he saw the Lord sitting upon His throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple; when he heard the seraphims as they cried, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory" that his heart melted within him. He hid his face and fell down before the Lord, crying out, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips: and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." It was so when the aged Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos saw Him in all of His glory, that he fell at His feet as dead.

7. Beloved, in an age which has lost sight of the infinite holiness and purity of God, it behooves us to recall the words of Peter, when he said, "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" (I Pet. 4:17). It may be that before we are ready to go ahead with conference business, we might have unfinished business of our own which needs to be settled between ourselves and the Lord. Beloved, we are here on serious business. May there be nothing to hold back the blessing of God.

8. This being a district conference, I have felt led to present what I believe to be one of the greatest challenges God has ever set before the Brethren Church; namely, "God's Challenge to the Brethren Church in the Pacific Northwest."

I. GOD HAS PROVIDED THE FIELD.

The Pacific Northwest territory, embracing the four States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, is the last remaining frontier in our nation. It is often referred to as "The Land of Promise" because of—

A. Its almost unlimited natural resources found in its great mountains, plateaus, and fertile valleys. Its climate in considerable variety, with rainfall or snow equivalent varying from 7 inches in the Columbia Basin to 150 inches annually in the Olympic Mountains, provides for a water reserve which is one of the greatest in the nation. With snowfall ranging up to as much as 500 inches in the Cascades, the stream runoff in the Pacific Northwest is greater far than the entire remaining area of our nation west of the Mississippi. The mighty Columbia River, second only to "Old Man River," is already harnessed in a number of places, providing for

NEW CHURCH DEDICATION OCTOBER 17, 1954

The new Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., will be dedicated on Sunday, October 17, 1954. Rev. Lester E. Pifer, assistant secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, will be the dedication speaker. For a full report, read the November Home Mission Number of the Brethren Missionary Herald.

hydroelectric power and vast irrigation projects. Capable of producing 37 percent of the entire nation's hydroelectric power, the Pacific Northwest is now operating at only 11 percent of its potential.

One-half of the land in the area is still covered with timber, this being one of the best forest-growing areas of the world. Here, no less than 50 percent of the nation's timber is being produced, in addition to 60 percent of its wood pulp supply for paper, rayon, and related industries. It is also the most important single area of the United States for the production of aluminum. Manufacturing is just getting under way in the Northwest, lagging far behind other parts of the nation in this respect. Now that natural gas is being brought into the area, manufacturing possibilities will be unlimited.

Agriculture is just coming into its own, and in the great Coulee Triangle, where irrigation is literally making the desert to blossom as a rose, the possibilities for food production are staggering. Fruit production is high—the apple crop in Washington alone being valued at \$105 million last year.

Who but the preeminent Christ could have provided such a territory capable of supporting such a tremendous population as has already begun to come into this area?

Many other and varied industries make this one of the richest sections of our nation, the fishing industry alone in Washington and Oregon last year being valued at \$66 million.

B. It may also be called "The Land of Promise" because of its strategic relation to the rest of our nation and the world. As the gateway to Alaska it is the vital link to our most northerly possession. Besides, it provides the closest ports in the land to the important Far East.

C. All that I have pointed out thus far would be unimportant were it not for the fact that in this vast area there are millions of souls to be reached with the Gospel of Christ.

In a recent release by the Stanford Research Institute it is predicted that the population of this area will reach at least 6,205,000 by 1963. In 1950 there were already 4,675,000 residents in the area.

The two major population areas are Portland and Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma being next in order. From the State Department of Education at Salem, Oreg., I have figures which show that in 1940 the school enrollment was approximately 190,000 in the elementary and secondary schools; that it has now reached around 290,000, and by 1965 the total enrollment is expected to reach at least 550,000. In anticipation of forthcoming needs for new additional buildings to house all these students, Oregon is faced with a tremendous school building program. For the State of Washington the figures are even higher.

Not alone in the already densely population areas of this Northwest are there opportunities, but Dr. Calvin F. Schmid, head of the department of sociology of the University of Washington and member of the Washington State Census Board, points out this important fact; namely, that in the Columbia River Basin area where population had already reached 32,000 by 1950, it is expected to jump to 123,000 by 1960. He further predicts that the town of Moses Lake, which but a few years ago had a population of a few hundred and now has passed

SPANISH-AMERICAN MISSION WORK BEGAN HERE



Cañon Brethren Church, Taos, N. Mex.

The above photo by Verne Sackett, Taos, N. Mex., appeared in the Taos newspaper, *El Crepusculo*, in a series of articles on the churches of the Taos area. Almost a half-page was devoted to the article which accompanied the picture and was written by Rev. Sam I. Horney, superintendent of our Brethren Spanish-American Mission work. The article covered the entire history of the Brethren Church as well as the history of our mission work at Taos.

The work was begun there in a small building, but has now grown to where three other churches have been established in the area. The Arroyo Hondo church was the second testimony, and it has been under the leadership of David Tollardo until recently, when he took up the work at Albuquerque. Jake Maestas is now the Arroyo Hondo pastor. The third testimony was started in Albuquerque. Robert Salazar was pastor of this work until he entered the Bible Institute of Los Angeles this fall. The latest testimony was established at Cordillera and Tony Luna is the pastor. All of the pastors of the outlying churches are young men who are native Spanish-Americans and are in the ministry as a direct result of the Taos testimony. The membership of the Taos church has grown to 176 in addition to providing members to start the other three churches.

the 5,000 mark, in 10 years will have surpassed the city of Wenatchee, where the population is now 15,000.

I point out these facts because they not only show that there already exists great population centers which are fairly bursting at their seams, but that some areas hold promise of a tremendous growth in the next 10 years—areas into which we could now enter to establish new churches while it is still possible to get in on the ground floor, so to speak.

D. Investigation has revealed the fact that, merely for the asking, it is possible for us to obtain a tremendous amount of information which in my opinion we should study just as carefully, as we plan to locate and start new churches, as any business would do in planning its future. Business is going where the people are and since our business is the souls of those people, we too must go where the people are.

This is the 33d annual conference of Northwest churches. We now have six well-established churches in addition to Seattle, baby of them all and still without

a building, making a total of seven. Would it be asking too much or too little of the Lord, that within five years we might have 14 Gospel-preaching, soul-winning churches in the Pacific Northwest. To date, two States, Idaho, and Montana, are untouched by the Brethren.

It would seem wise that a careful study of the entire area be made and that we look to the Lord to open the way for us to definitely enter some of the most promising and strategic centers in the area. In addition, cities like Portland, Spokane, and Seattle, with their mushrooming metropolitan areas, should have not one, but a number of churches. Certainly, we as a district must catch a vision of the tremendous mission field which God has set before us and, in close cooperation with our Brethren Home Missions Council, look to God to enlarge our borders.

Just this thought before we consider the next matter. Have you ever wondered why it was that so many of the liberal churches are able to secure such choice building sites? One reason, I have discovered, is that rather than leave it to chance, they are working hand in hand with the city and county planning commissions in every area and know far in advance of projected developments, thereby enabling them to locate churches in the very heart of new housing developments, purchasing property before it has been subdivided and the price raised. The Council of Churches has not only been looking ahead in trying to tie up choice building sites well in advance, but they are trying to control the establishment of all new churches in every city and county where they can possibly do so.

From the King County Planning Commission, in which the city of Seattle is located, I have a form setting forth the necessary procedure to be followed in obtaining a permit for the erection of a new church building. Among other things required is a letter from the Council of Churches, setting forth their approval of the location. As we all well know, behind this there is not only the effort to control the number of churches in a community, but even more so, to control what is going to be preached. In brief, it is a part of the scheme and plan to throttle the preaching of the Gospel of Christ.

This is reflected in an experience which I had some months ago in the mushrooming city of Bellevue, just across Lake Washington from Seattle. I was asking the pastor of a certain church, who himself was a member of the church council's planning commission, about locations for churches in the area, remarking that I had seen several signs along the highway indicating that several churches were planning to build. In response he said, "Oh, those are some extreme Fundamentalists who have come in and taken 'squatters' rights. Their growth is already limited and determined before they even get started."

Brethren, I believe that we will find the planning commission of any city or county more than happy to work with us too if we will simply take the initiative to go to them, and in a businesslike manner seek their counsel and help in selecting choice locations for our churches. We too can, by planning ahead, have choice locations for our churches. That is why we should right now be studying the possible location of five to ten new churches in this Northwest District and then be praying to God to direct and provide the ways and means by which to enter in and occupy new fields.

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BRETHREN CONSTRUCTION CREW BUILD SCHOOL



Left to right—Navaho, Joe Sandoval; Travis Rooney, Sidney, Ind.; Ed Rife, BCC; Paul Circle, BCC; Merle Heckman, Sidney, Ind.; Donald Sellers, BCC; Navaho, Lee Trujillo; Navaho, Jim Sala; Vernon Latham, BCC; and Thomas Bailey, BCC superintendent.

The Brethren Construction Company crew was taken from the Wheaton, Ill., church for a two-week period to work on the urgently needed Navaho Mission School building. The Navaho Mission superintendent, Evan Adams, with some volunteer labor, was able to stockpile materials and get the footer for the building completed prior to arrival of the construction company crew. Two Sidney, Ind., laymen joined the regular members, and they went to work on the cement block building. In two weeks the block work was done, the roof on, and the building completed except for the doors, windows, and a portion of the concrete floor. (A picture of the completed building was not available and the one shown was taken on the third day.)

The school building is a two-year project of the National WMC organization. Over one-half their \$5,000 goal was reached last year, and the balance is expected to be met easily this year.

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word "cheerfully" means "hilariously"! When we by His enabling grace give *joyously*, we are giving as God gives! And we qualify for this special manifestation of His love. Read verse 9 for the bonus He promises!

God pity any of us Brethren who have received so lavishly of His grace if we have never known, or have lost, the thrill of so giving! How is it possible for God's love to reach our hearts without conquering our pocket-books? The context of chapters 8 and 9 of II Corinthians is the dollar sign. And Paul caps the climax of His Spirit-inspired argument by exulting, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift!"

POINTERS ON VISITATION

By REV. LESTER E. PIFER

When we speak of a visitation program, we come to one of the most neglected aspects of the work of the church or Sunday school. Yet here is the key to a growing church. There is much inefficiency in church work because we are not reaching as many and doing as much as we could by proper visitation.

Dr. Peloubet said: "It is a sin for a church or Sunday school to be smaller than it can be." In the words of Dr. Marion Laurence: "Many are unreached. God wants them reached. They can be reached!" In home missions our slogan is, "Visitation is church builder No. 1."

THE PREPARATION

Any visitation program must have an essential background. It is vitally necessary that all who enter the program must have a *passion for souls*. What is this? Its basis is found in the knowledge of God's Word as seen in Romans, chapter 3, "All have sinned." Certainly every soul-winner must realize that men are lost, that all have

sinned, and are bound for an eternal hell. Perhaps it would be well if we read this chapter once a week for several months until that message grips our hearts.

Secondly, there must be a knowledge of what *Christ has done* to provide salvation for lost men. When God's children realize salvation experientially and see that God has provided it for all through His beloved Son, it will move them out into the highways and byways of life to tell others the wondrous good news.

There must be a *willingness to go*. Without this essential, the whole program of visitation will bog down. Oh, if we could all have the response like that of Isaiah, "Here am I: send me."

In order that we may have adequate preparation, along with a passion for souls there must be *declaration of purpose*. Why are we out to win men, women, boys, and girls? Are we merely interested in numbers; in having the honor of being the largest school in the city? Or do we have as our goal to "Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:7)? Are we seeking lost men and women in order that we may win them for Christ and train them up in the faith? If this be true—and we trust that each church will have this as their motive, then we must be prepared to assimilate them. Be ready to give them tasks to do, to have adequate classes for their training, adequate facilities in rooms, instructional material, etc., if they are to be made to feel at home and properly welcomed. Let's expect God to richly bless this visitation effort and then prepare for the harvest.

THE PLAN

A *class for training workers* is almost a necessity. There are so many who do not know how to make a call. This call is the key contact. Therefore it is important that those who make the calls know how to do it properly. This class can be taught by the pastor or any qualified person who can give practical demonstrations, ideas, and a full outline of the program being entered into.

A *knowledge of your field* must be gained from a census. If you have obtained sufficient information of the community and your field of operation without this, then you may proceed with your prospects at hand. However, in most cases communities are changing so rapidly in these days that a census is soon out of date. Once a good census is taken, steps should be immediately taken to keep it up to date in order to capture every prospect which moves in.

A *visitation committee* who will oversee the whole plan and keep it at work is the next step. They will see that the names of prospects are gathered, cataloged, and properly distributed. They will be responsible for the enlistment of additional workers as they may be needed. They will give valuable assistance in advertising the entire program in the church, Sunday school, and various auxiliary organizations.

A *visitation secretary* to be responsible for the cataloging of names and caring for detail work is desirable. This can be a volunteer worker or, as in some churches, a paid worker.

A *visitation list* of prospective names gathered from all sources becomes the focal point of the whole visitation program. Names for the list may be gathered from the

DENVER, COLO., BEGINS FALL PROGRAM



Full Basement—Full Parking Lot at Denver

The fall program at Denver is under way. One look at the parking lot full of cars and the basement auditorium full of people gives the cue to the reason why more room is needed and work has been started on the unfinished upper auditorium. The wiring has been the first job, but with as many as eight helpers, it is expected to be finished soon.

On September 9 the laymen organized with Bro. Russell West as chairman; on September 15 a house-to-house canvass was inaugurated with 13 helpers; and on September 18 the work was begun on the upper auditorium. A baptismal service will be held in early October for a new couple and others who have recently accepted Christ.

census, Sunday-school classes, auxiliary organizations, the pastor's prospect list, and some may be gathered from the prayer meeting as the people are encouraged to turn such names in. A master file should always be kept so that no prospective names are lost. From the master file, then, all names should be cataloged according to their spiritual need. I have suggested on several occasions the use of different-colored index cards. For example, red can be used for the unsaved, blue for the names of persons having spiritual problems, and white for Christians needing a church home.

A *visitation prayer* list will be vital to the success of this whole program. This list is a complete compilation of all of the names which can be mimeographed and placed in the hands of all workers for a daily prayer list. At the prayer meeting each week this list can be cut up into sections of from 5 to 10 names each. These prayer-list sections can be distributed among all praying folk so that a volume of united prayer will go up for each person on the prayer list each week. There is power in prayer. God answers prayer. These names brought also before the Lord daily by the interested folk of the church will certainly prepare the way for those who are to call. Here is the spiritual key to the success of the program. It dare not be neglected or entered into half-heartedly.

A *visitation time* must be planned. Some churches plan a special visitation night. Others plan to have women go out one night and men another. I have found that each individual can work more successfully at a time convenient to him. This makes it possible for an individual to take several cards and make his contacts during that week. If he calls on Tuesday night and the party is not at home, then perhaps they can be found home on Thursday or even Saturday. His goal is to make that contact this week! There are other plans that will work just as successfully, but one must be agreed upon and carried out. This appointment in the Lord's work *must be kept!*

The *visitation calling cards must be dispersed* to the workers regularly. It can be done on a special night designated for calling. It can be done before or after any of the regular services. But here again it is necessary for a regular time to be set. This will be the deadline for the week of your contacts. Each worker will expect at this time to turn in his cards from the previous week and anticipate a new set to call on in the new. These cards can have on them the usual information, whatever is the choosing of the local church. On the back of the card there should be a place for the record of response to each call and the person's name making the last call. This will help the next person to know how to make his call tactfully.

The *importance of the visitation call* cannot be minimized. Each worker must pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit. The first call ought to be a get-acquainted call. In this visit you can learn to know the members of the family, let them know of your church and Sunday school, and finally find out tactfully how they stand with the Lord. Perhaps the Lord will give opportunity to deal with these folks about their salvation. Do not be hasty; yet buy up every opportunity as the Spirit leads. Here is where the worker must by all means display plenty of enthusiasm for the church and Sunday school and for the joy of salvation through Christ. Invite them to call on your pastor when they have a problem or spiritual need. One last caution: do not overstay your welcome!

The *visitation welcome* at the church and Sunday

FOUNDATION POURED AT WEATON, ILL.



The Brethren Construction Company crew is back on the job at Wheaton, Ill., after spending two weeks at the Navaho Mission. The foundation is being laid for the new Wheaton church, the first of our Fellowship in the State of Illinois. We are trusting the Wheaton church will be the foundation for many more Brethren churches in that area. The upper picture shows the vast expansion of new homes in the midst of the present Wheaton location.

school is good follow-up work. A committee ought to be on hand at the front door of the church with a good Christian handshake and a broad smile. These new folks should be welcomed and helped to their seat. They should be shown to their classes and introduced to the teacher. You may make a good call and get the folks out, but if you fail in your welcome, they may never come back.

THE PRODUCT

A good visitation program will transform your church and Sunday school. It will enlarge your sphere of evangelism and teaching ministry. It will build a spiritual church with real enthusiasm for souls and for service. It will bring countless souls to know Christ. It will put more people to work than you can in any other way, and it will produce fruit. It will build a missionary-minded church. People who are interested in the lost souls of their own community will not find it hard to be persuaded that those in foreign lands need Christ too. It will be the fulfillment of our Lord's command, "Go ye," and will most certainly bring the blessing of God upon your work.

ISRAEL CALLS!

SALVATION IS OF THE LORD!

By Bruce L. Button

"I, even I, am Jehovah; and beside me there is no saviour" (Isa. 43:11 ASV). "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us" (Titus 3:5). "Thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation" (Isa. 17:10).

Eventually the Christian worker must come to the full realization that "salvation is of the Lord." He finally concedes his knowledge of the Word is not responsible for the salvation of those who accept the Saviour. Nor is it the clever arguments he has presented. Neither is it the Christlike personality he has sought so hard to display.

Rather, it is a situation where one plants, another waters, *but it is God that gives the increase* (I Cor. 3:6). Truly, "salvation is of the Lord." The soul-winner who comes to such a realization works with untied hands. He "presents his body a living sacrifice"; he is at all times "serving the Lord"; thus he becomes a "fellow-worker with God." He knows the reward he receives from God will not be based on souls won, but rather "according to his own labour," his faithfulness to the task of giving forth the gospel message. I had to learn this early in my ministry. If I had to work under any other arrangement, I would seek secular employment again. So many times in the past I have forgotten the God of my salvation, not in the sense that Israel forgot God, but I have overlooked the fact that it is His power that saves, His blood and not my effort.

How good of the Lord to handle us in such a way! That slammed door, the verbal rebuke, the cold, wordless attitude need not trouble me. If God sees fit, the door will remain open, the angry tongue will be stilled, the cold, wordless attitude will change to warm, sincere inquiry. "Salvation is of the Lord!" I have this proved to me in a new way each time I go out to witness. The other day it was again displayed to me.

I had attempted many times to contact the people in a certain home. Each time I called I was met at the door by the lady of the house. At first her attitude was cold and wordless. She would accept the literature I offered her, and as rapidly as decency would permit she would close the door. Then, after she had read several of the booklets I gave to her, she met me at the door with angry words. After soundly berating me for trying to "convert the Jewish people," she told me never to come to her home again.

My next contact with this home resulted in having the door slammed in my face, and I began to question the wisdom of trying to contact this home again. I resolved I would never call there again. But I did not reckon with the Lord. Salvation is the Lord's business—witnessing is my business. Thus it was when I returned to the field this fall that I started to contact homes on the street where this house is located. As I neared this particular home I noticed the man of the house at work in the yard.

As I approached He greeted me warmly. I could not ignore him, so I stopped and passed the time of day and commented on the work he was doing. Yes; he said he was trying to get things in shape for the Days of Awe (Jewish New Year and Day of Atonement). This year the high holy days cover the week of September 28 to

October 7. He stated that he would attend the synagogue on these days—not that it would mean anything to him, but "it looks well to appear religious." For the next hour I had the privilege of pointing out to him the difference between being religious and being a child of God.

I pressed the importance of being a child of God. I was able to open the Bible and read such passages as Leviticus 23:23-25, Numbers 29:1-6, and Leviticus 17:11. I read the entire chapter of Deuteronomy 28, as well as II Chronicles 7:19-22. Then I read Isaiah 9:6-7 and Isaiah 53, and finally the crucifixion story as told in Luke 23:33-48. I then pointed out the necessity of sacrifice for sin and the way of salvation through the shed blood of the Messiah Jesus. My Jewish friend had nothing to say. I stood there waiting for some expression, some word from him—there was silence. Then it was broken by the opening and closing of a door, and I looked up to find the lady of the house bearing down upon us!

Should I leave or stay? Would there be a disagreeable scene or—her voice broke into my thoughts. "It is a beautiful day," she is saying. "You must be tired to stand here all this time. You should have asked him in the house, Sam."

I am too surprised to say anything. Her husband invites me to come back again, and she adds her invitation along with, "Bring your wife," for she remembers talking to her and would like to see her again. I leave, promising to call again soon. As I start toward home, I think, "Whee! I couldn't stand two shocks like that in one day." I go on praising the Lord for His faithfulness.

Yes; "salvation is of the Lord!" The slammed door, the cold, wordless attitude, the verbal rebuke no longer cause me to fret or worry. My job is to plant the seed and water it. If I am faithful in this task, God will cause the seed to take root in a prepared heart, and He *will* give the increase.

HOME MISSION FIELD REPORTS

Dry Hill, Ky. (Miss Evelyn Fuqua, missionary)—

Our first communion service was held on September 7 with six taking part. Immediately following, we had a baptismal service for a 16-year-old girl who recently accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. Rev. Alfred Dodds, of South Gate, Calif., held a week of meetings for us and helped with some painting and other work needed around the mission.

Johnson City, Tenn. (Dean Risser, pastor)—

Things are moving along well in Johnson City. We are about to launch our Sunday-school contest sponsored by the National Sunday School Board. We plan to begin with a Sunday-school picnic and get off to a big start in this way. We are also counting on ending strong (Yankees beware!). A fine group of our people are interested in the new Christian Workers Training Course, and plans are under way to start it soon. Our people seem united and are working and inviting people to the services. Last week we had 27 for prayer meeting.



WINONA LAKE, IND. There will be no regular Missionary Herald on Oct. 30; rather you will receive your Brethren Annual.

TROY, OHIO. Rev. Earl Funderburg, pastor of the new mission church in Ozark, Mich., conducted a revival service at the Grace Brethren Church Oct. 4-17. Frank Brill is pastor.

BUENA VISTA, VA. Rev. Stanley Hauser, pastor of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., will conduct a week of meetings at the First Brethren Church beginning Oct. 17. Rev. Edward Lewis is pastor. Joe Dombek, of Winona Lake, Ind., will be guest speaker at the Watchnight service.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA. The Iowa District WMC will meet at the Grace Brethren Church on Oct. 22 for the fall rally. Rev. Richard Grant will be host pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Oct. 1 and 2 were the dates for the Iowa District youth rally held at the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Richard Grant, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church at Cedar Rapids, was the speaker.

Rev. Richard DeArmey is pastor of the Waterloo church.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. Dr. Wm. Orr was guest speaker at the "Kick-off Banquet" for the Sunday-school attendance contest at the First Brethren Church on Sept. 22. Rev. Glenn O'Neal is pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. One hundred twenty-two were present at the midweek service Sept. 22. Rev. Russell Weber is pastor.

PHENIX CITY, ALA. (E/P). Evangelist Billy Graham's planned one-night revival in this one-time city of sin was called off after the town's military boss said he would "not allow" it. Maj. Gen. Walter J. (Crack) Hanna, commander of National Guardsmen patrolling the city under martial rule, ruled against the revival. He said his forces were not large enough to "cope with the size crowd" that would flood into town to see Graham.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The new Sunday-school order blanks for the Jan.-Mar. ('55) quarter have been mailed to the churches. Will the secretaries please return these at the earliest possible date to the Missionary Herald for prompt, speedy service. Your fine cooperation helps the Missionary Herald staff to help you.

RITTMAN, OHIO. Sunday School Emphasis Week was observed beginning Oct. 3 by the First Brethren Church. A goal was set for 261 in Sunday school. Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., is pastor.

SOUTH BEND, IND. Rev. R. I. Humbert was guest speaker at the Sunnymede Brethren Church Sept. 22. Rev. Russell Ogden is pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. A new Sunday-school building costing \$123,000 has been approved without a dissenting vote by the First Brethren Church. The new building will provide 75 percent more space for Sunday school than the church now has. Rev. James Dixon is pastor.

NASHVILLE, TENN. There has been a total attendance of 660,000 at the Billy Graham Crusade at Vanderbilt Stadium. Of these, 6,661 have made decisions for Christ.

DAYTON, OHIO. Ed Darling and a group of 16 musicians from the Voice of Christian Youth of Detroit, Mich., had charge of the service at the North Riverdale Brethren Church Oct. 3. Rev. Russell Ward is pastor-elect.

COVINGTON, VA. The softball team of the First Brethren Church won the sportsmanship award in the city league. Rev. Paul Mohler is pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. Meetings to be held at the North Buffalo church will be led by Bob Dain Oct. 18-30. Donald Rossman is pastor.

SHARPSVILLE, IND. The Grace Brethren Church has called Edward Clark to be pastor. Brother Clark, a student at Grace Seminary, was formerly pastor at Pond Bank, Chambersburg, Pa.

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GOING TO PORTLAND BY TRAIN?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR A
SPECIAL BRETHREN TRAIN?

This is a survey to determine how many Brethren people would be interested in going to our National Fellowship in Portland, Oreg., Aug. 10-17, 1955, by special train. Would you like to see the *Missionary Herald* sponsor reserved railroad cars (coach and Pullman) for the trip to Portland?

We would arrange for "Brethren cars" to be added at Pittsburgh, Pa., and passengers could be picked up all along the Pennsylvania line on its way to Chicago. At Chicago the train would be enlarged and we would all head for Portland, Oreg., via Union Pacific (Northwestern).

If such a plan is of interest to you, would you please drop a card to the Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind., at once? If there is sufficient interest, full information will be secured from the railroad company and further announcement will be published in the Herald. PLEASE SPECIFY COACH OR PULLMAN.

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WINONA LAKE, IND.

thy hired servants." It was brief and to the point. After all, his father may not take time to listen to any more.

As he reaches the brow of the last hill he can faintly see the outline of the trees, the house, and the barn. It isn't that the distance is so great as it is because he lost the keenness of sight in dissipation in the far country. For the last time he hesitates, to review his speech. He's gone over it often, but he wants to be sure to have it exactly to the point, especially that last part: "and I am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants."

His eyes were so dimmed by "the pleasures of sin for a season" he did not recognize the figure of a man on the housetop scanning the horizon. Day after day, night after night his father had spent long hours in prayer and in searching the horizon for the return of his son. It didn't take long for the father to recognize that bedraggled, forlorn, and helpless form as that of his son. Rushing down the steps and running down the road, he falls on his boy's neck and kisses him affectionately.

As they start down the road

toward home still embracing each other, the son begins his speech. He knew it so well; he had repeated it so many times to himself; but this time there dare not be any mistakes. And so he began: "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." He never finished that speech! His father cut it short with "Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry."

What a picture this is of God's salvation! Men have been receiving so many wonderful things from the hands of God, but dissipating themselves until, like the prodigal, some remember the Giver of all good things, come to themselves, and determine to make things right. Some think that if they can only get into the good graces of God sufficiently to be a servant, they will be satisfied. But little do they realize that they too will never finish that speech. The Word of God assures all those who make an honest confession of their sins before God and accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour will not be called "servants" but "sons." "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14). "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the Sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:1-2).

Why will men who have sinned against heaven and against God continue to live in the mire and filth of the hogpens of this world when they could be a son in the Father's household? The heavenly Father is still waiting to put His loving arms around your neck, plant kisses of affection on your cheeks, put the robe of His righteousness on your body and give you so many new things. He wants to announce to the household of heaven that he who was dead in trespasses and sins is now alive, not as a servant but as a son with all the privileges of sonship.

By REV. WM. H. SCHAFER

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One day a young man decided that he didn't care to live any longer under his father's roof, so he asked for his share of the inheritance. A few days later with packed bags and a wallet full of money he started out for distant lands. Laying aside the good instructions he was given at home, he indulged in many disgraceful pleasures until his money was all spent. With his money went his new-found "friends."

Crop failures in this country made work hard to get. The only available job was board and room feeding pigs. The room was with the pigs and the board was that which was thrown to the pigs. The colored preacher describing this scene as found in the 15th chapter of Mark, used to say, "First of all he lost his coat, and den he lost his shirt, and den he lost his undershirt, and den he came to himself." In any event, one day he surveyed his sad plight, made an accounting of his stock and came to the conclusion that he was bankrupt.

But there was one little ray of hope in the darkness of his despair. He remembered that his father had a host of hired servants. Now, if he could only get back home and apply for a job as one of them, it would at least be better company than that afforded by pigs, and for sure the bill of fare would be more appetizing. Making his way back home and applying for a job as a hired servant was not going to be just that simple. Between pig feedings he worked hard on a speech to deliver to his father. After several attempts, he condensed it to this: "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of



THE UNFINISHED SPEECH . . .

THE SCRIPTURAL TEACHING ON

JUDGMENT

The Word of God reveals both temporal and final judgments. An example of a temporal judgment is given in Acts 7:7. Here, God is judging the Egyptian nation for the sake of His people. An example of the final judgment of God is found in John 12:48: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

Temporal Judgment

Although God is still judging temporarily, He is seemingly quiet in His actions of judgment. During this age of grace He is allowing the "rain to fall upon the just and the unjust." God is allowing the "tares" to grow with the rest of the grain. Actually, during this age of grace, the Christian is the one that needs to fear God's judgment. "For whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth." Chastisement from the Father is upon the believer when he falls into persistent and willful sin. "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with this world" (I Cor. 11:31-32).

Final Judgment

Final judgment is declared in the Scripture (I Tim. 4:1), and is demanded by the very character of God (Psa. 50:21; cf. Psa. 84:14). Final judgment is necessary to mete out justice, for justice is not perfectly done in this life (Luke 16:25).

Although judgment belongs to God (Heb. 12:23), the Lord Jesus Christ has been given the task of final judgment. "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (John 5:22). Christ was not given this only because He was God, but because as God and man He understands human life by personal experience (John 5:27; cf. I Tim. 2:5). Therefore, Christ is a perfect and righteous Judge.

The "day" of judgment, which follows the second coming of our Lord, is made up of different final judgments, and does not necessarily mean that all these judgments will happen in a 24-hour period. The different judgments, listed in the Scripture,

that are still future are: The works of the believer (II Cor. 5:10); the living Israelites (Ezek. 20:23-38); the judgment of living nations (Matt. 25:31-46); the judgment of the dead (Rev. 20:1-15); and the judgment of angels (Jude 6-7).

Cross of All Final Judgment

The cross is one final judgment that is past, and conditions the future for all other judgments. At this judgment, Christ was made to be sin for us (Isa. 53:6-10), and we, as believers, are identified with him. "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

The cross of Christ reveals the righteous judgment of God (Rom. 3:25), and becomes the great judge (separator) of men. "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

Final Judgment and the Believer

According to the final judgment of the cross the child of God, under grace, shall not come into judgment (John 5:24), and all the penalty for sin past, present, and future has been born by Christ the perfect substitute (Col. 2:13). Not only is the believer placed beyond condemnation, but he is accepted by God in the perfection of Christ (I Cor. 1:30), and he is loved by the Father the same as Christ (John 17:23).

When we stand before the judgment seat of Christ at His coming, it is not to determine whether or not we are saved or lost, but it is to determine the reward or loss of reward for service rendered. Those who stand before the judgment seat of Christ will not only be saved and safe, but already in heaven; not on the grounds of merit or works, but on the ground of divine grace (Eph. 2:8-9). Because we are under grace, the character and service does not, and cannot, in anyway effect one's eternal salvation.

Before "the throne of his glory" there is a reward on the basis of service, but this is apart from per-

sonal salvation (Matt. 25:31). Read I Corinthians 3:9-15. The "ye" and "we" include all who are saved, and exclude all who are not saved. After presenting the Corinthians with the Gospel by which they were saved ("the rock Christ Jesus"), Paul says that all believers are building a superstructure on the same foundation, and that they should take heed in their building. Some build out of wood, hay, or stubble, and the fire destroys it, but some build out of gold, silver, and precious stones, and the fire only purifies it. To the one whose work shall abide, a reward shall be given, but the one whose work burns, shall suffer loss—not his salvation, which is secured by the finished work of Christ, but his reward.

Final Judgment of the Unbeliever

At the great white throne judgment, the unsaved are to be judged "according to their works" (Rev. 20:11-15). It is not the purpose of this judgment to determine whether or not these are lost, but it determines the degree of penalty which shall fall upon them. Those without Christ, whose righteousness was never more than "filthy rags," can never hope to use those kind of works to escape eternal judgment. We, as believers, have appropriated Christ's righteousness, and therefore we do not fall into condemnation. The one who goes into eternity without Christ is without hope.

When we see these fearful and eternal judgments of God, that exercise grace to us who believe in His Son, it certainly behooves us to say, "Thank God for His unspeakable gift."



By REV. LESTER SMITLEY

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The Brethren Missionary Herald

THE MENTION of the name Jonah causes most people to immediately associate him with a whale. Although the unusual experience of Jonah causes them to make this association, the whale plays a minor role in the purpose and message of the book.

The real purpose of the Book of Jonah is to reveal God's compassion for sinners and His desire that they might repent and be saved. The Lord wanted to use Jonah to bring salvation to the sinful people of Nineveh, but Jonah proved to be a reluctant servant.

Nineveh was quite a large city. Some have estimated its population as about one-half million people. Not only was it large in number, but it was a very wicked city. It was a religious city that had turned from serving the true and living God to one made with man's hands. They worshiped idols which had bodies resembling animals and heads like that of men. Their pagan worship had led them into all sorts of sinful licentious practices.

The Lord spoke to Jonah and told him He could not tolerate their sin any longer. He asked Jonah to go down to Nineveh and preach against their wickedness (1:2). But Jonah was not willing to go. He foolishly decided that this was one job he was not going to do and started to run away from the Lord. So the Lord sent His "detectives" after Jonah. First He sent a great wind, but Jonah slept through it. Then the shipmaster rebuked him, asking him to call upon his God. (1:6). Shortly afterward the sailors questioned him, and he confessed that he was fleeing from the Lord. So with his permission they cast him overboard. Fi-

nally, the last "detective," the great fish, caught up with him (1:17). Now that he was caught, Jonah began to plead for mercy and promised the Lord he would go to Nineveh if He would only get him out of this predicament (2:9). The Lord was willing to let him prove himself and caused the great fish to deliver him back to the place from which he started to run away from the Lord.

Again the Lord asked Jonah to go to Nineveh and preach against its sinfulness. How gracious God is when we have been disobedient and unwilling to serve Him to give us a second opportunity! Although Jonah still wasn't eager to go, he had learned that the consequences of disobedience were bitter and he didn't want another experience like the former one.

This time Jonah went to Nineveh and began to preach against their sin. He journeyed through the city calling on them to repent, and warning them that failure to repent would bring God's judgment upon the city in 40 days (3:4). He had preached only one day until the people began to repent. They believed God and repented, from the king down to the lowliest peasant. They demonstrated their repentance by wearing sackcloth, and fasting. God was pleased that they repented and He extended mercy and pardon.

Jonah didn't like it because God extended mercy. In fact, he was exceedingly displeased and began to sulk. He reminded the Lord that he had told Him what would happen. He showed his displeasure that God had forgiven their sin by going outside the city. Herein he sat looking at the city and sulking.

The Lord had another lesson to

teach Jonah, so He graciously caused a gourd to grow over Jonah's shelter to shade him from the sun. Jonah appreciated the gourd very much. But the next day the Lord sent a worm to destroy the gourd. The gourd withered and died and poor Jonah was furious.

Then the Lord came to Jonah and made application from this experience to teach him a lesson he needed to learn. The Lord reminded Jonah that he had been greatly concerned over a gourd which had only a fleeting temporal value but that the Lord was concerned over several thousand souls of infinite eternal value. Jonah's sense of values needed to be righted. He was concerned about a gourd which brought a few hours of personal pleasure to him but was not concerned about precious lost souls. He didn't care if God punished them for their sin, but God was not willing that even one should be lost.

The message of the Book of Jonah reveals God's concern for lost men and the efforts to which He goes to bring them to salvation. We need to learn the lesson Jonah did and be willing servants rather than reluctant servants for our Lord. We must be more concerned about those who are lost and are going out into eternity without Christ. Often we're more concerned about that which brings personal pleasure to us than we are in making a determined effort to win the lost and get them to repent of their sin and live for Christ. If we shirk from the job of soul-winning and personal witnessing, we are just as guilty as Jonah of running away from the Lord. Let's be more concerned about the souls of men than about our personal "gourd" that brings pleasure to us.



JONAH

A RELUCTANT SERVANT

By REV. RALPH HALL

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Defined—

There has been some difficulty in making distinction between the sin offering and the trespass offering. This confusion is a result of the translation of Leviticus 5:6, where the word "trespass-offering" appears, thus the first 12 verses of chapter 5 have been wrongly applied to the trespass offering rather than the sin offering which it speaks about.

The distinguishing difference between the sin and trespass offering simply stated is this: The sin offering was for a sin of error, or as Keil defined them, "sinning unintentionally; hence all sins as spring from the weaknesses of the flesh, as distinguished from sins committed with a high hand, or defiant rebellion of God." On the other hand, the trespass offering, or guilt offering, was for special sins by which the person had contracted guilt and there was a need for restitution.

Occasions for the Guilt Offering—

There were three kinds of offenses which are mentioned requiring the trespass offering to be made:

(1) Neglect in presenting to Jehovah His holy gifts. This included the neglect of giving of the tithes and first fruits to God according to the instruction given to Israel.

(2) In violation of the commandments of God. Even though this offense was committed in ignorance, it was still necessary for the offering to be made. It seems that this offense differed from the first in that no material or holy things were withheld from God, but rather the breaking of one of the commandments.

(3) Violation of the property rights of a neighbor. This involved the taking from a neighbor, or keeping from him, something that had been entrusted and unlawfully withheld. The swearing spoken of in regard to the property involves a fraud not only against the neighbor but God.

The Offering Itself—

The offering consisted of the offender bringing a ram to the priest and an evaluation of the animal was made for value. The ram was killed much in the same manner as the sin offering. The thing that sets this offering apart from the others is the bringing of the animal and the restitution for the wrong that was done. So not only is there the sacrifice of the ram but also the repayment of the wrong.

In the case of a neglect or non-payment of the tithes and the first fruits to God, the offender made a payment of the amount withheld from the Lord plus an additional one-fifth. So we see it is not only a matter of sacrifice for forgiveness but also restitution.

In the case where a neighbor was involved, the false oath brought about a sin against God as well as man. It was necessary to repay the neighbor plus one-fifth and the offering of the ram for sacrifice. It is also interesting to note that before the sacrifice of the ram could be accepted, restitution had to be made. In other words, no forgiveness without first a basis for it which was found in the repayment.

Meaning of the Guilt Offering—

The significance to Israel was that when sin was committed against Jehovah, even though it was not intentional, there had to be a satisfactory restitution made before the ram was accepted. It points to the fact that justice is involved as a necessary basis of all sins and offenses, before God can work in the behalf of the sinner.

Let us see if there are any practical applications for us. First, it calls attention to the fact that each of us as sinners have guilt upon us. Even the love of God was not in itself satisfactory grounds for God merely to forget about our sins. God had to have a basis for looking upon us in a way to bring satisfaction to himself. This happened when Jesus made payment of the debt for us on the cross. Thus we see from the picture that there is no acceptance of forgiveness with God until justice is done.

There may be another thought that we might draw from this guilt offering. The Israelite knew that he would not be forgiven by merely presenting a ram to the priest. He knew that the practical aspect of repayment to the neighbor or to God plus one-fifth was absolutely necessary. I would like to make this observation: sometimes we lightly ask God to forgive an offense we might have committed against a "neighbor" when we know that restitution should have been made to that neighbor before we came to the altar of prayer. In this case, will God hear the prayer for forgiveness? The act of restitution before coming to the altar can for us be the basis or proof of our sincerity in wanting real forgiveness.



The Guilt Offering

(LEVITICUS 5:14-16:7)



By Rev. Charles W. Turner
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OUR MODERATOR SPEAKS

A STRAIGHT COURSE THROUGH TROUBLED WATERS

By Rev. R. Paul Miller

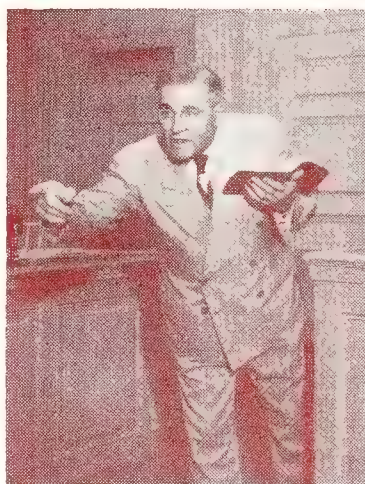
"Confusion" is a proper word for world conditions today. When Jesus said that the closing days of this age would find the nations in distress and perplexity, He certainly described the world as it is now. "Perplexity" means "to know not what to do." No word could better picture the state of this world of men from every angle.

The confusion within the nations of Europe, such as France, where there are 13 different factions, results in a striving against each other. The nations of Central and South America are in a constant state of upheaval. Africa and Asia are a seething cauldron of economic turmoil and war. Our own land is contorted with half-socialism and half-capitalism, and a national debt greater than the combined value of all our real estate. Statesmen are rushing about as never before in history trying to patch up some sort of peace and stability among the nations. Beside all this, all free nations shudder at the prospect of imminent atomic obliteration of hundreds of millions of their people, and the steady creeping paralysis of communism.

There is confusion within organized labor with communistic agitators trying to seize control. Capitalism is in confusion, with some foolish capitalists actually financing the communistic cause, thus cutting their own throats.

There is confusion in education, where now the teaching of philosophies of materialism, socialism, communism, and collectivism have taken preeminence over the basic elements of true education. Where the theory of organic evolution is taught—based upon nothing more than the figment of imagination—youth is told that they are different from animals only in degree, but not in kind. The Christian teacher has been barred and the infidel welcomed.

But the worst confusion is in religion, Romanism, modernism, liberalism, fundamentalism, and Pentecostalism are each striving for the mastery. Now comes the World Council of Churches, meeting 1,500 strong in Evanston, Ill., making every effort to show that it is speaking for the Protestants of the world. An "ecumenical" assembly they call it.



Rev. R. Paul Miller

That simply means worldwide in scope. Its trouble-brewing report declared approval of the "social welfare" states (Communist), and urges all Christians in all lands to work for this so-called "social justice." Christians are urged to cooperate with the Communist states in a "peaceful coexistence" that would be similar to that between the rabbit and the boa constrictor in the same cage!

There was endless talk about "social injustice," "economic inequality," "outlawing war," "conflicts between Christianity and capitalism," and finally that we must not be concerned only with ultimate redemption, but with the making of a better society here on earth. We searched the entire report of the World Council of Churches for one declaration by any speaker that the real and basic cause of the world's troubles was "sin," but found none. Certainly the Lord Jesus is concerned about the social state of man, especially those who believe in Him as their personal Saviour. Certainly the Scriptures are replete with directions as to how Christian employers should treat their employees, and how employees should treat their employers. Certainly the Word is clear as to how hard employees are to work for their employer.

But these social directions are but a *result* of preaching the Gospel. The kingdom of God is not going to be brought about on earth through any means but the preaching and

acceptation of the Gospel of Christ. Right doing, or right relations cannot be realized nor maintained among any men but those who have Christ in their hearts, and who are "born of the Spirit of God." It can never be brought about by running to Washington and by getting high-type moral laws passed, thereby forcing ideals upon men who are rebels against God. Such laws could only be kept by those who have God's Spirit in their hearts.

Through these confused times and troubled seas, we, as those who speak for God in this world, must steer a straight course. Our course was laid out for us 2,000 years ago by the Lord from heaven. He gave the only way to bring about a decent world to live in, as well as the only way to prepare a world of lost men for the fellowship with God in heaven. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The man who preaches the Gospel is doing more to make this world fit to live in than all the social schemers, legislators, and social-staters that ever lived. Get men right with God and they will be right with every human relationship on earth. Those who have lost their faith in the supernatural power of the Gospel to transform men, naturally turn to the schemes of the flesh as a substitute.

We dare not be sidetracked. We must keep to our great charge given to us by our great Lord of heaven—to preach the Gospel as never before.

During the last war many American planes were not reaching their bombing target. The commanding officer found that the crews were paying more attention to escaping ground fire than to getting through to the target. Then orders went out: "Stick to your course. Reach your objective. Ignore the ground fire, but bomb the target."

If others choose to ignore their maps, and throw away their compass, that is their responsibility. No matter what the casualties, when our Lord comes, let Him find the Brethren right over the target, giving out the Gospel! Winning souls! The victory is up to Him!



Seattle, Wash.

The View Ridge Brethren Church of Seattle is praising the Lord for His blessings during their "first" evangelistic meeting, September 12-19, under the leadership of the newly organized Crusade Team Two, with one very fine boy accepting Christ as His Saviour and 18 other Christian adults and young people making some definite and important decisions for Christ.

God spoke to hearts through the heartsearching, challenging messages of Evangelist Archie L. Lynn, coupled with the very fine music under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Colburn. The team was also used to bring real blessing into the homes of many of the members of the church, along with real help given in house-to-house calling.

While of just one week's duration, the special effort was used of the Lord to set a new Sunday-school attendance record of 62. The faithful attendance of many was praise-worthy—some attending every service in spite of the fact that they traveled long distances nightly.

God blessed this effort in spite of the limitations of a parsonage for the services, but we urge our Brethren to pray with us that soon God will enable us to erect our building, providing more adequate facilities for the job to be done.—*Thomas E. Hammers, pastor.*

Seattle, Wash., is a city of more than a half million souls in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

It was a great privilege for Crusade Team Two to unite with Rev. and Mrs. Hammers in their first evangelistic effort. The meetings were held in the parsonage. The Lord was precious. There were 19 decisions.

The team in cooperation with the pastor made many calls in the com-

munity. Rev. and Mrs. Hammers are doing an excellent job.

A beautiful lot has been purchased in an ideal spot. It is the dream and determination of the pastor and his faithful group to erect a building on this site to God's glory. Pray for this work.

We are grateful for all the kindnesses shown to Team Two. We never fellowshiped with a finer people and more faithful pastor. We predict great victories for this group if the Lord tarries.—*Archie L. Lynn, evangelist.*

Garwin, Iowa

God blessed the Garwin congregation in many ways during the recent meeting just closed. It was launched without any advance notice. The congregation wanted a meeting, but there was no time. Then when a date suddenly was possible, the pastor "snatched it up." It was decided at National Conference just a week before starting. But the Lord was there and as word gradually got around that a meeting was going on, the attendance increased until on the first Sunday morning we had the largest attendance at any revival service the church has enjoyed for years.

Some fine young married couples came wholly to Christ. During the meeting the Lord led in plans for the launching of a boys club, a laymen's group, and a vigorous young people's work.

This Garwin congregation has the potential power of becoming one of our strongest churches. They now have adults, they have young people, and they have growing boys. They have financial resources equal to any rural church in our brotherhood. What is more, the men of the church are getting a new vision of what God expects of them, and what they can do for Him.

The pastor, R. Paul Miller, Jr., is loved by his people, and many there were who said to me, "Don't let them take our pastor away from us." With the congregation faithfully supporting the pastor as he leads in days ahead, there will be a new story written of Carlton Church that will be good to read. We greatly enjoyed



Stanley H. Ireland (right), president of the Long Beach division, Christian Endeavor Societies, is shown inspecting the new perpetual trophy given by A. H. Kent (left), for award to the Christian Endeavor representative and church contributing the most to the program of Christian Endeavor in the Long Beach area. The trophy is inscribed "The A. H. Kent Honorary Award for Outstanding Service to Christ Through Christian Endeavor."

Mr. Kent is a member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., and has been active in Christian Endeavor work for many years. He is the father of Dr. Homer Kent, professor at Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind.

this meeting at Garwin.—*R. Paul Miller, evangelist, Crusade Team One.*

We are thankful to God for the excellent leadership of Crusade Team One in our recent concentrated efforts for revival.

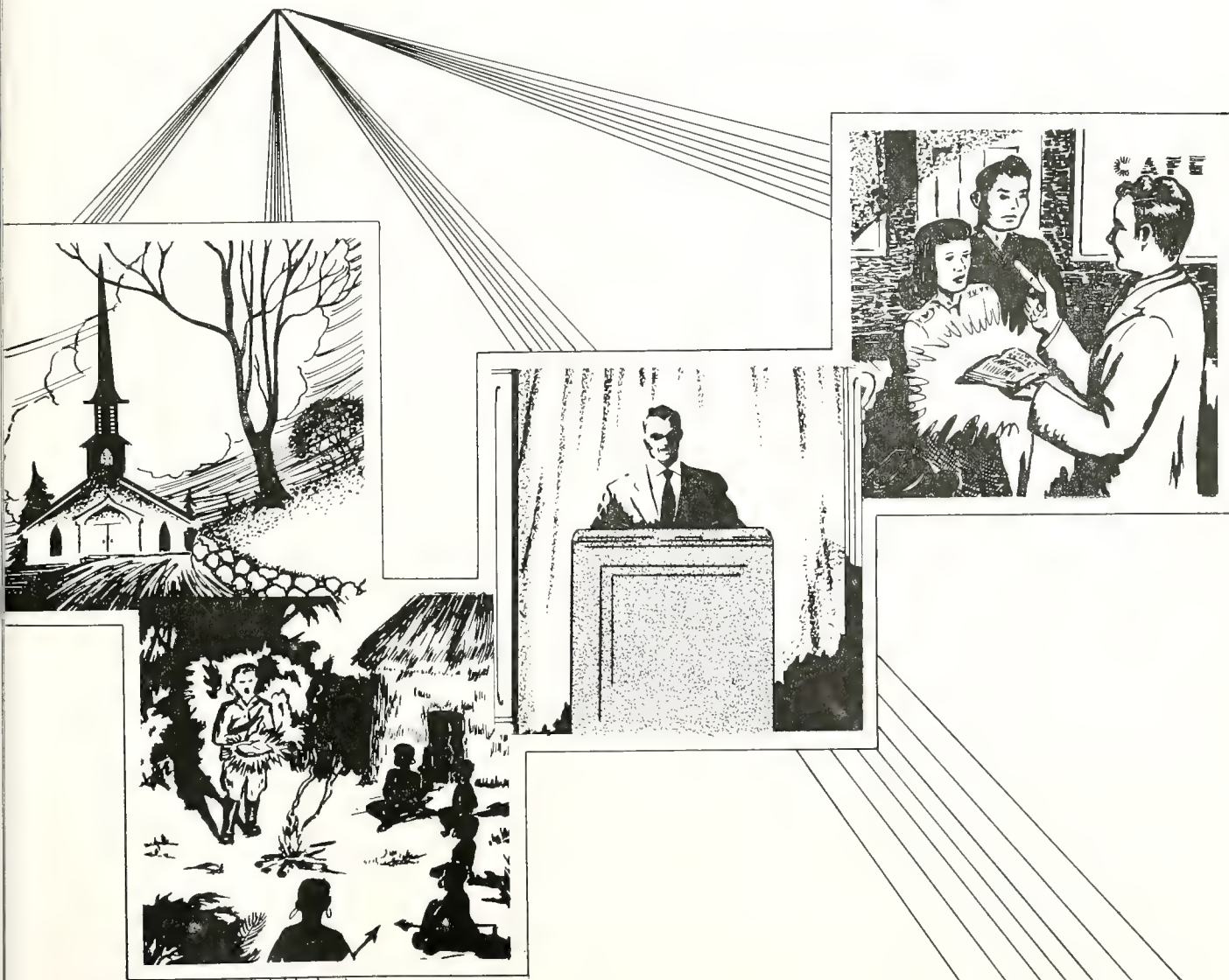
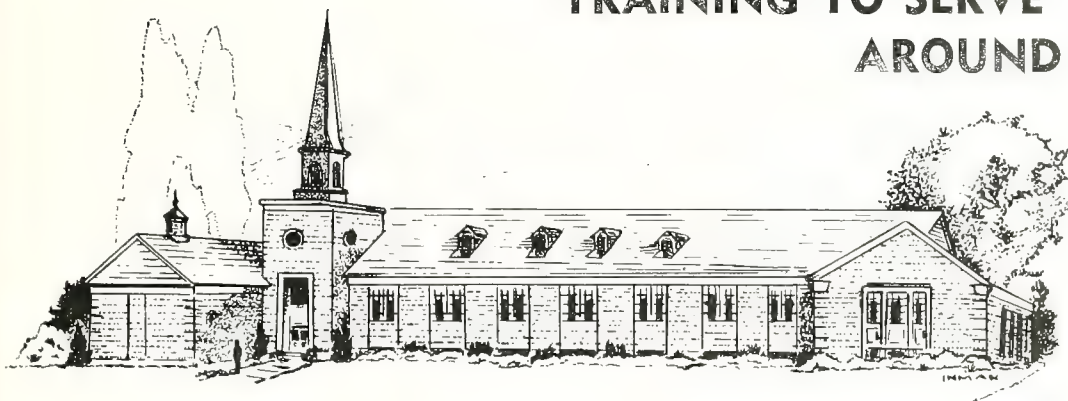
There was very little time for preparation, but souls were saved, lives were rededicated, and Christians were awakened to their responsibility to reach the lost for Christ. We believe that the foundation has been laid for building in this community a stronger testimony for the glory of God.—*R. Paul Miller, Jr., pastor.*

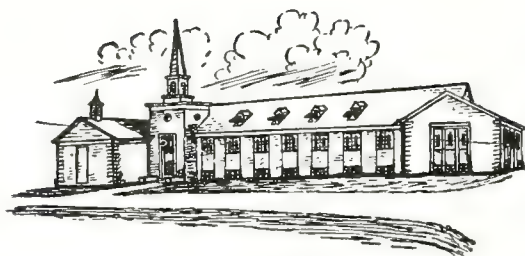
Often the best favor you can do yourself is to deny yourself a favor.—*Selected.*

The Brethren Missionary Herald

RACE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND COLLEGE

TRAINING TO SERVE
AROUND THE WORLD





Would You Vote to Close This Building?

The very question is probably both shocking and abhorrent to you! But before you answer too quickly, consider the facts.

During the month of September one year ago, Grace Seminary and College received for its General Fund offerings amounting to \$4,956.83.

During the month of September this year, the offerings received for the same purpose amounted to \$2,302.54.

The offering last month was therefore less than half the amount received during the same period a year ago.

It is necessary for the school to receive an average of not less than \$6,000 each month in addition to its other sources of income in order to care for the very minimum amount necessary to operate the school.

We have asked the Lord to supply through His people 6,000 gifts of not less than \$1 each month. For this purpose the Monthly Finance Plan envelopes have been provided.

Do you have a set of envelopes? Have you made your gift this month? Or have you just forgotten? Your gift is a "vote." How are you voting?

Pastors, will you call the attention of your people to the Monthly Plan envelopes and to this need?

Financial secretary and treasurers, will you please see that the offerings are forwarded regularly to the school?

Make this a record month by including in your offering the "votes" you have missed.

Pray daily for Grace Seminary and College. Your responsibility and ours for 250 students is great! We dare not fail.

NEW ORGAN

For Grace Seminary and College

By Donald Ogden, Assistant Professor in Music

From the earliest centuries of recorded history men have derived pleasure from the music they have produced by blowing into reeds and pipes. However, the perpetual unrest in man demanded music on a larger scale and with less effort on his part in its production. His inventive genius came into play, and he was soon creating air pressure by means of water wheels and bellows, and thus was able to supply sufficient air for larger reeds and pipes.

Whereas at first a stop-like slider was drawn out from each pipe to allow the air to enter, keys were later developed which put the pipes in action by a firm application of the fist. Later such advancement was made that a thumb and finger would suffice to depress a key, and finally the keyboard as we know it today made the sounding of tones comparatively effortless.

DEVELOPMENT OF KEYS

The early pipe organs were limited to as few as twenty pipes, the ranges increasing as the mechanical facility was improved, until we find the pipes numbering in the thousands in large organs today. These early instruments had, from all accounts, an overpowering tone. One tenth-century organ of 400 pipes enjoyed the reputation of being able to send its tones into the most remote section of the city. It is no wonder that at first many churches fought the acceptance of organs as instruments of worship.

With the passing of years many improvements have been made in the quality of tones produced and in the mechanical devices which make playing more pleasant for the organist. Today a fine pipe organ in the proper setting, with a master at its console, is the source of a thrilling musical experience with which very little can compare.

The present century has seen a new trend in organ building. The field of electronics has yielded an unlimited source of pitches and tone colors from which almost any tone in nature can be imitated. Thus the scientists can produce the tone of a pipe, a reed, or a string without the use of air pressure.

To the church around the corner this means that it is now possible to have an organ which is at least a fair imitation of a small pipe organ, without incurring the expense of air compressors and costly organ pipes, without giving up precious space to a vast array of equipment, and without the tremendous cost of keeping an elaborate mechanism in good repair. Much is still to be desired in the development of this imitation of the pipe



organ, and yet the heights already obtained are almost unbelievable.

THE NEW SCHOOL ORGAN

Through the generosity of one of our Brethren couples, the Lord has provided Grace Seminary and College with a new electronic organ. This instrument, a Concert Baldwin, is one of the largest and finest of the electronic organs on the market today. It excels both in the quality and rich variety of tones and in the ease with which it can be played by anyone familiar with traditional organ registration.

This organ is already meeting the need of preparing students to go out from this school with the ability to meet the increased demand for trained organists in our churches. In addition to meeting this very urgent need, the use of the organ in our chapel has enhanced the services of both the school and the Winona Lake Brethren Church, and has brought much pleasure to every one of us.

THE ORGAN DEDICATION

Having already enjoyed for several weeks the rich music of the new chapel organ, the student body and faculty assembled with many friends on the morning of Friday, October 8, for its formal dedication to the Lord.

Guest organist for the occasion was Miss Katherine Carmichael, a past dean of the Missouri chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and a regular organist of many years standing for the Winona Lake summer Bible conferences. Miss Carmichael very capably displayed the versatility of the organ in her artistic renderings of five organ solos and her accompaniment of the college choir and the congregational hymns.

After a brief history of the development of the organ by Prof. Donald Ogden, Dr. Paul Bauman expressed appreciation on behalf of the school for the gift which made the purchasing of the organ possible. He also revealed something of what the organ will mean to the school, not only from the standpoint of enjoyment, but with respect to its usefulness in the training program.

The dedication was read by Prof. Homer Kent, Jr., with the responses by the congregation, and Dr. McClain led in the dedicatory prayer. The entire service was marked by an attitude of praise in the hearts of all for every blessing God has so graciously bestowed upon us at Grace.

THE PREACHER AND HIS STUDY

By Dr. Homer A. Kent, Professor of Practical Theology

A noted English barrister once said, "Cases are won in chambers." The success or failure of the lawyer is determined by the research he does in his own private office more than by the extemporary wit or appeal which he may display in the public court. It is very much the same with the minister of the Gospel. His success or failure in the pulpit is largely decided by the attention he gives to his study. Faithful and continued study habits will result in a constructive and growing preaching ministry. On the other hand, neglect at this point is bound to manifest itself in a shallowness in pulpit ministry that smacks of superficiality. As a result of failure in study habits some preachers in the pulpit on Sunday remind you of a football game played in a fog. You know something is going on but don't know exactly what!

The preacher needs a dedicated *place* for his study. If possible, it is best that this place shall be at the church. It is difficult to obtain the necessary privacy at the minister's home, especially if there are growing children in the house. But it is possible, and if it is necessary to have the study at home, it should be made as private as possible. In his study the pastor should have gathered about him all the things necessary to his study and work, such as desk, library, telephone, typewriter, filing cases, records, stationery, et cetera. It should be a well-provisioned office set apart for the carrying on of the biggest business in the world.

MAINTAIN REGULAR HOURS

The preacher needs also to have *regular hours* for his study. Let the people of your church know what these hours are so that they will come to respect them. Regular hours for study will be a great aid to the minister's efficiency. Dr. John Henry Jowett, a great pulpiteer of another generation, counseled out of his long and ripe experience that ministers should be systematic and businesslike in their work, even as systematic and businesslike as the businessman. He said, "Enter your study at an appointed hour, and let the hour be as early as the earliest of your businessmen goes to his office. I remember, in my earlier days, how I used to hear the factory operatives passing my house on the way to the mills at 6 o'clock. I can recall the sound of their iron-clogs ringing through the street. The sound of the clogs fetched me out of bed and took me to my work . . . shall their minister be behind them in his quest of the Bread of Life?" Conditions may have changed since the days of Jowett, and the minister with so many night engagements may have to regulate his time a bit differently, but the principle is the same.

Regular hours will keep the minister from wasting time. They will keep him from trifling. They will give the people of the church and community a better appreciation of the minister's work. Dr. George Truett, late pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas Tex., speak-

ing before a large group of ministers in Washington, D. C., once said in the hearing of the writer that some ministers reminded him of an elephant trying to pick up pins. They spend too much time on trifles. The minister is called as a leader in the biggest business in the world and he should so discipline himself that he will not squander his time on things of minor importance.

HAVE A STUDY SCHEDULE

Moreover, the preacher ought to have a *plan* for his study program. He ought to adopt some sort of a working schedule. If the minister does not have a plan for his study hours, he is apt to waste many precious moments.



Dr. Kent in His Library

He needs to have his study hours so planned that a definite time will be set aside to prepare for sermons, Bible-study classes, prayer-meeting meditation, radio talks, Sunday-school classes, et cetera. When the minister enters his study each day, he should know exactly what he expects to do. It is a commendable idea, followed by some ministers, to make out a weekly schedule on paper, blocking out the morning hours at least of each day and assigning particular tasks for each of the hours. Of course, any schedule that the minister may make will have to be elastic enough to allow for unavoidable interruptions. Every minister has many of them and oftentimes in their connection some of his most effective ministry is accomplished. But, in spite of frequent interruptions, the planned schedule is an essential factor in the

minister's program. It is probably the best policy to set aside the morning hours, when the mind is freshest, for study purposes and to use the afternoon for pastoral visitation and other responsibilities.

Furthermore, the preacher should *never* cease his study habits. Once a pastor or Christian worker ceases studying, his ministry will begin to lose its luster and effectiveness. It is folly to suppose that a preacher can continue to draw upon his study of early years and the notes he gathered while in seminary to keep him going without continually searching out new truth. The failure here has been responsible for many ministers being laid on the shelf far too soon. But, as someone has said, there is no deadline for a live man. Paul gave no age limit in his exhortation: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

KEEP ON READING

Again, the preacher needs to *give attention to reading*. This likewise was a Pauline injunction to Timothy and to every other "man of God" in the ministry. Bacon said: "Conversation makes a ready man; reading makes a full man; and writing an exact man." The minister needs to develop all three of these faculties, but special emphasis seems to be laid in the Scripture on the importance of reading in order to keep the minister familiar with the things of the Lord in their many aspects and also with what is going on in the world. Such reading will give him a vast fund of illustrative material and will enable him to preach more directly to the needs of the people. It is interesting to note that Paul, the aged, when in prison and looking toward his execution in the near future was still interested in his books (II Tim. 4:13). He wanted to read and study. Such a man will always have a ministry. Listen to John Wesley as he wrote to a minister who had neglected reading and study: "Hence your talent in preaching does not increase; it is just the same as it was seven years ago. It is lively, but not deep; there is little variety; there is no compass of thought. Reading only can supply this. You can never be a deep preacher without it, any more than a thorough Christian." Wesley exemplified his theory by his practice, spending much time reading while in the saddle riding from place to place on horseback meeting his many appointments.

In keeping with a faithful pursuance of the preacher's study habits, he will need to accumulate a *well-chosen library*. Since most ministers have to watch their financial budget quite closely, the minister will need to adopt some regular plan for the growth of his library and should seek to procure source books; that is, books which will be of continued use all through his ministry—not books which are good to read once but will be of little help thereafter.

Care in the matters discussed in the foregoing paragraphs will contribute toward a stronger, more effective ministry. Some giants in the Word will arise to grace our pulpits and bless our church.

GOSPEL TEAMS AVAILABLE TO NEARBY CHURCHES

It is now possible over weekends for Grace Seminary and College to supply churches near the school with gospel teams. There is much student talent this year, and such teams are prepared to care for entire services. Churches interested should write to Gospel Team Chairman Max Fluke, Winona Lake, Ind.

The Science Book Catches Up

By Jesse D. Humbert

Assistant Professor in Science and Mathematics

The Bible declares in Genesis 2:15 that the very first man was created by God and placed in the Garden of Eden to dress it and keep it. The evolutionist has denied such achievement, and has proposed his own theories regarding the origin of man and his development through a long series of animal-like ancestors. However, he is continually being embarrassed when new discoveries disprove some part of his theory.

A popular physical science textbook used in American colleges, in the edition printed February 1950, states in the first chapter:

"Who was the first to kindle a fire and how was it done? Who invented the earliest stone implements? Was it the *Pitldown Man*, with whose remains some crude flints have been found? Who first used a spoken language?" . . .

More than 40 years ago a skull was uncovered in Pitldown, England, which paleontologists asserted dated back some 500,000 years. This assertion crept into nearly every zoology textbook and encyclopedia as a scientific fact. A source book in anthropology quotes A. Hrdlicka in the Smithsonian Report for 1913 as saying: "It appears to the author that it is no longer possible to regard the jaw as that of a chimpanzee or any other anthropoid ape, but that it is the jaw of either a human precursor or very early man."

In the latter part of 1953, however, the jawbone was proved to be that of a modern ape, and the legend of the Pitldown Man was shattered. It was found that the skull had been treated with chemicals to give it an aged appearance.

A later edition of the same physical science textbook mentioned above, printed in November 1953, is revised to state:

"Who was the first to kindle a fire and how was it done? Who invented the earliest stone implements? Was it the *Neanderthal Man*, who lived in Central Europe during the old Stone Age? Who first used a spoken language?" . . .

And so the science books of men are changed again. How thankful Christians should be that their salvation does not depend upon the theories or opinions of even the most learned men, but upon Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

GIFTS TO GRACE SEMINARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1954

Akron, Ohio	\$400.00	Rittman, Ohio	\$33.00
Altونا, Pa. (Grace) ..	4.00	Sharpville, Ind.	5.00
Berrien Springs, Mich.	2.05	Temple City, Calif.	25.00
Cherry Valley, Calif. .	9.50	Troy, Ohio	43.59
Clay City, Ind.	14.00	Uniontown, Pa.	12.00
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	10.00	Waterloo, Iowa	62.25
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio .	90.32	Whittier, Calif.	5.00
Dallas Center, Iowa .	2.00	Winona Lake, Ind.	110.00
Dayton, Ohio (First) .	100.00	Yukima, Wash.	36.91
Everett, Pa.	22.00	Yellow Creek, Pa.	18.00
Flora, Ind.	44.00	Non-Brethren	188.75
Fort Wayne, Ind.	1.00	Anonymous	16.00
Glendale, Calif.	10.00	Isolated	101.00
Jenners, Pa.	13.00		
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	30.00	Total General Fund..	2,392.54
Limestone, Tenn.	7.00	Designated Funds—	
Long Beach, Calif. (1)	820.12	Winona Lake, Ind.	104.00
Los Angeles, Calif. (1)	29.00	Johnstown, Pa. (1) .	40.00
Summit Mills, Pa.	9.00	Non-Brethren	125.00
New Troy, Mich.	21.00		
Portland, Oreg.	9.00	Total Designated F'ds	269.00

STUDENT NEWS

Editor's Note—Many of our readers throughout the church, as well as a large number of our students, have urged us to resume printing a page of student news. We are glad to comply with these requests and present to our readers Mr. Norman Rohrer, whose interesting accounts, particularly about his work in Alaska during the summer, have appeared recently in the Herald. Norman is a graduate of Wheaton College and is a midwinter in the seminary. He is financing his way through school by writing feature articles and stories for various Christian magazines. Herald readers will find his student news interesting and informative concerning life at Grace Seminary and College. Call the attention of young people to this page.—P.R.B.

WE CANNOT BUT SPEAK

Chapel testimonies of the year's first "prayer and praise" service led by Dr. Kent, rang with victory.



Norman Rohrer

Archie Keffer, obligated to pay a thousand-dollar hospital bill for care of his wife this past summer, told how a benefactor handed him a check for that amount! Walt Blackwell, confiding that his job wasn't the world's most lucrative, found that he still had no mean reserve in spite of school expenses, and praised the Lord.

Dean Fetterhoff reported a conversion at a service station in North Webster, and Dick Sellers requested prayer for a couple who asked him to come to their home and explain the Gospel.

Other students, some babes from recent conversions, gave short, pointed testimonies concerning their joy in this privileged school position, and the opportunities thereof.

MR. PRESIDENT

By a majority vote, Nathan Meyer was elected president of the student body last week. Glen Lockwood is vice president; Helen Taber, secretary; and Charles Johnson, treasurer. Practical Works Department is directed by Max Fluke, while Don Hocking directs seminary student activity, and Roy Dice the college student activity.

In his inauguration address (four minutes) Meyer, pastor of the aggressive Leesburg Brethren Church, said, "Pray for me." And when the storm of applause for Ex-President Kettenring's services lessened, Joel bowed, then waved to Meyer and said to the applauding students, "He'll need it!"

WHAT'S THAT, A HEAD?

Psychology Teacher Ralph Gilbert has finally got his brains! After waiting two years, he got them in the mail last week, packaged by the Turtox Latex Models Company, Chicago.

Now students of general psychology need no longer chant, "Have you got your brains?" every time their prof. takes his chair. They're piled on the desk in four pieces, including everything from olfactory to cerebellum, housed in a scalpless head made of unbreakable rubber. "Worth waiting for!"

FRUSTRATIONS FOR FRESHMEN

Sophomores held freshmen in subjection for five initiating days in beanies, pretzels for earrings, tin cans



Freshmen Ron Henry (Waterloo, Iowa) and Louise Stauffer (Berne, Ind.) open auditorium doors and respectfully stand at attention while Sophomores Howard Stickler (Hagerstown, Md.) and Janet Etling (Winona Lake, Ind.) pass by. The special ornamentation and equipment, including Ron's stocking cap, can on chest, woman's purse, and unmatched shoes; also Louise's pretzel earring, curlers, and can were designed to teach freshmen needed lessons in humility. The book carried on the head was supposed to help develop poise. All was a part of the fun of freshman initiation ceremonies.

around their necks, and all unmatched clothes; then ordered a formal trial to determine obeisance.

But the taskmasters weren't satisfied to initiate only new freshmen. They insisted on, for the night at least, their superiority over new faculty members. Dr. Norman Uphouse, Miss Ava Schnittjer, Jesse Humbert, and Wayne Snider bowed with the others at a well-planned, game-packed program on Friday night that attracted Dr. and Mrs. McClain and nearly all the faculty.

Ron Henry (Iowa) and Willa Leidy (Pa.) proved to be the best sports for the week and were awarded prizes.

Gene Stees' poem about his little tin can outrated the

others and took the soph judges' vote. He wrote: "I have a little tin can; it hangs upon a string. Each time a soph'more asks me, I say this little thing: 'I love my little tin can; it means so much to me. I wrote this in my Ed. class. I'll probably get an E.'"

TIME OUT

Twelve seminary and college men finished their Saturday lunch last week and drove 25 miles north in an attempt to outscore their Catholic contenders at the Lady of the Lake Seminary and to seize opportunities to witness for our Lord.

Although our host team won, 20-13, it cost a member of the opposing team a broken arm, regrets on our part, but a hearty invitation from them to return. Father Tellers remembered his last year's promise to Prof. Ralph Gilbert and gave him the Catholic seminary's yearbook. Prof. Gilbert has returned the favor by sending him one from Grace.

Twenty-one Grace-ful sportsmen are already hounding the basketball floor for practice and the student council for money to buy themselves uniforms. If plans stand, the best dribblers will take a trip east to play five Bible schools, and agree to a Wheaton College invitational to be played there.

IN EVERY PLACE

The heroic, battle-scarred P. A. system that has carried so many voices through Indiana streets, failed a couple of Saturdays ago as Max Fluke, newly elected practical works director for our school, tested it for Pierceton. Appropriated funds from the student council, and the alerted middler class treasury, promise that repairs and new equipment are imminent.

Undaunted by Warsaw's "No!" to street meetings, Max, with interested personal workers, has prayed open street space in Goshen, Columbia City, and Pierceton, Ind.

"As funds are available," says Max, "we'll be getting attractive flannelgraph and chalk boards for the youngsters, a better P. A. system, and more opportunities to use the tape recorder. For colder weather, we've got a converter that runs off any car battery so we can preach from the inside of a car."

... AND SOME, FACTORY WORKERS

As enrollment hit a new high this term, employment hit a new low, and work searchers became a byword in the community. The Arnolt Corporation laid off its entire third shift, most of Winona's lucrative tourist trade left town with Labor Day, and citizens seemed indifferent to window washers.

John Gallagher and Godfrey Parker found apple-picking jobs in Plymouth, Ind. Herbert Mitchell, Dallas Decker, and Stan Lemon advertised themselves as "experienced housecleaners," in the local newspaper and made their own jobs.

Three middlers, sparked by Nicholas Kurtaneck, began stated times of prayer in the tower at noon after lunch and report to date more than a dozen answers to prayer.

Some breadwinners are still jobless, but there are promises of better wage-filled days ahead.

Out of the Gang, Into Grace

By Freshman Ronald Eckstein, Johnstown, Pa.

The silence of the night is suffocating, broken only by the spasmodic clink of glass on cement and an occasional muted whisper. Several blurred shapes are visible sitting on the ground in a dark corner of the building. Suddenly the night is shattered by the smashing tinkle of a bottle thrown against the brick wall. The blurred figures take on the shapes of scurrying boys. He is one of them. Who is he? We shall call him Joe.



Ronald Eckstein

As the bottle shatters on the wall Joe is the first one around the corner of the building and down the street. Coming to the corner, he nervously waits for the rest of the gang to catch up. This is his first night with the gang, and the mouthful of beer, which he had hastily gulped, had done nothing to ease his nervousness. The victim tonight is to be Mr. Peters, who has a big garden with tomatoes, carrots, corn, and who knows what other things in it.

The garden is the main topic as the other boys straggle up one by one. You can see the bulges in the coats where sacks have been hidden away until they are needed. When they have all arrived, they begin to make plans. Jim and Bill will load up with corn, Don and Dave with tomatoes, and Joe is to go with Butch and help fill their sack with carrots and anything else they can lay their hands on.

It seems to be ages before they finally come to the garden. As they stealthily glide between the rows of vegetables, the sacks grow heavier and heavier with the booty that is being collected. Then Butch whistles, and the six shadows melt once more into the darkness.

The darkness acts as a protective shield as the boys zigzag their way through the woods to a small clearing. A fire has already been started and the feast swings into high gear. Roast corn, with tomatoes and carrots on the side, makes a good menu.

This feast, with all the boys laughing and joking with each other, was fun. Joe decides to do it again—and again—and again. Finally he finds himself going deeper and deeper into the jaws of sin. Beer and girls become more frequent in the parties. Joe is pretty smart, however. No one knows about his night life; he even goes to church every Sunday.

One day, however, he feels the desire to go to the young people's meeting at the church. He has had many invitations, but this is the first one he has accepted.

On this night, as he sits in church, something happens to him. The words the pastor is speaking start to make sense to him. He remembers when he was smaller he once went forward for something or other. He was only nine years old then, and it didn't mean anything to him. The words, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and "By grace are ye saved," keep ringing in his ears. He thinks of all the things he has been doing. He thinks how it would break his mother's heart to know.

At the end of the service Joe goes up front in response

to the invitation. He knows what it means this time, and he gives his life over to the Lord completely. A little later some of the young people come up to shake hands with Joe, and they have a marvelous story to tell.

Extending their hands in friendly acceptance, they tell him that he is a direct answer to prayer. They have been praying for Joe for a long time, praying that the Holy Spirit would lead him into close communion with God.

Joe feels good as he walks home. He knows he will have to give up the gang, but he has received something better. In its place is the wonderful knowledge of the magnificent grace of Jesus. His heart is bursting with the realization that Jesus can possibly care about a fellow like him who has sunk to just about the lowest degree of sin; one who has been bogged down and blinded by the cloak of thrills Satan uses to mask his sins. He has been made to see, and a tear rolls aimlessly down his cheek in happiness.

You ask what happened to Joe now? The Lord has led him to seminary now, just as the Holy Spirit led him "Out of the Gang, into Grace."

A "P. K." SPEAKS

By Freshman Janet Weber, Hagerstown, Md.

"So you are a P. K. (preacher's kid)." This remark has been coming to me for many years. Everyone expects a "preacher's kid" to be better than everyone else. I would like to tell you this is not true. I have been saved for about ten years, but not until about a year and a half ago did the Lord truly become precious to me. I had done the same things an unsaved person would do. Since my Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, has become Lord of my life, I have true peace and joy. I thank the Lord for sending me to Grace that I may prepare for the field of service that the Lord has in store for me. I will not exchange it for anything. Proverbs 3:5-6.



Janet Weber

WHY I CAME TO GRACE COLLEGE

By Freshman Anne Kliever, Johnstown, Pa.

I am so glad God plans my future. For awhile during my senior year in high school I had forgotten that. Six weeks before graduation I was so "mixed-up" I didn't know what to do. I began to pray for the Lord to direct me to the right college. He did, but He taught me to depend on Him by not giving the answer immediately. I am thankful that He led me to Grace College, where all the subjects center around Christ and the Word. At Grace I may take the subjects which will prepare me for better service for my Master; I will also make many Christian friends. These are a few reasons why I am here this year, but the main reason I am here is because God planned for me to be here even before I had thought of college.

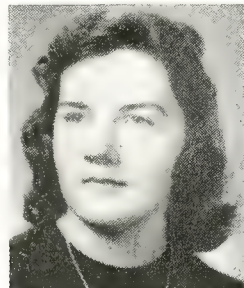


Anne Kliever

HARD WORK PAYS

By Freshman Dona Beam, Johnstown, Pa.

When a small boy takes his first piano lesson, he realizes already the drudgery he must go through before he masters the keyboard. Especially is he thoroughly aggravated when his mother says, "Sonny, you haven't practiced today." The boy reluctantly goes to the piano and plays scales, scales, and more scales. While practicing these scales, his mind gradually goes outside where he can hear those husky fellows playing a man's game instead of doing "sissy" things such as practicing a piano lesson. Being a young boy, he does not appreciate the value of his music and how much it will mean to him in later years.



Dona Beam

Now the small boy has grown to be a young man and truly does he realize that his hours of practice do bring fruit. Just as he is thrilled and thankful because he kept on practicing, so are those who quit when discouraged sorry because they did so.

Realizing this truth, I praise the Lord that He has seen fit to give me some talent. How thankful I am that I have the privilege of attending a Christian college to develop that talent for Him. I thank the Lord for Grace College and praise Him for leading me every step so I could have the privilege of coming to this school. I often wonder where I would be today had I never heard the wondrous Gospel.

He provides my every need. A verse that has meant so much to me is Proverbs 3:5-6.

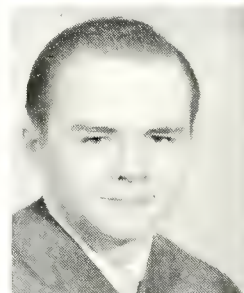
I HAD LEFT GOD OUT!

By Freshman James Morrison, Meyersdale, Pa.

Geographically speaking, Grace College is unique. Within the limits of Winona Lake, the seminary is situated on a little knoll, just away from the main highway, which gives you the impression of being out in the clear air of the country. But foremost in my estimation, the reason for selecting Grace College was not the geographical but the highly spiritual and academic standing of the school.

When the Lord called me in the early part of 1951 for full-time service, I was in a daze as to which school to attend. I wrote to several colleges and read about each one. I finally decided on what I believed to be one of the best colleges in the country. When the Lord closed the door, I was really confused.

One day I was reading in Proverbs, and I came to a verse that changed the course of my life. I read "...lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Prov. 3: 5-6). I realized that I had left God out of the matter of helping me to choose the right college. So after much prayer about the matter, I felt led in my senior year of high school to attend Grace College.



James Morrison

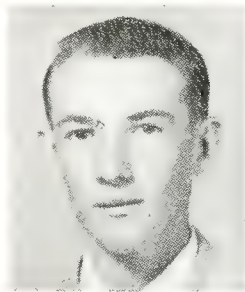
I CAN NOW SEE WHY

By Freshman Harry Pryor, Hagerstown, Md.

In the fall of 1953 the Lord led our family out of a modernistic church, and through the Family Altar program on the radio, we were led to the Grace Brethren Church in Hagerstown, Md.

At Thanksgiving time, Dr. Hoyt conducted a series of meetings in which he preached on I Corinthians. With him at these meetings were two freshmen from Grace College. All three of these men had a big influence on me in my decision to come to Grace College. As I attended the church more I learned more about Grace College.

Now after being at Grace College almost a month I can really see how the Lord has blessed in my life in many ways. Now I thank the Lord more and more for what He's done for me. He saved me when I was yet a young person. Now I can study here at Grace College to prepare myself for the years to come. I thank Him for leading me to a Christian college where the Word is taught. A verse that means much to me is Hebrews 4:12.



Harry Pryor

DOING THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

The first few weeks of school are usually filled with huddled students organizing gospel teams, quartets, trios, securing positions in churches, and arranging evangelistic campaigns. But already several men are reaping the fruit of previously scheduled meetings.

Dean Fetterhoff, seminary senior, conducted evangelistic meetings October 3 through 17 at Herman Hein's ('54) Grace Brethren Church (one of the newest), west of Goshen, Ind. Dean Cooper, seminary middler, has been conducting services at the Thorn Creek Baptist Church, 18 miles east, near Columbia City. Earl Witmer, college junior, came to Grace from Lancaster, Pa., via the Philadelphia Bible Institute, with a considerable amount of experience under the Child Evangelism Fellowship. As far as the local C. E. F. chapter is concerned this is a spectacular answer to prayer in a time of need. They named him director for Kosciusko County.—*Norm Rohrer.*

STUDENTS PURCHASE BOOKS

Once again the students of Grace Theological Seminary have arisen to the occasion. When the students of the systematic theology class were faced with President McClain's collateral reading assignments of 50 pages per week in Peter's "The Theocratic Kingdom," a giant three-volume work totaling 2,175 pages, it was soon apparent that the library's stock would not accommodate the 144 seminary students' schedules. To remedy this situation, all but 18 subscribed to Senior William Male's scheme to help ourselves and the library, and contributed up to 50 cents each. This spontaneous co-operation swelled a fund that bought two sets (six books) at \$24.95 each, with \$1.50 let over for the beaming librarians.—*Norm Rohrer.*

ALUMNI PAVE ROADS AT GRACE SEMINARY

By John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

Secretary, Grace Seminary Alumni Association

Through the generosity of its alumni, Grace Seminary is now well on the way to being "out of the mud." For the past year and a half the Grace Seminary Alumni Association has been concentrating on the important project of paving the parking lot and roads around the seminary building. To date over \$1,250 has been contributed toward this project, and much of the actual paving work has recently been completed.

Beginning on Friday, September 24, during Dr. Walter Wilson's week of meetings in the seminary and local church, the entire rear parking area and the driveway to the east and north of the building were graded, soaked with penetrating oil, and coated with asphalt and fine gravel. This has produced a very good surface already, and if another coating of asphalt and gravel is added in the spring, the roadways will have no further need of improvements for several years.

The seminary was very fortunate in obtaining a special price for having this work done—only \$1,450! For this we can give thanks to the Lord, because the alumni project fund is already within \$200 of that amount. We are especially happy that much of the work has been finished before the onset of another season of rain and snow, when the tile floors of the building suffer such terrible punishment from the mud and gravel that is brought in from the parking lot.

The work is not yet finished, however. It is expected that the county will pave a road from King's Highway near the grade school, turning it to pass our seminary building on the west, and then continuing along our present road leading to Wooster Road. When the county has completed this work, we will connect our road system with theirs, and the project will be completed. In exchange for the privilege of having that strip of land across our campus from King's Highway to Wooster Road, the county agrees to pay the entire cost of paving and maintenance. It is obvious that the seminary could not finance such an expensive project for many years to come, if ever, and it is felt that we will be the chief benefactors in having such a road opened through our campus, even though it will be a public thoroughfare.

The only additional expenses we anticipate in this present road project are the connection of our road system to that of the county and the additional coating of asphalt and gravel in the spring. We will need some new sidewalks from the parking area to King's Highway and possibly to Wooster Road, but that might have to be a separate project. What these additional expenses will amount to is not yet certain, but we are trusting the Lord to lay upon the hearts of our alumni this need, whatever it may be. The record of the past 18 months is no small encouragement for such a faith in our Lord!

Will you join us in praising God for His manifest blessings upon our school thus far, and also in praying for His continued provision for our every need? Eternity alone will tell the full story of what Grace Seminary and Grace College have meant under God in the lives of hundreds of Christian young people, and of the part each of you has had in making this ministry possible.

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DAYTON, OHIO. Rally Day at the Patterson Park Brethren Church saw 131 present for Sunday school. It was an increase of 60 over the previous year. Rev. C. S. Zimmerman is pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. The East District WMC rally was held October 7 at the First Brethren Church. Dr. W. A. Ogden is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Work on final plans for the new church building for the First Brethren Church have advanced to the point where testing and drilling of the building lots is being done by a testing laboratory. Rev. Wm. Steffler is pastor.

FREMONT, OHIO. A building-fund need of \$151.77 was met by an offering of \$233.66, for which Pastor Gordon Bracker is praising the Lord. Bro. Granville Tucker has been recommended to the district ministerial examining board.

WINONA LAKE, IND. A fellowship meal climaxed Rally Day at the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Single seminary and college students were guests of the church. On October 10, Baby Day was celebrated in the Sunday school and pictures were taken of each baby and its parents during the opening service. Dr. Herman W. Koontz is pastor.

FORT WAYNE, Ind. During the month of October Prof. S. Herbert Bess of Grace Seminary has been in charge of the Sunday services at the First Brethren Church. Bro. Brooks Dawson, a student at Grace Seminary, has been leading the mid-week prayer services.

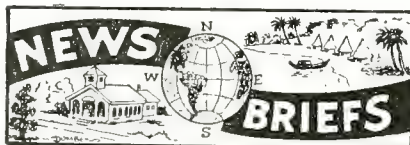
LAKE ODESSA, MICH. During Pastor Robert Griffith's vacation, the pulpit at Grace Brethren Church was supplied by Brethren Irvin Miller and Don Hocking.

CLAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Harold H. Etling is to be speaker at the dedication services October 17 at the First Brethren Church. Pastor Clair Brickel was ordained October 10.

RITTMAN, OHIO. A banquet for Sunday-school workers of the First Brethren Church was attended by more than forty people on Oct. 2. Rev. Lester Pifer spoke on Oct. 3, illustrating his message with kodachrome slides. Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., is pastor.

GLENDAL, CALIF. A number of young people from Hoover High School meet in the basement of the First Brethren Church for Bible Study and prayer each morning and are joined by some of the young people of the church. Rev. J. Keith Altig is pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Dr. J. Granum Mahon and his wife, Mary, who have served in a number of pastorates in the Church of the Brethren, have placed their membership in the First Brethren Church here. Dr. Charles Mayes is pastor.



HAGERSTOWN, MD. Rev. Michael J. Walsh was speaker at the Grace Brethren Church October 3. Rev. Russell H. Weber is pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Homecoming Day was celebrated October 17, with Miss Mary Cripe, missionary to Africa, speaking in the morning, and Rev. Victor Rogers at 2:30. A fellowship meal was enjoyed at noon. Pastor Clyde Landrum spoke at the evening service and a 20-minute Billy Graham film followed.

NEW YORK (E/P). New York continues to battle with a teen-age crime wave that has grown to staggering proportions in recent months. Boys as young as 16 have been arrested for murders they committed "just for the thrill of it." Officials state that police action alone isn't the answer to this grave problem which threatens the safety of America's largest metropolis.

Committee for Pastorless Churches
and Churchless Pastors

The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers has a committee appointed to do the work of helping churches secure pastors and pastors to secure churches when needed. It is not the purpose of this committee to make recommendations but merely to inform men and churches of openings or of men who are available.

The committee consists of the moderators of each district, with Dr. Norman Uphouse as chairman. It is the desire of the chairman that information be sent to him (R. R. 3, Warsaw, Ind.) that may be of help to others expecting a change. The success of the committee will largely depend upon the way the various moderators use the committee as a clearing house.

FILLMORE, CALIF. In preparation for their communion service on October 10, Pastor Max Brenneman of the First Brethren Church addressed letters to all friends and member of the church, enclosing a folder explaining the communion service as taught in the New Testament and practiced by the Brethren.

FINDLAY OHIO. Rev. Miles Tamber will be the speaker at special meetings to be held at the Findlay Brethren Church Oct. 31-Nov. 14. Rev. Forest Lance is pastor.

CHICO, CALIF. Rev. Fred Flora was the speaker October 3 at the Grace Brethren Church. Pastor Philip Simmons spoke over radio station KHSL on Sunday mornings during October.

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO. Men of the First Brethren Church have decided to set aside the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month—one for fellowship and one for working to complete the building addition. Rev. Wesley Haller is pastor.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. A 13-week course in the Evangelical Teacher Training series is being taught by Pastor Glenn O'Neal at the First Brethren Church. Subject is "The New Testament."

"It's the Oregon Trail to Portland in '55—August 10-17"

THE HEAVE OFFERING

In the world around us, the processes which we refer to as the works of nature constitute the fields of investigation of all the natural sciences. To some observers, it is sufficient to accept the over-all result of nature's acts without extended thought as to the underlying principles and patterns of the basic reactions. It is possible to enjoy a sunset without an extended knowledge of absorption or dispersion of the spectrum. It is possible to partake of bread without understanding the processes of germination of wheat or the digestion of starch. However, the mysteries become no less awesome as they are explored and unwound, and the beauties afforded by the casual glance are enhanced by the long and lingering look.

It is the same with every work and wonder that comes from the hand of the Almighty, whether it is in the natural world or the unseen realm of morals and affections. To the Christian, Christ, the cross, and the crown may seem, at first glance, to encompass the breadth of our need and the height of our hope; and, truly, He is all we need. But what grounds for research! What marvels and mysteries of His person and power must await those who ask and knock and seek! The God who wove marvel and mystery together in endless tapestry in the growing of a rose did not fashion the intricacies of our salvation with blunt and worn-out tools; nor does the power and the glory grow dim as we climb Calvary again and again, or as we resurvey the altars of Aaron, around which many of the richest illustrations of our Saviour's fullness may be found.

As we wend our way through Old Testament practices and the seemingly endless detailed instructions concerning the offerings and sacrifices, we are inclined to breathe a renewed prayer of thanksgiving that "Christ is the end of the law." But these things "written aforetime, were written for our learning," and if we read the Record with the conscious realization that this is the Word of God and with the prayer of the Greeks, "We would see Jesus," He will stand forth from every page and from every symbol and type. It is worth the search. Every new-found facet of His person makes us rejoice the more that we can be called by His name.

Among the sacrifices and offerings for which instructions are given in Leviticus is the peace offering, which sets forth in type the fellowship of the believer and his peace with God, made possible through the redemptive work of Christ. Christ is our peace. Paul writes in the fifth chapter of Romans: "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." This peace, which is to be the atmosphere of the Christian, is dependent entirely on the complete work of Christ, and thus in type is tied intimately to the offerings relative to the atonement; but the laws concerning it are the last of the series recorded (Lev. 7) to re-emphasize the fact that the rending of the veil of separation between God and man cannot take place until the triumphant cry, "It is finished," is sounded from the smitten Lamb of God. The cry of triumph of the Redeemer becomes the basis for the paean of praise of the redeemed.

Part of the peace offering was the heave offering, so named because it was lifted upward in presentation before the Lord. It strikes one as a sort of grand amen or selah, as if man were standing on tiptoe to give fullest expression of praise for the unshackling of the human soul, made for God and unsatisfied with anything less. It gives basis for the lofty aspirations of God's children and pushes back the low ceilings of fear that cause torment, and provides for the flow of perfect love which casts out fear.

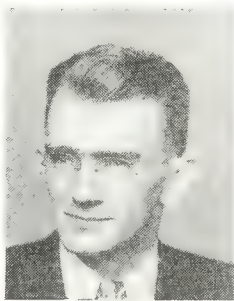
The offerings, of which the heave offering was a part, were brought personally by the ones making the

offering. Praise and gratitude, which stem from the outflowing of the grace of God, must come from the one upon whom the blessing has fallen. No one can offer praise for another. We can pray for each other, but we cannot praise for each other. This is a spontaneous thing; it is a spirited thing; it is directed upward.

The heave offering was to be taken from the shoulder of the animal. The shoulder is the seat of strength and suggests that our praise and thanksgiving are to be vital and dynamic. They should be characterized by the same vitality evidenced in Christ, our peace, when He fellowshiped with and praised the Father. It was not a cheap and showy demonstration; it was a quiet but unmistakably real flow of love.

It must be remembered that in the peace offering itself we have a type of Christ, and that in making this offering of praise and peace, it is Christ who is lifted up—not in death but in strength. We have nothing to offer except that which we have received. There is nothing in the old nature that can conceive or contrive any offering that is acceptable to God. We are accepted in the Beloved. When we have peace, it is "My peace I give unto you." When we would think high and holy thoughts, it must be remembered that "we have the mind of Christ." When we live by faith, we "live by the faith of the Son of God." Without Him we can do nothing—not even praise Him.

Finally, the heave offerings were to become the food of the priests. This emphasizes most emphatically the fellowship and communion theme of these offerings. Considering the sacredness attached to any offering, we have here also a grasp of the sacredness in which the redeemed creature is regarded by our gracious God. God always attends the needs of His creatures in the physical realm, and our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit and must be held in reverence. The meaning goes deeper, however, and we have the priests (every believer under grace is a priest) feeding upon the peace offering. The same portion raised before the Lord as the offering of praise becomes the strength and sustenance of the believer. Our Saviour becomes not only our solace but also our strength and song.



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ADOPTION

The doctrine of Adoption is not given any special attention by most preachers and theologians today, and by not preaching and teaching it as a separate doctrine, we miss a great blessing that awaits us when we understand it. If we really realized the truth of our own adoption into the family of God, we would never cease marveling. That any mortal man should ever become a son of God is truly astounding!

This doctrine is largely confused with "justification" and "regeneration," but not rightfully so. Justification and adoption are both declarative acts of God, although they are different in what they secure for the believer. "Justification" gives us a change in standing, while "adoption" is a change in position. In regeneration the believer becomes a child of God, but in adoption, the believer, already a child, receives a place as an adult son.

To understand this term we must go back to Roman custom and law. In Rome a son was held in his father's power almost as a slave until a certain time when, by a ceremony, he was legally adopted and placed into the position of a son, and given all the privileges of a son. He already was a child, but by this ceremony he became a son. This is not the meaning of the term in our modern-day usage. Today when we adopt a child, it is not our child by birth. In the Bible usage of adoption it is always a child of God, by birth, that receives adoption.

By adoption the believer is declared, by God, to have the legal position of a son with all its rights and inheritance in Christ. The believer already is a child of God by regeneration. Our adoption is based solely on the redemptive work of

Christ. In Galatians 4:5, we read: "To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." This redemptive work freed us from the bondage of the law; therefore all the legal requirements for our adoption were satisfied.

This adoption takes place the moment one believes in Jesus Christ. We read in I John 3:2: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God"; this doesn't give any time lapse but declares it to be NOW. Then in Galatians 3:26 (ASV) we read: "For ye

Father. Death will not even separate us from Him—it will only be an entrance into the Father's house. We need never fear, because our being a son entitles us to all the comforts that the father bestows upon his son. Your son's smallest concern is not too little for you to notice. So it is with God our Father—every concern of ours is a concern of His also. We have the confidence to go to Him with every burden and every care because we know He cares for His children.

Something that should be a sobering thought for all of us is that being a son means we carry the family name. You want your children to live so as not to disgrace your name in any way. We carry the name of our Father, which should make us want to live so that we will never bring reproach upon Him. If we do not follow His will, or if we live a life of sin, it brings disgrace not only on ourselves, but upon Christ and God whose name we bear.

That we are sons of God will be evident in our childlike confidence toward the Father. A little child will trust his father in everything. He knows that his father will not do anything that will be harmful to him. This is the confidence that every child of God should have toward God. We know that He will not let anything happen to us that would not be good for us.

The last and most wonderful thing is that being sons of God, we have an inheritance. We read in Romans 8:16-17: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children, then heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

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are all the sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. These passages show that sonship is a present possession of the believer. This is why we can sing, "I'm a Child of the King."

In this world today we are not thought of as sons of God by unbelievers. We are sons now in spirit, but when Christ returns, we will be sons in the body. We are waiting, as Romans 8:23 says, "for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of the body." It is wonderful now to be declared the sons of God, but it will be even more wonderful in that day when we will appear as the sons of God and take our place in the inheritance.

There are so many blessings which result from our sonship. We no longer need to be bound by fear. If we are sons, we can rest assured that we will not be separated from the

Troubled Faith

(BOOK OF HABAKKUK)

The Prophet Habakkuk is known as the prophet of faith and was the free thinker of his day. Little has ever been known about his person. He could fit into a class with John the Baptist as the "voice of one crying in the wilderness," but with himself hidden. Although he lived many hundreds of years ago, he is found to be like men of today who could not reconcile with their own mind their faith in a righteous God and the facts of life that were present on every hand. He was troubled with the ever-present WHY? Why does God allow unrighteousness to go on unchecked? Why do the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer? Yet in spite of his troubled faith he went to God in prayer and waited patiently for His answer. When he looked at his circumstances, he was troubled. When he waited for God, he sang for joy. The hardest thing for the child of God to do is to wait on God. When we fail to listen to God, naturally He will not bother to speak.

Habakkuk lived in the day when the nations of the earth were falling under the heel of the Babylonians and the Chaldeans and he knew only too well that Judah soon would meet the same fate. Now why should any nation as wicked as Babylon conquer a nation which was less wicked? In the thinking of a finite mind, this did not measure up to the actions of a righteous God. But Habakkuk was a prophet of faith and believed God and was willing to—

WATCH AND SEE (Chap. 1)

—how God would work this out to His glory. He was troubled in heart, for he had seen the great reformation under Josiah and the rise of Babylon to power and now he saw the wickedness that was plunging the world into despair and gloom. Have we asked the same WHY? of God? The children of Israel saw only God's acts; His ways were made known unto Moses (Psa. 103:7). We must know a man before we judge him for his acts. But God assures

Habakkuk that He is not indifferent to His people, and He wants Habakkuk to get his eyes off the present and into the future and there he would see that the Chaldeans were going to be used to punish Judah. What a horrifying thought! But God uses the nations of the world to work His object lessons and as we watch the hand of God move, we can see His righteous plan being worked out for the cause of righteousness. Although the problems of life become burdensome, we can—

STAND AND SEE (Chap. 2)

in the watchtower of life as God brings an answer to every problem in life. We need to take our place in the watchtower and wait for God to reveal it to us. For Habakkuk the whole world was crumbling and going to ruin and there was only One to whom he could turn. God admits the evil of the Chaldeans and declares that He will destroy them with their own wickedness. Pride and cruelty always bring destruction.

We have to wait to know what the final outcome of God's plan will be, for "one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." In causing us to wait, He reveals our true character. He burns out the dross and refines us as pure gold. It is true that the wicked are prospering, but they are doomed, and in the meanwhile "the just shall live by his faith" (vs. 4). This is the doorway which leads from the experience of doubt and questioning to that of certainty and praise. The first part of this book leads to that door. The remaining part proceeds from that door into a rich and new experience in a trusting faith.

When we are in the watchtower with God, the problems and doubts of today are lost as we see the whole plan of God in action. We are like a small boy watching a parade through a knothole in the fence. All he can see is just what is passing before him. But his friend who has climbed a telegraph pole nearby is throwing



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his cap in the air and shouting because he can see the lions coming and the whole parade. His buddy below sees nothing yet. He can't imagine what the fellow above is shouting about. Men of faith are ones whom God has lifted to high watchtowers and has shown to them events that are coming long before they happen. The weak in faith below only see what is taking place before their very eyes at the moment it happens, as the boy peeking through the knothole. At such a revelation the man of God is caused to—

KNEEL AND SEE

as he bows himself in complete subjection to the plan of God for his life and the life of his country. Peace is restored and joy floods the soul as the magnificent melody with which the prophecy closes is sung. Light bursts forth out of the darkness. The wickedness and sin that was on every hand are now gone as faith lifted its gaze unto the hills.

Luther said, "If you would believe, you must crucify that question 'WHY?'" Joy is received in proportion to our faith in God. When faith is swept off its feet, it finds that it has wings. As the prophet prays in the first part of the chapter, the glory of the Lord appears unto him. Faith is restored in God and His ability to work out all things pertaining to this universe (Rom. 8:28). God cannot always give us a satisfactory answer because our finite minds cannot grasp the thought of the infinite. His thoughts are high above our thoughts, and His ways above our ways (Isa. 55:9). God does not promise that He will solve every problem, but He does assure us that we can put our trust absolutely in Him.

SHOWERS? . . .

YES---BUT CONSIDER THE DEW

MICAH 5:7-8

Even now the early rains are past, and were we living in the land of Palestine in the days of the Prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 5:24), our throats would be parched with the mere realization of the fact that the refreshing showers of the latter rains were yet in distant October.

In this light, the dew of evening would be our only hope for keeping vegetation alive. Consider for one moment a day's labor on the scorching sands of Palestine, or a walk of two or three miles over the hot, dusty roads of that country. It is evening; you have just returned from this trek and pulled your shoes off to walk barefooted on the lawn sprinkled with refreshing dew.

THE DEW ASPECT

In Micah 5:7 God's Word says that "the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people *as a dew* from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men."

After the departure of the church to be with the Lord, God's two witnesses preach the Gospel of the kingdom to the Jews for three and one-half years (Rev. 11:3-12). It is during this time that the sealed servants (the remnant) of God are saved which number 144,000. Besides these, there is an innumerable multitude of all nations, kindreds, people, and tongues saved during the tribulation period (Rev. 7:4-14). So the remnant of Israel returns to her God and God keeps His promise as always (Malachi 3:7 says: "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.")

These people, who were saved, go into the millennial kingdom in the flesh and live with Christ 1,000 years. The remnant of Jacob now returned is *as a dew* from the Lord—an instrument of life and health to the nations. Men are not deserving of the dew and God does not send it after men have done something to please Him. It is His grace, unmerited favor, that causes Him to send the dew.

While it is true that all those who

enter the millennial kingdom are righteous, there will be many born, under the perfect conditions of the millennium, to the Jews and gentiles who were saved during the tribulation who will be of the old unregenerate nature. It is from this host of people that Satan marshals his forces at the end of the thousand years (Rev. 20:7-9). These are people who have feigned allegiance to Christ the King during the thousand years but were not true subjects of His.

Fortunately, not all of those born during the millennium are victims of Satan's deception, due to the *dew* aspect of the remnant among the nations. The dew which fell nightly between the former and latter rains fitly symbolizes the grace of God. The remnant preaches the Gospel—the King is upon His holy hill in Zion (Psa. 2:6) and people are saved.

In Zechariah 8:23 the Word says: "In those days . . . ten men . . . shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew." These people are out of all nations, etc. The ideal intended here is that salvation is afforded through the Jews.

The Word again intimates of salvation in the millennium in Isaiah 11:10, in speaking of Christ—"to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious." His rest is salvation—"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). The remnant of Israel is the channel of this rest.

Thus the remnant is as a dew from the Lord among the nations, acting as Messiah himself in stimulating the nations; receiving grace from him and diffusing it to others.

THE LION ASPECT

Another aspect of Israel in the millennium is given in Micah 5:8: "And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people *as a lion* among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver."

There are, perhaps, several ways in which the remnant of Jacob shall



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be as a lion among the beasts of the forest, but let us consider her habitat first—"among the beasts of the forest." A beast symbolizes power, and the beasts of the forest fitly represent the power of nations of the world. But, among these nations, and they are powerful, the remnant of Jacob is to be as a young lion among the flock of sheep. Consider, for one moment, the power of the elephant. Yet he is as helpless as a sheep against the lion of the forest.

Read in the Book of Joshua, chapter 8, verses 1-23, the story of the capture of Ai by Joshua and his small army. Recall to mind also the story of Gideon and his 300 men. In the latter case, the enemies killed themselves for fear while Gideon and his 300 stood as sentinels on the hillsides. If the elephant did not fear the lion so, perhaps he would stand a better chance of surviving.

Behold Israel today—a small handful of people in comparison to the other nations of Europe; yet she walks into Palestine as a lion walking among sheep. And this is not the millennium. In the millennium the remnant of Jacob shall be an invincible power among the nations.

Perhaps the most outstanding reason for the great power of the remnant is the presence of her king, who is none other than "the Lion of the tribe of Judah" (Rev. 5:5). Mark the effect Queen Elizabeth, the monarch of England, has on the subjects of her domain. She is but a human being, lasting for a few years at the most, but Israel's King is God, who shall sit forever upon the throne of David, and of His kingdom there shall be no end (Luke 1:32-33). This King has no fear of His subjects, nor of being defeated in the next elec-

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The Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction

Where the Catholics Are Concerned!

"You Hear Strange Things About Catholics." This was the caption of a recent advertisement sponsored by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. The article then proceeds to list many things which it declares are commonly and falsely reported to be the belief and practice of the Roman Catholic Church. The implication of this illustrated article is, of course, that these false reports are being whispered about by the non-Catholics. I will admit that I have had some misconceptions concerning the teachings of the Catholic church, but the source of these erroneous ideas has not been with the non-Catholics, but with my Catholic friends.

I have long since learned to turn to material which is printed officially by the Catholic press for the answers to any question I might have, and it is here I find that the true teachings of the Catholic church are much stranger than fiction. After comparing the official teaching of the Catholics with many of these reportedly false rumors, I am convinced that most of the things that are being rumored about are mild understatements and actually more complimentary to the Scriptures than the teachings which are being officially propagated today by the subjects of the Vatican.

I am a Protestant, and I am still protesting many of the un-Scriptural beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church inasmuch as it claims to be the only "true church" and propagator of "the faith." If I

should say that the Catholics teach it is possible to get to heaven by simply wearing a medal around the neck, or that they believe the Virgin Mary is able to get them into heaven through a window even if Christ should question their being there, I would be accused of falsely saying strange things about them. At least that seems to be the burden of the above-mentioned article.

Permit me to quote directly from it: "The claim is made that Catholics . . . use medals, candles, and holy water as sure-fire protection against the loss of a job, lightning, or being hit by an automobile. But what is worse, some say, Catholics corrupt the true teachings of Jesus Christ with the addition of pagan superstitions and practices that are nothing less than the inventions of the Devil. If these things—or any of them—were true, it would be a pity." According to the "Knights" these are some of the things that are being falsely rumored about, and according to them they are not true. Now let's look at some of this official literature and see which is the strangest—their true teaching or that which is "rumored" about.

Recently I was given a letter which was sent out by the "Society of the Little Flower." The date of the material enclosed was June 5, 1954, and the imprimatur was none less than Samuel Cardinal Stritch. One of the pamphlets enclosed was entitled, "Your Gift of Eternal Life—Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Brown Scapular."* The following is taken verbatim from this pamphlet:

In His beautiful Marian Prayer the Holy Father most urgently and fervently pleads for greater devotion to God's Holy Mother . . . "the appeasement of your ardent desires . . . a safe harbor from the tempests which beset you." And in no more glorious way does Our Lady reveal to you the fullness of her maternal love than through her great Gift of the Carmelite Brown Scapular . . . through which she safeguards you in temptation,

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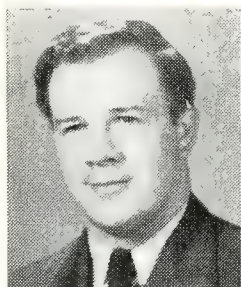
GAIN THE SABBATINE PRIVILEGE

Nor is Mary's Promise of Salvation all! So desirous is Our Lady that you clothe yourself with her Scapular, that she extends her mercy to you even after death! If you fulfill the three simple Conditions of the Saturday of Sabbatine Privilege pledged to Pope John XII in 1332, Mary promises to free you from Purgatory on the First Saturday after your death: "I, THE MOTHER OF GRACE, SHALL DESCEND ON THE FIRST SATURDAY AFTER THEIR DEATH, AND AS MANY AS I FIND IN PURGATORY, I SHALL FREE. . . ."

The three conditions are easily within your powers. In addition (1) to wearing the Scapular and (2) observing Chastity according to your state in life, the only other Requirement is (3) to recite daily the collection of prayers called, "The Little Office of Our Lady." But should this Third Condition become a major inconvenience, you may ask any priest with proper Faculties to commute the Third Condition to abstinence from meat on Wednesdays and Saturdays . . . or to some other good work, such as the daily Rosary.

Fervently Pope Pius XI recommends Our Lady's Scapular-Sabbatine Privilege to you as "the principle and greatest of Indulgences."

There is no need for comments on the above; this is the official teaching of the Catholic church with regard to the wearing of medals. I would only add that it would be



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much better if the Catholics did wear them as a safeguard against lightning and accidents rather than as their "assured pledge of Eternal Glory." Again I say, the truth is stranger than fiction where the Catholics are concerned.

As for the corrupting of the true teaching of Jesus Christ, I would add just a short quotation from a book entitled, "The Woman," written by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, and once again we will permit the official teaching of the Catholic church to speak for itself. This book contains a series of radio messages delivered by the bishop on the Catholic Hour in 1951. The following is a quotation from the ninth address, entitled, "Misery of Soul and Mother of Mercy":

May I give encouragement to all frustrated, anxious, fearful souls by this story about the Queen of Mercy. It seems that one day Our Lord was walking through the Kingdom of Heaven and saw some souls that apparently had entered very easily. He went to Peter and said: "Peter, I have given you the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. I want you to use that power wisely and judiciously. Tell me, Peter, how did these souls gain entry to My Kingdom?" Peter answered: "Don't blame me, Lord! Every time I close the door, Your Mother opens a window!" . . . We have no record of it in the gospels, but I have always believed that Judas, on the way to betray our Lord, and after the betrayal with a halter slung over his arm going to hang himself on an aspen tree, deliberately went out of his way to avoid contact with the Mother of Jesus. Probably no man in the history of the world would Our Blessed Mother more willingly have pardoned than Judas, though he did send her Son to the Cross. If Judas is in hell it is because he deliberately turned his back on Mary when he went out to hang himself. If he is not in Hell, it is because in that split second as he looked from his hill to the Hill of Calvary, he saw there the Mother with Her Divine Son and died with this Prayer on his lips: "Mother of Sinners, pray for me!"

This is not the whispering of the uninformed! It is the authoritative teaching of men who have the full sanction of the so-called "Vicar of Jesus Christ"; however, these teachings should always be presented as the "doctrines of men" and never in any sense represented as the "Word of God." Catholics do have the right to ask that they be quoted correctly, and that request should be honored by everyone, but we have the right to request of them also that these

things do not be represented as the "faith once delivered unto the saints"!

The Catholic church claims for itself the only right to interpret the Bible; however, it should be made clear to all that the Catholic church never has believed that the Bible is a safe and sufficient guide to salvation. In a book entitled, "The Faith of Millions," which is presented as the "credentials of the Catholic religion," the following statement is made: ". . . the Bible alone is not a safe and competent guide because it is not now and never has been accessible to all, because it is not clear and intelligible to all, and because it does not contain all the truths of the Christian religion. The simple fact is that the Bible, like all dead letters, calls for a living interpreter."

I will not take time to comment on this suggestion that the Bible is a dead letter, for I Peter 1:23-25 answers it so well that my remarks are not necessary. But as to this matter of interpretation it should be pointed out that interpretation is one thing and adding to the Scriptures is another thing altogether. The quotations used above are not interpretations of the teachings of Christ or of the apostles; they are another (*heteros*) gospel, contrary and blasphemous to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

One does hear strange things about the Catholic church, but the strangest of all come from those who speak with full knowledge and authority. If these strange suggestions were true, then isn't it too bad that Mary couldn't have provided the Scapular for the martyrs of the early church so that they might have had that "pledge of eternal glory" before they went down into the arenas, or the assurance that they might get into heaven through a window if they couldn't quite make it by the door.

Oh, thank God, our eternal salvation does not hinge upon the wearing of a medal, or somebody to open a window into heaven, but upon the finished work of Jesus Christ, the one who said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John

14:6); and "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37); "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved" (John 10:9). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

HEAVENLY CITIZENSHIP

Commenting on Philippians 3:20, the late Dr. J. H. Jowett said, "When our citizenship is in heaven it gives altitude to all our practical life. It lifts us above the locality in which we live, not in aloofness or in selfish detachment, for the people of heavenly citizenship have always been the most neighborly folk in the street. It is just because they live in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus that they are competent to help and lift their fellow men."—*The Alliance Weekly*.

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tion, but rules them with a rod of iron (Rev. 19:15).

This very King, who rules with a rod of iron, says: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you," to those who have cared for the children of Jacob who are brethren of the King. His rod of iron shall not in any way cast a shadow over His loveliness and grace.

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Hear Ye Him

(Matt. 17:5)

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

By J. L. GINGRICH

Recognizing God's sovereign grace and His providential Lordship, we are privileged to assemble in these closing days of grace in this 65th Annual Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Someone has said, "Christ desires fellowship more than service," and God's Word declares that "to obey is better than sacrifice." Therefore, it is the prayerful hope and desire that we as delegates and visitors of this Fellowship may be so flexible to the mind and will of the Holy Spirit that at the very beginning we shall covenant with our Lord and with one another to reecho the inspired words of St. Paul, "I do not frustrate the grace of God."

May I preface all my remarks by expressing a personal word of sincere and deepest gratitude and appreciation for the highest honor accorded a person within the denomination, that is, to be named the moderator of the Fellowship for a term of one year. We covet your sympathetic prayers and cooperation that we, your present moderator and his successor, will endeavor to preside in a manner as the Holy Spirit directs.

Three passages of Scripture are quite appropriate for this message and for this year's conference. Matthew 16:18, "And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"; II Timothy 2:12-13, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: if we believe not [many are unfaithful], yet he abideth faithful: he can-

not deny himself"; and I Thessalonians 1:3-4, "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; knowing brethren beloved, your election of God."

The church is an organized body of believers who profess faith in Christ as Saviour. The purpose of the congregation is to worship God, edify saints, aid in saving the lost, and maintain order. The Old Testament, in type, foreshadowed the church. The Book of Joshua shows how Israel lived as God ordered—victorious, happy, and enjoying the blessings of God. The Book of Judges reveals Israel living in compromising sin, defeat, and failure. In every specific test of God for man, man has proved a failure. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament teach that the human "heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). God's people live far beneath their privilege and responsibility. The Book of Acts shows how the church lived under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Church history reveals how she lived apart from the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our modern age has lost sight of the Leader. Victories are won "not by might, nor by power but by MY SPIRIT" (Zech. 4:6). Israel eventually had no power of resistance against the foe. The church must depend not on human wisdom, money, education, earthly influence, nor organization alone but depend

upon and be submissive to the Holy Spirit. The enemy, representing the gates of hell, has tried to overthrow the church but experienced defeat. Voltaire said, "Christ with twelve founded the church; I will show you that I with twelve will destroy the church." The very house in which that statement was made later housed a printing press printing many Bibles.

Gamaliel said, "If . . . this work . . . be of God, ye cannot overthrow it." Thank God, it is of God. Paul, the apostle, labeled "carnal" in I Corinthians 3 those who followed and worshiped human personalities rather than give Christ the pre-eminence in all things. How we have suffered in the past because human wisdom and human personalities interfered with Christ's program and commission for and to His church! Were it not for God's overruling providence, one hesitates to venture what more could have been included in the dark pages of church history.

When the world is at its worst, the church should be at her best; yet perhaps never has the church been more confused and disunited. The church has been sorely tried. Christianity was tested during the first century by making men afraid to publicly accept it through severe persecution. Thus it was left in the hands of uninfluential and unlearned men to defend it—but it lived. It was tested by early tragedies such as the death of John the Baptist, the crucifixion of Jesus, the Founder; the martyrdom of Stephen, one of the first deacons—yet it survived. It was tested by internal strife and irregularities; Judas turned traitor; Peter became a blasphemer; Thomas turned a doubter; Paul and Barnabas had a bitter argument and parted asunder; Ananias and Sapphira

became liars and deceivers—yet Christianity flourished.

The church underwent her gravest test by popularity. It was made the national religion and men were forced to accept it which resulted in ungodly and unsaved men occupying high offices in a holy cause. How could it survive? Paganism and heathenism took over. Men bought special privileges from ruling priests, giving them the right to perform unscrupulous deeds. Purity was crucified. Its name became a reproach. This was enough to condemn it to oblivion—yet it survived.

Today Christianity is being tested by ritualism and ceremonies that are fast becoming substitutes for true worship and for spirituality. Real love cannot be reduced to a form, and worship cannot be expressed in mere ceremonies. We believe the church is tested most severely today by indifference. Twenty-five years ago we warned of the coming "apostasy." Today we are in it. When men loved the church and their Saviour enough to die for both, both were safe; but when men do not love enough to suffer for it, the church is in serious danger. In yestercenturies men raised the question, "How can the church save the world?" Today people are asking the question, "How can the church save herself?"

Christianity has gloriously triumphed. Its doctrines have girded the earth. Its missionaries are in every land. The enemies of Christianity tell us it has failed and for proof point to the lives of many Christians. Many individual Christians have failed. Many churches have closed their doors. Many good causes have failed. But the cause of Christ has swept on in spite of these failures.

While our beloved denomination

has for the past quarter of a century majored on Biblical teaching and preaching, we believe we can truthfully assert that our teaching and preaching ministry has never been more positive and never more true to the Bible. One must be alert to the stubborn fact that quite often men fail at their strongest point. Abraham, the faithful, demonstrated his unfaithfulness in Egypt by misrepresenting his true relationship with his wife, Sarah; Moses, the meekest man that ever lived, failed to enter the Promised Land by robbing God of all the glory and endeavoring to steal the whole show when he struck the rock twice instead of obeying God's command to speak to the rock; David, the most pious man on record, committed the most heinous crime and sin by committing adultery and causing the third party to be killed; Elijah, the most courageous of all the prophets, is seen running 40 miles before a wicked woman after being used of God to slay nearly one thousand false prophets; Peter, who made the great confession, later denied his Lord three times, lied, and profanely referred to the Christ.

Our church is strong on certain points, but there is ever the danger of majoring on our fundamental position while allowing ourselves to sin grievously by careless practical living. It is a well-established fact that there are two kinds of apostasy, that is, "lip" and "life." The former has to do with our handling of the Word of God with its accompanying interpretations, which we again say we believe is sound. The latter leaves much to be desired within our Fellowshipship.

Recently J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, listed as the major causes of increasing disorders within our nation the following contributing fac-

tors: (1) comic strips; (2) wild-western movies with their related shows; (3) television demonstrations of "The Lone Ranger," "Crime Busters," etc.; (4) parental negligence, and a few other reasons. Now I know the mention of these causes will result in serious opposition from even many adults who by their own example encourage their own children to intently observe these shows and then go out to put in practice in everyday life what they saw demonstrated before their eyes in the parlor.

Not long ago we saw a cartoon where a distracted mother searched everywhere in the neighborhood for her boy. Later she found him with all his cronies on their tricycles in the parlor lined up in a semicircle before the television watching a "western." When questioned by the mother, the son replied, "We are taking in a drive-in theater." That was in her own home. Parents beware! There was a day when Christian parents could direct what was done in their own homes. J. Edgar Hoover further said that the hardest child to kidnap was the child who was constantly with Mother.

We have learned, perhaps the hard way, that as go our homes, so go our churches and the nation. Discipline of any nature or degree is practically obsolete in 95 percent of even Brethren churches and homes. We are fundamentally sound in doctrine, but we are apostatizing sinfully in living what we preach. You no doubt have heard of the two brothers who were always confusing their friends. They mistook the doctor for the preacher and vice versa. Finally it was all cleared up. The preacher was the "preaching" doctor and the other was the "practicing" doctor. How true!

Some years ago we were impressed

with three Scriptures, all placing doctrine after living: John 18:19—"The high priest then asked Jesus of his disciples, *and of his doctrine*"; Acts 1:1—"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do *and teach*"; I Timothy 4:16—"Take heed unto thyself, and unto *the doctrine*; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

During the Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington said one night during a crisis, "Put only Americans on guard tonight." Dare we do less during these days when the church and our homes are put to the acid test to the tenth degree—"Put only consecrated and sanctified Christians on guard today." We need Christian parents who are willing to pay the price to set Christian principles in their homes and expect children to obey and follow the example of parents without reserve. Sometimes we wonder if there might be any relationship between the old-fashioned woodshed and the prominence of the modern garage.

In these days of excess speed and an overemphasis of power, one needs to take time out for personal inventory. The story is told of a colored lad who rushed into a corner drug store and asked to use the phone. Apparently the following conversation ensued: "Is this Mr. Brown?" "Yes," came the reply. "Do you want an experienced chauffeur to drive your personal car?" "No," was the answer. "Well, in case you aren't completely satisfied with your present chauffeur, would you consider my application?" "But I am entirely satisfied," said Mr. Brown. "All right and goodby." The lad came out of the phone booth whistling merrily. The druggist expressed surprise that the lad should

be so happy and yet failed to secure the job. When asked for an explanation the lad said, "I *am* Mr. Brown's chauffeur and am just checking up on myself." Brethren, let's check up on ourselves. We pride ourselves with preaching the Bible literally. Do we live the Bible literally also?

Perhaps one of the gravest faults predominant in most of our churches is the lack of Christian love. Your moderator has observed over the past decade that we have talked a lot about grace and manifested too little of that precious commodity. We preach "love" and, too often, exemplify the opposite trait. The children of God are exhorted to be kind one to another. Kindness originated in heaven. It is not the *grace of nature*, but it is the *nature of grace*. Titus 3:4 says: "The kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared" unto us. "If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (I John 4:11). Kindness is one phase of love in action. After Peter's exhortation to godliness, he gives the sum total thus: "Above all things have fervent charity [hot love] among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins" (I Pet. 4:8). In the following verse he tells how we shall have love manifested in kindness, "Use *hospitality* one to another without grudging." Your moderator exhorts both the pastors and laity to check up on our love and hospitality among the local and visiting brethren. This surely is a much-neglected command. Yes, in this age of speed and continuous rush it becomes increasingly needful to "*stand still*," and see the salvation of the Lord" (Exod. 14:13).

After years of fruitless effort in endeavoring by human skill and wisdom to solve knotty problems,

some of us have been persuaded by the Holy Spirit to keep our mouths shut more and our knees bent more often in prayer. We search the Scripture in vain to discover where Jesus taught His disciples to preach, but He did teach them how to pray. We believe they who know how to pray aright will also be able to preach effectively.

STAND STILL AND SEE

(Exod. 14:13)

By Violet Fraser

Four little words come back to me.
Four mighty words, "Stand still, and see."

Before them swept the restless tide;
Behind the foe marched in his pride;
Hemmed in by armies and the sea,
Hopeless their peril seemed to be.

But as they waited on the shore,
In fearfulness and anguish sore,
They cried to God, then suddenly
They heard, "Fear not, stand still,
and see."

Stand still and see God's mighty
pow'r,

Behold, there dawn's salvation's
hour;

A way is opened through the flood,
A living way, bought by the blood.

Oh troubled soul, by fears oppressed,
Longing for safety and for rest,
In front of them there spread a sea
Where sorrow's waves roll cease-
lessly—

The Word of God is tried and true,
Each promise old, yet ever new;
As once to Israel, now to thee,
God says, "Fear not, stand still, and
see."

A trained and prepared soul-winning church is needed. In the early centuries of the Christian era every

Christian felt the divine urge and compulsion to personally witness to the lost and so live that absolutely nothing in their lives might hinder the convicting work of the Holy Spirit. How true it is that a dirty hook never catches a fish! The story is told of a man who had a foul habit. One day he went down a street in Chattanooga to win a man to Christ. "I'm interested," said the man contacted. "I want to be a Christian, but when I trust the Lord, I prefer that somebody would talk to me who is not engaged in the same things I do," and he pointed to a package of cigarettes in the pocket of the man who had approached him. The man who had tried vainly to witness came crying to his pastor and said, "I'm through. I'll never touch another cigarette if it hinders me from winning a soul to Christ." That very night the man to whom he had witnessed was gloriously saved. We believe St. Paul had something of the same thing in mind when he said that if eating meat would cause his brother to be offended, he would cease from doing that so long as the world standeth.

Recently in the city of Washington, D. C., a Christian celebrity was visiting friends. Her presence became known. A great religious social affair was in preparation in the city. In order to assure complete success the Christian woman was invited to attend. Repeatedly she declined when she knew there would be dancing, card playing, etc. A Senator from her own State was asked to endeavor to persuade her to attend. Note her reply, "I am a Christian and have covenanted with my Lord and my pastor never to go anywhere, say anything, nor do anything which would embarrass either one of them."

One Sunday a preacher paid "his

compliments" to the improper use of alcohol and tobacco. After church was over a kind saint took the pastor aside and asked if there weren't much more said in the Bible against the wrong use of the tongue than some of these other things. The pastor had to agree. Isn't it interesting to learn which member of the rich man in hell was the hottest! There may be more hot tongues in hell than we care to realize.

Brethren, we have been majoring on many praiseworthy things over the past years. Let us never neglect the importance of soul-winning and the conservation of those who have drifted out of God's direct will into His permissive will and who have broken fellowship with both God and their fellow Christians.

What a pathetic picture before us as we realize that the church is a field for the pastor rather than a force! No doubt that 80 percent of the pastor's time and energy must be spent within his own church. We must have concern for others. Psalms 142:4 reads: "I looked on my right hand, and behold, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul"; and Psalms 122:1: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." We must demonstrate the fact that we are concerned and interested enough to sacrifice, if need be, to win the lost. You can go to heaven without knowing Hebrew and Greek, but you cannot go to heaven without knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. While it is imperative that we require a well-trained ministry, we must guard tenaciously against placing scholastic attainment over and beyond the spiritual leadership.

We must manifest more real sympathetic attitudes in dealing with

others. This is true whether the one to be dealt with is in the church or out of the church. In Galatians 2:21 (and this verse immediately follows verse 20, so often quoted) we read: "I do not frustrate the grace of God." Personally, I believe many unfortunate souls are without the church and lack salvation because many earnest seekers have "bumped" into some older, unsympathetic brother within the church before they had the experience of feasting at the Father's table and banqueting with Jesus. It is not enough to live a negative life characterized by a long list of "don'ts." Negative excellence is good, but positive goodness is best. Have you ever studied the word "Christian"? Literally it means a little Christ. The early disciples were called Christians because they acted so much like Christ. Isn't it interesting what the world calls us Christians sometimes?

In personal soul-winning and visitation we must have "concentration." It must be, "This one thing I do." One reason we do not win more souls to Christ and His church is because we don't stay on the job. We allow discouragement (Satan's pet tool), pleasure, and business to prevent us seeing enough people often enough. We find ourselves operating in a little circle of intimate friends. We pray for and send flowers to and visit the sick—if they are our friends or relatives. Frequently we must encourage prayer requests for those who are *spiritually* sick too. Never in our experience has it been harder to do visitation among the lost and those out of fellowship with Christ and the church. Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light

unto all that are in the house." Jesus also said that men don't place a lighted candle under the bed. We believe these two references might be interpreted to imply that too often the followers of Christ allow the "bushel," denoting "business" or "work," and the "bed," denoting "ease" and "pleasure," to choke out our witnessing and letting our light shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

In passing, may I urge all of us to renew our vows to the Lord and say, "God being my helper, today will be the day of a new beginning." We should fall to our knees and ask Him to give us a burden for souls. Inasmuch as there appears to prevail a general trend of many church members to allow themselves to drift and become "lukewarm," to grow cold and extremely indifferent to their personal responsibility toward Christ and the church, therefore I suggest that our pastors and church officials look with alarm upon this condition and perhaps name sufficient "key persons" to be responsible for say six families on their list. These leaders will pray definitely for the families under their care and regularly visit them or carry on such program that might cause them to be reclaimed and restored to normal fellowship. We can conceive of no greater tragedy within our churches today than the pathetic picture of neglecting the Christian privilege, as well as the spiritual duty, of personal soul-winning and restoring the unchurched. I am told that in many of our foreign-mission churches, membership in the church awaits evidence on the part of the one desiring such that he or she has already won a soul to Christ. Can you guess what the size of our churches would be if we required the same

in the homeland? It is almost like pulling teeth to get members to consent to do visitation work. Very few today would care to volunteer for such a program.

Furthermore, the man God would use and bless must take time to get acquainted with God's program. That man must know God's will; he must do God's will and love to do it. We should all be like the boy who said to his mother, "I wish I were like Fido." When asked why, the boy replied, "Because when I tell Fido to do anything, he does it and always looks up into my face looking so well-pleased." We must take time to be holy. We are living in an age when priority consideration is given to the body while neglecting the soul.

An explorer once went on a march through the upper Amazon region with a group of savages. He wanted to make good time through the teeming jungle, so he urged them to hurry, and for two days they made very good time. When they pitched camp the evening of the second day, he made elaborate preparations for the morning so that they would be ready as soon as dawn broke the darkness of night. Even while the savages slumbered the energetic explorer checked his equipment, rechecked his itinerary on the map and made whatever other preparation he could for the coming day.

At last morning came, and he hurried out of bed, loosening his tent stakes while the camp cook prepared breakfast. So busy was he in his own preparation, in fact, that he had not noticed the natives. He was surprised when it came time to go to find that they sat quietly on their haunches. They had made no preparations for the journey and seemed in no mood to make any. At first the explorer went about his work

taking for granted that the men would pick up their packs and set out on the trail at the very last minute, but they did not. Finally he asked the leader of the group what was wrong. "They must wait," the leader said. "Wait?" the explorer asked. "What's there to wait for? We must hurry! We've a long way to go before sundown!" "They can't go," the leader insisted. We have been going *too fast*. Now we must wait until *our souls catch up with our bodies*."

Strange belief those savages had—that the body can become separated from the soul during the hurried tasks of life. Or is it a strange belief? No, body and soul are not separated in life, but the cares of the body can become so great that one neglects the ministration of his soul. Could that be the way with us Christians? Could we be more concerned about food and clothing than we are about spiritual development? Remember that Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

A tourist in Switzerland saw an eagle, the king of birds, tied to a rock with 20 feet of chain attached to its leg. The eagle was meant to soar in the heavens, but was chained to earth. That is the experience of multitudes of believers. We are so created by the new birth to sit and fellowship in the heavenlies, but we allow the cares of this world, pleasure, and business to weigh us down that we cannot rise.

Finally, may we summarize what we have been endeavoring to say. The divine revelation of God's will to His church is progressive. In four installments and on four different occasions Christ gave His marching orders for His church. Christians are stewards looking after the inter-

est of Christ in His absence. He promised to return to reward His faithful servants. Everything else must be subordinate to His business. Too many stewards do everything else but obey Christ's command for service.

First, we are commissioned to *preach the Gospel*. This was given on the night of His resurrection. Christ cannot deliver His commission to doubting disciples. Now when Thomas cried, "My Lord and my God," Christ could do business. Christ said, "Preach the gospel to every creature." Today we divide and subdivide and sublet responsibility until we assume the attitude of "let George do it," and often George tries to accomplish all that should be done. He who refuses or neglects to share in this great work is disloyal to his Lord. In Philipians 2:27 and 30 we learn that Epaphroditus was sick nigh unto death for the work of Christ to supply the lack of service. Most churches boast of a 100-percent willing membership. A very few are willing to work for Christ and His church and the great majority are willing to allow the few to do the work.

In the second part of Christ's commission the church is asked to *train* those who believe (John 21:15-17). Toiling all night with no results, Christ calls them to shore and instructs them where and how to fish, and we read of a great catch. Christ forces Peter, who had but recently denied Him three times, to confess his allegiance to Him thrice. Here Christ gives His second commission, "Feed my lambs," "Tend or train my sheep," "Feed my feeble lambs." What significance should be associated with the very-much-needed *training* program in the home and in the church! A careful gardener will train his tender vines by actually

coaxing or tying them up to the support. We believe the same process is needed spiritually. If the present trends are accelerated and magnified, one questions if there will be anything strong enough in the future to furnish our youth sufficient support.

The third part of Christ's commission—Make the nation Christian—is found in Matthew 28:18-20. After the great confession (Matt. 16), Christ charged the disciples to train the believers. Seven disciples met on a mountain in Galilee where Christ appeared to 500. Some still doubted and Christ said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth . . . teach all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Note the logical connection between the first three commissions: "*Preach the Gospel to every creature*"; "*Train those saved creatures*"; "*Instruct them*, in turn, to make the nations Christians."

The fourth part of Christ's commission is to "Witness for Christ" (Acts 1:8). Christ leads a group of disciples to the Mount of Olives, where He will soon leave them. Here He delivers His final and all-important charge. The Holy Ghost will endue with power. Every phase of Christ's commission calls for the most self-denying efforts, but they must not—dare not—fail Him now. After the empowering of the Holy Ghost they are to be *witnesses* (plural) unto Me. The word "witness" in the original language means "martyr." We are admonished to be faithful unto not until death. Will you observe carefully that Christ asked them to start witnessing at *Jerusalem*, where they were treated most shamefully and where the most blood was shed. Then follows in order the command to witness to

their neighbors, their enemies, and the whole world.

Your moderator does not feel directed to enumerate many recommendations; yet he feels some things are of such vital importance within our group that to remain silent would be cowardly and detrimental. Inasmuch as the *divorce* question is to be considered at this conference, your moderator recommends that because a special committee was created and asked to give a year's study and prayer to the question and then asked to report at this conference, that each delegate give the committee respectful and courteous hearing; that this conference recognize the report as our Biblical position on said issue; that we recognize our position of congregational government by referring the report to each congregation for their own disposition.

We recommend that a greater emphasis be given during the ensuing year to Biblical preaching and practical application of *prayer*. While Christians have always felt the need of prayer, we believe that in these last days of the church on earth she will find herself fighting unseen spiritual foes within and organized foes without. We ask that our pastors and laity resort more and more to prayer. Prayer is our greatest weapon today against Satan. He always trembles before the weakest saint upon his knees. Perhaps we are not alone in feeling that oftentimes the only sure weapon left for us is prayer. The enemy loves to argue, misquote, misinterpret and put words into our mouths, but he is helpless before prayer warriors.

Personal Evangelism. While we do not say the day of "mass evangelism" is past, we do believe that more and more we have to engage in a "hand-picked-fruit" policy. We

must go out when they will not come in. Christ did. The apostles did. The early church did. Therefore we recommend that our churches be inspired and trained to feel the need to go after the lost and unchurched in their homes. There is a dire need for *conversion* in our homes. We use the term "conversion" in the sense Jesus used it in dealing with Peter. "When thou art converted," that is, turned around in the right direction, "strengthen thy brethren."

Parents need to be turned toward God in order to lead their children aright. We often wonder if there might be any connection between the passing of the old-fashioned woodshed and the prominence of the modern garage. It is more true than we care to admit that children are perfect reflectors of their parents. Therefore, we recommend that more emphasis be given to aid in the salvation of the lost and the conversion of our modern homes to make them places where Christ would love to abide. Personally, we have long since ceased to pray in closing a service, "And now Lord go with us to our homes." Rather we should pray, "And now may we go in the consciousness of His presence that He may feel welcome and at home with us."

Our Lord continues to be the "indispensable need" of all mankind. We read in John 6:66 that many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him. When Jesus asked, "Will ye also go away?" Peter, as usual, voiced his opinion, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."

In John 2 we read where Jesus

began His ministry at a wedding. When Mary reminded Jesus, "They have no wine," Jesus addressed her as "Woman" instead of "Mary" or "Mother." We believe that in His omniscience Jesus foresaw the time when certain religious persuasions would extol Mary over Jesus. Thus He places Mary alongside of the need of mankind generally. Mary said, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

Recently we read a church sign as follows: "Queen of the Angels Catholic Church." This perhaps was a subtle and deceiving way to promote "Mary" over all God's ministering spiritual servants.

Again in Matthew 17:5: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." Shall we not this year "stop, look, listen" for His message and then obey Him at any cost?

"Blessed is the man who is big enough to be small enough to be used of God in a big way." Moody once heard a preacher say, "God is still looking for a man who is 100-percent yielded to His will." Moody said, "By the grace of God I'll try to be that man." Moody almost literally shook the earth. Oh, for a man to rise within me that the man I now am may cease to be!

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever." Even until Jesus comes for His own. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL SESSIONS OF THE 65TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Monday Evening, August 23, 1954

The 65th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches convened at Winona Lake, Ind., August 23, 1954, at 7:15 p. m., with the moderator, Rev. J. L. Gingrich in charge. The singing of the hymn, "Standing on the Promises," led by Leroy Hawkins, opened the Brethren Challenge Hour, under the direction of the laymen. Mrs. Melvin Fisher was at the piano and Paul Hall at the organ. "Marvelous Grace" was sung to prepare our hearts for the testimonies given by the laymen.

Laymen Vice President Owen Hacker presided over the Challenge Hour, presenting Herbert Edwards, who led in prayer. David Hacker sang a beautiful solo entitled, "My Saviour's Face." Scripture was read by Laymen Treasurer Walter Hoyt. National Laymen's President Mason Cooper gave a brief but worthwhile message from the Word of God.

After Owen Hacker had challenged the laymen to go back home with a broader vision, he presented the following laymen from various churches across the country: William Fisher, Herbert Edwards, Al Wedin, Homer Hanna, and Neil Carey.

Conference Songleader Rev. Clair Brickel, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, directed Conference in the singing of "Power in the Blood."

Moderator J. L. Gingrich, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Sterling, Ohio, officially declared the 65th Annual Conference in session, following which Conference beautifully sang "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Rev. Dennis Holliday, pastor of the

First Brethren Church, Compton, Calif., led in prayer and read John 5:19-27.

Executive Secretary Mark E. Malles made the Conference announcements and received the evening offering amounting to \$130.05. Rev. Ralph Colburn made Bethany Camp announcements. Mrs. Homer Kent, Jr., sang a beautiful solo entitled, "Forward to Christ."

Moderator Gingrich presented the vice moderator, Rev. Ward A. Miller, pastor of the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., who gave a challenging Bible message on the subject, "Salvation—Clear and Simple." The closing hymn, "Only Trust Him," appropriately sealed the message to listening hearts. Moderator Gingrich closed the meeting with prayer.

Tuesday Morning, August 24, 1954

Conference Songleader Brickel directed in the song service. After prayer, Vice Moderator Miller presented Moderator J. L. Gingrich, who gave his moderator's address on the subject, "Hear Ye Him."

Tuesday Afternoon, August 24, 1954

This meeting was under the direction of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, with President Robert D. Crees presiding.

Tuesday Evening, August 24, 1954

Conference Songleader Brickel led in a "chorus sing" to open the Sunday School Inspiration Hour. National Sunday School Board President James G. Dixon presided.

A very practical and helpful skit entitled, "Dr. Specialist," was presented. A trumpet trio composed of

Lowell Hoyt, Vernon Harris, and Edwin Cashman rendered a very beautiful number.

After the singing of "Rescue the Perishing" Rev. Forest Lance read Hebrews 12:5-17 and led in prayer. Mark E. Malles made the announcements and received the evening offering which amounted to \$130.26.

Leroy Hawkins sang "The Love of God" after which Rev. Ord Gehman gave a fine Bible message on the subject: "Hear Ye Him in Chastening." After the closing hymn the meeting was closed with prayer.

Wednesday Morning, August 25, 1954

The devotional session was opened with the singing of two hymns, followed by prayer by Rev. Edward Bowman. Moderator Gingrich presented Dr. A. J. McClain, president of Grace Theological Seminary, who brought the first of a series of helpful messages in the Book of Philippians entitled, "Lessons From Philippians." "What a Friend" was sung as the closing hymn.

Wednesday Afternoon, August 25, 1954

The afternoon session was given over to the Brethren Home Missions Council Corporation.

Wednesday Evening, August 25, 1954

The Brethren Challenge Hour was under the direction of the Brethren Home Missions Council. After the opening hymn, "Make Me a Blessing," Don Sellers led in prayer. Mrs. Evan Adams presented a vocal solo.

After a testimony by Rev. Gerald Polman, the members of the Brethren Construction Company were presented. Testimonies were given by Charles Underwood, Tom Hammers, Galen Lingenfelter, and Evan

Adams. The singing of the chorus, "My Lord Is Real," closed the Brethren Challenge Hour.

Clair Brickel led in the singing of the chorus, "Give Me Oil in My Lamp," and the song, "Pentecostal Power." The Scripture lesson, taken from I John 2, was read by William H. Schaffer. Paul Mohler led in prayer.

A piano duet by Nancy and Janice Weber preceded the announcements by Executive Secretary Mark Malles and the receiving of the evening offering of \$144.38.

Nancy, Janet, and Janice Weber presented a vocal trio entitled, "The Lighthouse on the Shore." Rev. Lester E. Pifer, assistant field secretary of the Home Missions Council, gave a fine Bible message on the subject, "Anointed With Power for Service." The closing song was "Spirit of the Living God." A home-mission skit closed the evening's activities.

Thursday Morning, August 26, 1954

After a brief song service, led by Conference Songleader Clair Brickel, Dr. A. J. McClain presented the second of his good messages in the Book of Philippians, "Lessons From Philippians." After the singing of a final song the session was closed with prayer.

Thursday Afternoon, August 26, 1954

The afternoon devotional session was given over to the Grace Theological Seminary Corporation.

Thursday Evening, August 26, 1954

The Thursday evening Brethren Challenge Hour was under the direction of Grace Theological Seminary. The opening chorus was "Christ for Me," and the opening prayer was by Dr. Paul R. Bauman.

A trumpet trio number was presented by Vernon Harris, Lowell Hoyt, and Edwin Cashman.

A special "L. S. Bauman Memorial" offering of \$315.99 was received. The trombone offertory solo was by Max Williams.

John C. Whitcomb, professor at Grace Theological Seminary, gave a stirring message on Psalms 137 entitled, "The God Who Searches Your Heart." An appropriate hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour," was sung at the conclusion. The prayer of benediction closed the service.

Friday Morning, August 27, 1954

Conference joined enthusiastically in the singing of the opening hymn, "Whosoever Will." Rev. Russell H. Weber, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., led in the opening prayer. Dr. A. J. McClain then presented another of his fine messages on "Living Messages From Philippians. The closing hymn was "At the Cross." Moderator R. Paul Miller closed the session with prayer.

Friday Afternoon, August 27, 1954

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church Corporation had charge of the Friday afternoon session.

Friday Evening, August 27, 1954

Clair Brickel led in the singing which introduced The Foreign Missionary Society Inspirational Session with Dr. R. D. Barnard, secretary, in charge. A number of missionaries were on the platform. There were testimonies and special numbers by the group. Bill Byers led in the singing of "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." After the announcements the offering of the evening

was received followed by a trombone solo by Mr. Catron.

Rev. S. Wayne Beaver, missionary to Africa, gave a challenging message on his work in Africa. Bill Byers sang a beautiful solo.

The closing message of the evening was by Rev. Edward Miller, missionary to Brazil. His message presented another fine challenge to missions, particularly as to the work in Brazil. The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn and with prayer.

Saturday Morning, August 28, 1954

Clair Brickel led in the singing of "In the Service of the King," and "Stand Up for Jesus." The opening prayer was by Rev. J. L. Gingrich. Rev. William Gray, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Allentown, Pa., brought the Bible Hour message entitled, "Christ, Our Only Hope."

Saturday Evening, August 28, 1954

The Brethren Youth Challenge Hour was under the direction of Rev. Ralph Colburn, national youth director. Many young people were presented for testimonies and special musical numbers. All in all it was a real "youth" challenge, for there was the presentation of an enthusiastic testimony by the Brethren young people.

Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., brought the service to a fitting close with a Bible message entitled, "Missing in Action." The meeting was closed with prayer.

Sunday Morning, August 29, 1954

The Sunday-school session, sponsored by the National Sunday School Board, under the direction of Rev. Harold H. Etling, convened at 9:30. Conference Songleader Clair Brickel

ed in the singing, and local Sunday School Superintendent Frank Po- and made the announcements. A trumpet solo was presented by Rev. Vernon J. Harris, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Portland, Oreg.

The adult department, meeting in the Winona Lake Christian Assembly Auditorium, was divided into two classes, with Vernon J. Harris and John J. Burns serving as teachers. The report of the Sunday school is as follows:

Class	Attendance	Offering
Adult	345	\$150.34
Young People	192	48.34
Children	85	5.45
Totals	622	204.13

The morning church service was directed by Winona Lake Brethren Church Pastor Herman W. Koontz. The opening hymn was "Crown Him Lord of All."

The offering amounting to \$164.62 was received as Organist Paul Hall played "The Love of God."

Dr. R. D. Barnard, foreign missionary secretary, presented missionaries and missionaries under appointment who were present for a special dedication service. Dr. C. W. Mayes led in the dedicatory prayer.

After a special number by the Musical Polmans, Rev. Leo Polman brought the morning Bible message, using Jeremiah 18:4 as his text. Several decisions were made as Mrs. Leo Polman sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" as an invitation hymn. Rev. Leo Polman pronounced the benediction.

Sunday Afternoon, August 29, 1954

The 2:30 All-Missions Rally, in charge of Dr. R. D. Barnard and Dr. L. L. Grubb, was opened with the singing of "Power in the Blood." Russell L. Williams, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Cheyenne Wyo., led in the opening prayer.

A large number of home and foreign missionaries and representatives were presented by Dr. Barnard and Dr. Grubb for testimonies. Special music was furnished by various persons of the group. Rev. Leo Polman led in the closing prayer.

Sunday Evening, August 29, 1954

Conference Songleader Clair Brickel led in the opening song service for the final 7:30 evening session of the 65th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Rev. Miles Taber led in the opening prayer and Rev. Earle Peer read Revelation 4.

Max Williams played "It's Real" as the offering, amounting to \$55.02, was received. Dorothy Crees sang a vocal solo, "When I Met My Saviour." The closing Bible message of Conference was brought by Rev. Paul L. Mohler, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Covington, Va. His subject was "Hear Ye Him From Heaven's Open Door." The closing hymn was "God Will Take Care of You." Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., pronounced the benediction.

BUSINESS SESSIONS OF THE 1954 BRETHREN CONFERENCE

First Business Session—

Tuesday, August 24, 1954

The first business session of the 65th Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches was opened with prayer, with Moderator J. L. Gingrich presiding. The Membership Committee reported 276 lay and 148 ministerial delegates, for a first-day total of 424, as compared to the first-day total last year of 391. These delegates were seated.

A letter pertaining to the Goshen, Ind., delegates was read, and the Moderator ruled that credentials for this church should be presented and await Conference's reaction to same.

The Rules and Organization Committee proceeded with the organization of Conference, following prayer for guidance by Forest Lance.

The following persons were elected: Moderator, R. Paul Miller; Vice Moderator, Thomas Hammer; secretary, Clyde K. Landrum; Assistant Secretary, James D. Hammer; Treasurer, Roy Kinsey; Statistician, C. S. Zimmerman; Committee on Committees, H. W. Koontz (chairman), R. D. Barnard, and Henry Rempel.

Motion passed to adjourn.

Dr. W. A. Ogden led in the closing prayer.

Second Business Session—

Wednesday, August 25, 1954

The Membership Committee reported 13 additional lay delegates, and 3 ministerial, for a total of 440, as compared to 418 for the second day of Conference last year. These delegates were seated.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Membership Committee re-

ported one alternate delegate, and this delegate was seated.

The following persons were elected to the National Conference Executive Committee: Atlantic District, Conard Sandy, Robert Cessna; California District, J. Paul Miller, Henry Rempel; East District, Clyde K. Landrum, William H. Schaffer; Indiana District, Arnold R. Kriegbaum, Herman W. Koontz; Iowa District, Richard P. DeArme; Michigan District, Richard Jackson, Jr.; Midwest District, Sam Horney; Northern Ohio District, Miles Taber, James Cook; Northwest District, Thomas Hammers; Southeast District, R. E. A. Miller; Southern Ohio District, Clair Brickel, C. S. Zimmerman.

The Brethren Youth Fellowship Board presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE BRETHREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP BOARD

In the interest of efficiency we request that the Brethren Youth Fellowship Board be reduced in size from 12 members to 10 members, 2 to be elected each year for a period of four years.

We therefore submit the following names to comprise the present Brethren Youth Fellowship Board:

Gerald Polman-Bill Smith for four-year terms.

Charles Ashman, Jr.-Homer Kent, Jr., for three-year terms.

Kenneth Ashman-John J. Burns for two-year terms.

Ralph Colburn-Clair Gartland for one-year terms.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Burns, secretary.

The persons nominated in the report were elected by unanimous ballot. These are: Gerald Polman, four-year term; Bill Smith, four-year term; Charles Ashman, Jr., three-year term; Homer Kent, Jr., three-year term; Kenneth Ashman, two-year term; John J. Burns, two-year term; Ralph Colburn, one-year term; Clair Gartland, one-year term.

The Board on Ministerial Relief gave its Financial Report, which was

adopted (see page 50). The following were elected to three-year terms on the Board on Ministerial Relief: Melvin Fisher, Byron Noon, Wm. H. Chaffer.

Motion that the Board on Ministerial Relief set a time this week to answer questions of interested ministers.

Amendment that the Executive Committee set the time for this meeting passed.

The time was extended 10 minutes.

Motion to table the motion passed.

The installation service for the new officers of Conference was held.

Motion to adjourn passed.

The Business Session was closed with prayer.

Third Business Session—

Thursday, August 26, 1954

Four lay delegates and three ministerial were reported by the Membership Committee. These delegates were seated. This made a total of 447 as compared to a third-day total of 26 last year.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Committees nominated the following persons, who were elected by Conference to the committees indicated:

Committee on Conference Membership—Chairman, Thomas Hamners, Glen Welborn, Sam Horney, Archer Baum, True Hunt, William Gray, Charles Turner.

Rules and Organization—Chairman, Forest Lance, James Dixon, Lewis Hohenstein.

Moderator's Address—Chairman, Arthur D. Cashman, Russell Williams, Richard DeArmy.

Resolutions—Chairman, Herman Hoyt, John Aeby, Russell Ward.

Committee on Finance—Chairman,

Roy Kinsey, Ted Henning, Homer Hanna.

Conference Minutes—Chairman, Clyde Landrum, Arnold Kriegbaum, James Hammer.

Auditing—Chairman, Blaine Snyder, Charles Sheets, Herman Schumacher.

Denominational Interests—Chairman, L. L. Grubb, C. W. Mayes, W. A. Ogden, A. H. McClain, Cleve Miller, Paul Bauman, Arnold Kriegbaum, C. H. Ashman, Sr., F. B. Miller.

The statistician reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953.

	Districts			
	No. Churches		Membership	
	1952	1953	1952	1953
Atlantic	14	14	2,224	2,327
California	26	28	5,215	5,004
East	23	23	3,830	3,623
Indiana	13	14	1,337	1,443
Iowa	6	6	800	781
Michigan	5	5	331	360
Midwest	8	8	539	545
Northern Ohio	15	16	2,522	2,688
Northwest	6	7	896	871
Southeast	11	10	1,601	1,568
Southern Ohio	10	10	1,533	1,609

Totals 137 141 20,828 20,819

Membership

Total membership reported last year.. 20,470

Added—

By letter from other denominations 98

By letter from Brethren churches 312

By baptism 1,416

By other 156

Total additions 1,982

Lost—

By letter to other denominations 275

By letter to Brethren churches 307

By death 146

By dismissal 172

By roll revision 733

Total losses 1,633

Net gain 349

Present membership 20,819

Male 9,168

Female 11,651

Note—84 churches show gain; 47 churches show losses; 10 churches static.

<i>Services</i>	
	Ave. Att.
Morning worship service.....	15,200
Evening worship service	9,887
Midweek prayer service	4,840
Revival-evangelistic	8,618
Bible conferences	4,865
Other	1,601
Communion service	8,595
Bible school	18,591
Number of conversions	2,271

<i>Auxiliary Organizations</i>	
	Enrollment
The Bible School—	
Infants, 0-1 years	941
Nursery, 2-3 years	1,640
Beginners, 4-5 years	2,336
Primary, 6-8 years	3,507
Juniors, 9-11 years	3,479
Intermediates, 12-14 years	2,321
Seniors, 15-17 years	1,786
Young people, 18-24 years	1,713
Adults, 25 years and up	9,174
Total	26,897

	Ave. Att.
The Bible School	18,591
Home Department	406
Child evangelism	1,897
Daily vacation Bible school	9,851
Fellowship societies	1,905
Women's and girls' organizations—	
Women's Missionary Council	2,496
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha	1,577
Others	71
Men's and boys' organizations—	
Brotherhoods, or Magnify clubs	1,130
Boys' groups	902
Others	77

<i>Balancing the Bible School—</i>			
Dept.	Actual Enrollment	Standard Percentage	Balanced Enrollment
Beginners ..	2,336	8	1,945
Primary ...	3,507	12	2,918
Junior	3,479	12	2,918
Intermediate	2,321	12	2,918
Senior	1,786	12	2,918
Y'ng People	1,713	20	4,863
Adult	9,174	24	5,836
	24,316	100	24,316

<i>Properties and Valuations</i>	
Church buildings	\$5,239,713.96
Church equipment	678,142.67
Parsonages	674,125.00
Other property	416,550.00
Other investments	170,265.00
Treasury balances less national offerings	179,136.94
Total assets	7,357,933.57
Debts on church properties ..	1,395,356.41
Net worth	5,962,577.16

<i>Expenditures</i>	
Pastors' salaries—	
Paid by local church	\$326,312.53
Paid by district mission board ..	9,456.00
Paid by Home Missions Council	40,278.67
Car allowance ...	14,741.19
Estimated parsonage rental	40,099.08
Total paid pastors	\$430,887.47

Other regular salaries paid	118,422.77
Current expenses (utilities, supplies, etc.)	175,194.20
Building debt payments	278,725.57
Improvements and equipment ..	282,292.99
Evangelistic services and Bible conferences	49,049.11
Bible school literature	54,478.40
Foreign Missions—	
Brethren Foreign Missions	\$246,375.71
Others	7,010.81

Total	253,386.52
Home Missions—	
Brethren Home Missions Council	
—regular	\$148,399.47
Brethren Home Missions Council	
—Jewish	9,809.58
District missions ..	21,201.29
Other Jewish missions	3,440.22
Other	16,209.20

Total	199,059.77
Education—	
Grace Theological Seminary	\$65,412.09
Other	16,393.96

Total	81,806.00
Publication—	
Brethren Missionary Herald Company	\$5,991.58
Other	263.00

Total	6,254.58
Youth Fellowship—	
Brethren National Youth Council..	\$2,250.73
Other	2,651.96

Total	4,902.60
Other expenditures	166,549.77
Total expenditures	2,101,010.00
Balance in treasuries	266,564.80

Percentages and Relationships

<i>Financial—</i>	
\$2,101,010.04—Total annual expenditures—per capita, \$100.92.	
1,555,600.44—Total spent for local use—per capita, \$74.72.	
253,386.52—Total for Foreign Missions—per capita, \$12.17.	
199,059.76—Total for Home Missions—per capita, \$9.56.	
81,806.05—Total for educational purpose—per capita, \$3.93.	
6,254.58—Total publication offering—per capita, \$0.30.	

<i>Attendance—</i>	
15,200—Average morning worship attendance—73% of church membership.	
9,887—Average evening worship attendance—48% of church membership.	
4,840—Average midweek prayer meeting attendance—23% of church membership.	
8,618—Average revival-evangelistic attendance—41% of church membership.	
4,865—Average Bible conference attendance—23% of church membership.	
8,595—Average communion service attendance—41% of church membership.	
349—Net gain in membership—1.6% of 1952 membership (20,828).	

1,982—New members gained—9.5% of 1952 membership (20,828).
 26,897—Enrollment in Bible school—129% of church membership.
 18,591—Average Bible school attendance—69% of Bible school enrollment.
 41,638—Should be enrolled in the Bible school for best evangelistic field.
 62,457—Should be enrolled in the Bible school for the church to be reaching its constituency.

Church Membership—

27 churches have membership of 1 to 49 members.
 39 churches have membership of 50 to 99 members.
 25 churches have membership of 100 to 149 members.
 19 churches have membership of 150 to 199 members.
 11 churches have membership of 200 to 249 members.
 5 churches have membership of 250 to 299 members.
 6 churches have membership of 300 to 349 members.
 5 churches have membership of 350 to 399 members.
 1 church has a membership of 450 to 499 members.
 1 church has a membership of 550 to 599 members.
 1 church has a membership of 650 to 699 members.
 1 church has a membership of 1,450 to 1,495 members.

Bible School Enrollment—

11 churches have Bible school enrollment of 1 to 49.
 33 churches have Bible school enrollment of 50 to 99.
 35 churches have Bible school enrollment of 100 to 149.
 13 churches have Bible school enrollment of 150 to 199.
 15 churches have Bible school enrollment of 200 to 249.
 12 churches have Bible school enrollment of 250 to 299.
 6 churches have Bible school enrollment of 300 to 349.
 6 churches have Bible school enrollment of 350 to 399.
 4 churches have Bible school enrollment of 400 to 449.
 3 churches have Bible school enrollment of 450 to 499.
 1 church has a Bible school enrollment of 500 to 599.
 1 church has a Bible school enrollment of 600 to 699.
 1 church has a Bible school enrollment of 700 to 799.
 1 church has a Bible school enrollment of 800 to 899.
 1 church has a Bible school enrollment of 900 to 999.
 1 church has a Bible school enrollment of 1,000 to 1,099.
 1 church has a Bible school enrollment of 1,100 to 1,199.
 1 church has a Bible school enrollment of 1,200 to 1,299.
 1 church has a Bible school enrollment of 1,300 to 1,399.
 1 church has a Bible school enrollment of 1,400 to 1,499.
 1 church has a Bible school enrollment of 1,500 to 1,599.

The Board of Evangelism reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The Board of Evangelism presents this report with gratitude to God for His many, many blessings upon the Crusade during the past year. Praise His name for the souls saved, for Christians who have come to walk closer to Him, and for true revival in many brethren churches.

I am glad to report to you that during the

year our two teams witnessed 908 first-time decisions and 1,215 rededications, for a total of 2,123.

In conducting the 34 meetings the teams drove a total of 27,877 miles, working in 9 of the 11 districts. One interesting observation relative to the districts is that we held a meeting in every church in the Michigan District, and two in one of these churches, with a second meeting being planned for another Michigan church this fall.

The one tent meeting of the year was held at Taos, N. Mex., and it was a glorious victory, with dozens of souls coming to Christ. Praise the Lord for these decisions—literally dividends for our dollars and prayers.

In the months between this National Conference and Christmas, meetings will be held in every church in the Northwest District, including the new Seattle mission church. Pray for Evangelist Archie Lynn and musicians, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Colburn, as they labor there in this concentrated effort.

We thank God for the faithfulness of all His people, for their prayers and financial support. You have stood by—praise the Lord! Thanks to the Laymen's Fellowship for all that they have done to sponsor and "back us up" in the evangelism field during the past year. They have helped greatly to make it a year of victory and blessing.

Now, as we face the year ahead we ask that you covenant with us that this may be another great year. Pray throughout the year. Give as the Lord leads—particularly now when our need is great, and on Evangelism Sunday, which is the last Sunday in February.

Yours for souls and for real revival.

Clyde K. Landrum, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BRETHREN BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Aug. 20, 1953, to Aug. 23, 1954

Balance on hand Aug. 20, 1953 ...	\$806.35
Contributions from evangelistic campaigns	16,419.97
Special offerings from the churches (mainly in response to Evangelism Sunday appeal)	2,362.78
Contributions from individuals	3,776.00
Contributions from National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen ...	1,383.13
Contributions from rallies	189.25
Contributions for literature	180.00
Contributions for tent	69.35
Contributions for outfit for Team 2	236.00
Miscellaneous contributions	99.17
Received from sale of mimeograph paper	1.50
Received from refund on P. O. box rent .....	.40
Received from refund on traveling expense advances	5.00
Total receipts	25,528.90

Disbursements

Salaries	\$21,045.00
Traveling expenses	1,826.84
Car repair	111.70
Car insurance	144.61
Tent insurance	75.00
P. A. system insurance	10.00
Moving expenses (Lepp and Bergerson to Winona Lake)	242.00
Miscellaneous disbursements (including cuts, mats, stationery, postage, mailing, advertising,	

long-distance phone calls, telegrams, bond for treasurer, etc.)	1,985.44
Total disbursements	25,440.59
Total receipts	\$25,528.90
Total disbursements	25,440.59
Balance on hand	88.31
Respectfully submitted, Herman J. Schumacher, Treas.	

The following were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Evangelism: Bernard Schneider, Mason Cooper, Glenn O'Neal, Scott Weaver.

The following report was submitted by the Sunday School Board, which report was adopted:

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Report—August 1, 1953-August 1, 1954

In the providence of God we count it a real privilege to be able again to make report to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches assembled in conference in Winona Lake, Ind. The Lord truly has been good to us—your Sunday School Board.

Acting upon the vote of confidence given to the Board in the last conference session, the Board called Rev. Harold H. Etling to become the full-time Director of Sunday School Work for our denomination. This work was begun on January 1, 1954. Since that time, we have the report of activities of our Director, as well as other activities of the Board.

The Director's report shows—

69 Sunday-school rallies held in 44 different churches.

3 revival meetings held (2 weeks each).

6 district conferences attended—with the privilege of presenting the work of the Sunday School Board in each of these.

1 camp—of a week's duration—where the first Worker's Training Course was taught.

Shared in the ministry of 2 Home Missions Council workshops.

These all add up to a total of approximately 170 speaking engagements—with a total of more than 25,000 miles traveled in the 6 months.

We held our second national convention with more than 400 registered persons in attendance.

Our immediate plans for the future are:

1. A great "All Brethren Sunday School Contest." Details of this were given in our second annual convention. They will be sent out within a week to every church in the Fellowship. We believe this will be one step toward reaching our new goal of 60,000 by 1960.

2. A new "Worker's Training Course Program" which will include the teaching of Sunday-school materials and methods to our workers across the nation. The first unit is ready for printing, and will be ready for the churches by September 10. Our slogan is "Every Christian a Worker, and Every Worker Trained."

3. The conducting of Sunday-school conventions in areas across the nation which will enable our teachers and workers from

every church to get into at least one convention each year. These area conventions are being set up now, and will be carried to the areas this fall and winter.

4. The promotion and conducting of our third annual national Sunday school convention on an enlarged program in Portland next year.

5. The production of additional materials that will help our Sunday schools grow and become more efficient.

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 31, 1953, to June 30, 1954

Balance, July 31, 1953	\$2,674.77
Income—	
Church offerings	\$2,679.87
Church rallies	92.19
The Brethren Home Missions Council	500.00
Conferences	242.03
Supplies sales	255.06
National Conference	
Sunday School	117.77
National WMC	200.00
Refund—Gospel Pub.	
House	23.10
Evangelistic meeting	
honoraria	525.77
Other honoraria	56.40
	4,692.19
Total income and balance	7,366.96

Disbursements—	
Director's salary	\$2,100.00
Honoraria	555.00
Traveling	1,895.99
Literature for board	
members	68.50
Stationery, postage, etc.	98.84
Supplies cost	343.21
Administrative expenses	92.52
Sales refund .....	.40
Telephone and telegraph	128.70
Office equipment	78.59
Moving expenses—director	627.32
P. O. Box rental	1.10
Brethren Annual space	4.50
Brethren Calendar	125.00
	6,119.67

Balance, June 30, 1954	1,247.29
Reconciliation—	
Petty cash—director's office	\$100.00
Bank balance—First Bank of Berne	1,147.29
	1,247.29

Conference extended the time to care for the Sunday School Board's report.

Conference elected the following men to three-year terms on the Sunday School Board: Harold H. Etling, Lyle Marvin, C. S. Zimmerman, John J. Burns.

Motion to adjourned was passed and the session was closed with prayer.

Fourth Business Session—*Friday, August 27, 1954*

Moderator R. Paul Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

The Membership Committee presented three alternate delegates, who were seated by Conference.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Divorce and Remarriage presented the following report, which was adopted:

Since a number of problems have arisen which made a completed report at this Conference impossible, the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage makes the following recommendation:

1. That the entire matter, for the present, be withdrawn from the agenda of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches pending a more careful study of the teaching of the Word of God.

2. That the committee be continued, with instructions to meet during the year for several days' study of the problem, any expenses involved to be paid by the Conference.

3. That the matter, with its related problems, also be referred to the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers for the presentation of various viewpoints in a series of paper and opportunity for thorough discussion for the purpose of ascertaining the will of God in the Scriptures.

4. That in the meantime Christian liberty be maintained for all concerned, whether churches or organizations, to follow the procedure that is sincerely believed to be the teaching of the Bible.

5. Also the committee urges strongly upon the pastors and churches that they take a firm position against the evil of divorce and remarriage and that the pastors inform our people of the teaching of the Word of God regarding it.

Submitted by the Committee on Divorce and Remarriage, Henry Rempel, secretary.

Motion passed that the Committee on the Expansion of the Brethren Ministry be continued.

The following report of the 1954-55 (new) Executive Committee was adopted as amended by conference:

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1954-55

August 27, 1954

Subject: Recommendation to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches in Annual Conference at Winona Lake, Ind., August 1954.

In view of the amount of time consumed by the present procedure used by the Membership Committee of the Conference in adding all of the names of the delegates to be seated at the conference, it is recom-

mended that this Conference authorize the Membership Committee to study and bring in a recommendation to the next conference presenting a procedure of seating delegates which will be less time-consuming and in accord with the requirements of our constitution.

For the committee,

Richard Jackson, Jr.,
Executive Secretary.

Motion passed that the Executive Secretary express appreciation to the Winona Lake Christian Assembly for holding our place on the conference grounds for 1956. Dates for the 1956 Conference, as voted in the 1953 Conference are August 21-27.

Motion prevailed that we commit the responsibility of ushering in National Conference sessions to the Laymen's Fellowship.

Motion passed to adjourn.

Closing prayer was by James D. Hammer.

Fifth Business Session—*Saturday, August 28, 1954*

Henry Rempel led in the opening prayer.

The Membership Committee reported one additional delegate, who was officially seated, making a total of 448 delegates for the Sixty-Fifth Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, as compared to 427 for 1953.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Committee on Denominational Interests read the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Denominational Interests, being a creature of this Conference, desires to submit the following report.

Careful consideration has been given to the case of the Leon, Iowa, Brethren Church, which is supposedly to be involved in litigation by Mr. George Ronk and the Ashland Brethren Conference. All introductory steps have been taken by Mr. Ronk and his attorneys with the expressed intention of possessing the Leon church property.

Since your Committee has faced an emergency on whether to fight this case in court or not, we have sought a recommendation from the National Ministerial Association of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Should this Conference so act, the Committee will be governed in its future

actions by the specific majority recommendation of the ministers.

Because of the strategic value of the information contained in this recommendation, the Committee has felt it would be unwise to reveal it at this time.

The Committee is requesting the Conference to instruct the National Conference treasurer to care for expenses incurred in Committee meetings, traveling, and initial lawyer's consultation fees.

P. R. Bauman
L. L. Grubb
A. J. McClain
C. Mayes
F. B. Miller
Cleve Miller
W. A. Ogden
C. H. Ashman
A. Kriegbaum

The Treasurer's report, which follows, was read and adopted by Conference:

TREASURER'S SUPPLEMENT REPORT OF 1953-54 CONFERENCE

National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

August 28, 1953, to August 23, 1954

Receipts—

Balance on hand Aug. 28, 1953 ...	\$1,714.63
Saturday evening offering, Aug. 29	90.47
Sunday morning offering, Aug. 30	144.73
Sunday afternoon offering, Aug. 30	66.21
Sunday evening offering, Aug. 30	21.90

Total receipts 2,037.94

Disbursements—

Oct. 19, 1953—Uniontown Typewriter Service, typing and carbon paper	\$3.45
Oct. 23, 1953—Brethren Home Missions Council, Gospel Truth Broadcasting Association indebtedness	915.16
Nov. 16, 1953—Rev. Henry J. Rempel, mailing supplies re: Divorce and Remarriage literature	14.00
Jan. 4, 1954—Brethren Missionary Herald Co., space in Annual	680.40
July 15, 1954—Carter and German, lay credentials	17.50
Total disbursements	1,630.51
Total receipts	\$2,037.94
Total disbursements	1,630.51

Balance on hand Aug. 23, 1954.. 407.43
Bryson C. Fetters, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE 1954 CONFERENCE

National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

August 23-29, 1954

Receipts—

Balance on hand Aug. 23, 1954 ...	\$407.43
Mon. eve. offering, Aug. 23, 1954..	129.70
Tues. eve. offering, Aug. 24, 1954..	130.31
Wed. eve. offering, Aug. 25, 1954..	144.43
Thurs. eve. offering, Aug. 26, 1954..	315.99
Total credential fees	1,163.22
Fri. eve. offering, Aug. 27, 1954...	154.14

Total receipts 2,445.22

Disbursements—

Aug. 27—Grace Seminary, Thurs. eve. offering, L. S. Bauman mem.	\$315.99
Aug. 27—C. S. Zimmerman, statistician, honorarium and expenses	63.65
Aug. 27—Brethren Missionary Herald, Ex. Comm. expense	2.25
Aug. 27—Clyde K. Landrum, honorarium and postage	56.45
Aug. 27—Paul Hall, organist, honorarium	20.00
Aug. 27—Mrs. Melvin Fisher, pianist, honorarium	20.00
Aug. 27—Clair Brickel, songleader, honorarium	20.00
Aug. 27—Mark Malles, ex. sec., honorarium and expense	57.50
Aug. 27—Winona Lake Christian Assembly, rental	500.00
Aug. 27—Edson Moyer, sign	20.00

Total disbursements 1,075.84

Total receipts \$2,445.22

Total disbursements 1,075.84

Balance on hand Aug. 28, 1954.. 1,369.38

Roy H. Kinsey, Treasurer.

The Auditing Committee submitted the following report which was adopted:

The financial records of the following unincorporated boards of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches have been audited and found to be correct according to the bank statement balances.

National Fellowship of Brethren Churches
Treasurer.
National Sunday School Board Treasurer.
National Brethren Youth Fellowship.
National Youth Council.
National Brethren Boys Club.

Auditing Committee—
Frank J. Poland.
James L. Boyer,
Blaine Snyder.

Conference adopted the following report by the Committee on the Moderator's Address:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

We, the Committee on Moderator's Address, wish to commend our retiring moderator, Elder J. L. Gingrich, for his splendid message on the subject, "Hear Ye Him." We express our appreciation for his reminding us that the church of Jesus Christ has and will, triumph in spite of all the opposition of the enemy through consecrated believers who depend not on the arm of flesh but on God. And that, nevertheless, we are in great danger of aiding the enemy to prevail against the church by indifference, worldliness, compromise, and neglect; and that we must rededicate ourselves to the task of carrying out the Great Commission by winning more souls to Jesus Christ, by teaching them obedience to God's will, and by training those saved to witness to others in the power of the Holy Spirit. We recommend that the address be published in the Brethren Missionary Herald so that it be made available to our entire brotherhood.

On the basis of the suggestions made in

the moderator's address, we make the following recommendations to Conference:

1. That in the light of our high standard of Biblical preaching, we give a greater emphasis to adorning our sound doctrine with greater love, holier living, and more earnest prayer.

2. That in carrying out the fourfold order of the Great Commission, we give greater emphasis to hand-picked fruit both from the world and from within our own homes.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. Cashman, chairman.

R. L. Williams.

R. P. DeArmey.

Conference adopted the following report of the Brethren Youth Fellowship treasurer:

BRETHREN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

August 21, 1953, to August 25, 1954

Atlantic	Gen.	Missions	
		Home	Foreign
Hagerstown, Md. ....	..	\$10.00	\$10.00
Harrisburg, Pa.	\$86.82	61.14	28.33
Martinsburg, W. Va. ....	..	40.00	..
Seven Fountains, Va.	11.00	..	9.00
Waynesboro, Pa.	44.00	10.00	41.00
Winchester, Va. ....	..	25.00	..
York, Pa. ....	..	..	14.40
California			
Artesia ....	..	16.46	5.00
Compton ....	..	..	5.00
La Crescenta ....	..	..	17.34
Long Beach (First)	35.00	..	..
Los Angeles (First) ....	..	90.00	..
Modesto (La Loma)	3.00	20.00	..
Paramount	18.00	75.50	17.53
San Bernardino	5.00	..	..
South Pasadena	30.00	..	..
Temple City	14.00	40.78	279.81
Tracy ....	..	..	7.08
East			
Aleppo	10.00	10.00	15.00
Altoona (Juniata) ....	..	20.00	..
Conemaugh ....	..	..	42.00
Everett ....	..	50.00	15.00
Grafton ....	..	10.00	..
Holidaysburg (Vick.)	65.00	..	75.00
Hopewell (Yellow Cr.) ....	..	44.25	..
Lebanon ....	..	..	10.00
Littanning (First)	5.00	10.00	..
Meersville ....	..	6.35	7.56
Ministie	19.61	..	60.10
Meyersdale ....	..	5.00	..
Mundy's Corn. (Pike) ....	..	..	20.00
Summit Mills	8.96	..	12.00
Uniontown	30.20	36.57	21.00
Indiana			
Lafayette City	3.00	..	..
Elkhart	8.82	..	..
Greencastle	6.94	..	..
Harpsville	36.00	..	..
Winona Lake	39.00	..	33.00
Michigan			
Ann Arbor	11.15	..	..
Marion Springs ....	..	..	12.00
Jackson ....	..	..	6.05
Midwest			
Port Clinton	5.50	4.76	5.00
Wapakoneta (Canon)	29.67	11.28	15.17

Northern Ohio

Camp Buckeye .....	..	..	11.00
Canton .....	..	..	5.00
Cuyahoga Falls .....	..	56.00	..
Fremont	28.75	30.00	..
Mansfield	18.71	..	4.98
Wooster .....	..	..	125.00

Northwest

Albany .....	..	..	12.00
Harrah	4.00	..	25.00
Seattle	3.00	..	..
Sunnyside .....	..	..	20.00

Southeast

Buena Vista	2.00	28.10	25.00
Hollins .....	..	..	8.55
Johnson City	5.00	..	..
Limestone	4.00	..	12.30
Roanoke (Ghent)	25.00	..	40.48
Roanoke (Wash. Hts.)	17.00	22.00

Southern Ohio

Clayton	58.35	14.44	..
Covington	20.72
Troy	6.00	..

Supplies	\$29.92
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France Tent Project

Bethany Vespers offering	\$424.84
David Miller	20.00
Jerry Losli	1.00
Limestone, Tenn.	12.50
Meyersdale, Pa.	5.00
Taos, N. Mex.	10.00
Wooster, Ohio	20.00

493.34

Disbursements

Brethren Youth Council	\$250.00
BYF program packets	180.00
Jewish and Spanish literature	240.00
Bethany project (France)	500.00
Transfer—Bekoro project	88.20
Transfer—Home Mission project ..	126.76

1,384.96

Recapitulation

Home Missions Project—	
Receipts	\$818.45
Disbursements	810.00

Balance in project fund	8.45
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General Fund—	
Balance, Aug. 21, 1953	\$15.60
Receipts	1,425.42

1,441.02

Disbursements	1,384.96
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Balance in general fund	56.06
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Total balance	\$64.51
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Note: Foreign Mission project funds as a rule do not go through the BYF treasury. They are handled directly by the Foreign Missionary Society and our report is received from them. Late gifts will be recorded on next year's report.

Motion passed that the matter of giving special recognition to new

churches be referred to the Membership Committee for study.

Motion passed that the Membership Committee study the possibility of providing for placing the names of all delegates from each church on one credential.

Motion passed that this Conference reaffirm its historic, Biblical, Brethren position on war, as set forth and adopted in 1941, as recorded on page 13 of the Brethren Annual of November 15, 1941, which is as follows.

That we reaffirm our historic stand with relation to war; namely, that The Brethren Church from her origin has been utterly opposed to the use of violence or any physical force as a means to an end, on the part of the children of God. We regard the governments of this world system as being yet unregenerate, and their methods of violence contrary to the methods God has authorized His children in the present age to use. We reaffirm that while war, as a possible method for the attainment of justice or the securing and maintenance of human liberty, may at times be deemed necessary among the unregenerate of this world system, yet, according to the teaching of our common Lord and Master, we, as His disciples, do not belong to this world's system and its methods are not our own. We are in this world and not of it, as our Master taught (John 17:14), and must maintain our pilgrim character (Heb. 11:8-16), our citizenship already being in heaven (Phil. 3:20-21). We recognize and appreciate the protection of the United States; and to the nation that God has ordained (Rom. 13:1-7) to afford us protection, we gladly offer our service, time, money, and life itself if necessary to bind up its wounds, or to heal its sorrows, by any means or methods our Lord Jesus Christ has approved for the use of those who follow Him, and we pledge ourselves to pray for those in authority according to Romans 13:1-7.

Motion passed that the secretary send this resolution to the proper Government officials.

Motion passed that a special business meeting be held at the close of tonight's program to hear a report of the Resolutions Committee, and that the Committee on Committees appoint a new Resolutions Committee to act.

Motion passed to instruct the Committee on Committees to bring in nominations for a Selective Service Committee of three members.

Conference elected the following committees:

Committee on Resolutions—Dr. Homer Kent, James Dixon, Robert E. A. Miller.

Committee on Selective Service—Dr. C. H. Ashman, Sr., Dr. Herman Hoyt, Dr. W. A. Ogden.

Motion passed to adjourn.

R. Paul Miller closed the meeting with prayer.

Final Business Session—

Saturday Evening, Aug. 28, 1954

R. Paul Miller, the moderator, presiding, opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

The Resolutions Committee report, which follows, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, AUGUST 28, 1954

National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

We, as members of the body of Christ assembled at Winona Lake, Ind., in the 65th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, do hereby set forth the following resolutions:

ARTICLE I. Be it resolved that we express our praise and thanksgiving unto our gracious God through Jesus Christ our Lord and in the Holy Spirit for all His bountiful blessings upon this Conference and upon our entire brotherhood throughout the past year; for bringing us together in the largest delegated body of the past 15 years; and for the manifest spirit of unity in the bond of peace which has prevailed throughout the Conference.

ARTICLE II. Be it further resolved that we reaffirm our belief in the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith as revealed in the Word of God, partially set forth in the published statement, "The Message of the Brethren Ministry."

In harmony with this belief we reaffirm our position of complete separation from the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, and their various affiliates.

We also reaffirm our belief in the historic Brethren principle and practice of the sovereign rights of each local congregation.

ARTICLE III. Be it resolved that we heartily commend the following groups and organizations for their conscientious endeavor and splendid achievements throughout the past year:

(1) Grace Theological Seminary for establishing the new department of education in

the Collegiate Division for the training of much-needed Christian teachers.

(2) The Foreign Missionary Society for its vision in expanding the work on all of our foreign fields with the largest missionary staff in the history of the Brethren Church.

(3) The Home Missions Council for its intensive program of extending the testimony of the Brethren Church in the United States, so that now we have the largest number of home-mission churches in the history of our church.

(4) The Brethren Missionary Herald for its zeal in publishing more tracts with distinctive emphasis on Brethren beliefs and practices; and for promoting vigorously a wider use of Brethren Sunday-school literature in our churches.

(5) The National Sunday School Board for its vitalizing program of building more and better churches through an increase of emphasis on the Sunday school, including the introduction of a new Brethren Christian Workers Training Course for all our churches, the initiation of the first nationwide Brethren Sunday School Contest, and the challenging Sunday School Convention preceding Conference each year which has now exceeded well over 500 delegates in attendance.

(6) The National Board of Evangelism for successfully completing its first year with two evangelistic teams in the field winning

the lost to Christ and strengthening the churches of our brotherhood.

(7) The Women's Missionary Council, the National Laymen, the Brethren Youth Council for record achievements during the past year.

ARTICLE IV. Be it finally resolved that we recommend to this Conference and to all of our Brethren people—

(1) That we exercise greater faithfulness in prayer and in attendance to the services in God's house;

(2) That in view of the imminent return of our Lord, we call ourselves to a renewed devotion to the New Testament standards of holy living;

(3) And that finally, in harmony with the Conference theme this year, "Hear Ye Him," we take heed to our Lord who said upon one occasion: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35).

Dr. Homer Kent, Sr., chairman.

James G. Dixon.

Robert E. A. Miller.

The final minutes were read and adopted.

Motion passed that we adjourn.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS

Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Executive Committee

Moderator—Conard Sandy.
 Vice Moderator—James G. Dixon.
 Secretary—J. Edward Cordell, Jr.
 Assistant Secretary—Miss Pauline Seitz.
 Treasurer—G. C. Saufley.
 Statistician—Ralph Fitz.
 National Conference Executive Committee Representatives—Conard Sandy, Robert Cessna.

Committee on Committees

U. L. Gingrich.
 Roy S. Myers.
 D. I. Holliday.

Credential Committee

William Wiles.
 Roy S. Myers.
 T. M. Kyler.

Resolutions Committee

William Gray.
 Russell Weber.
 Conard Sandy.

Committee on Moderator's Address

Paul Dick.
 Dennis I. Holliday.
 Robert Cessna.

Young People's Committee

Gerald Polman.
 James G. Dixon.
 Earle Peer.

Powell's Fort Camp Representative

Paul Dick.

Ministerial Examining Board

All regular pastors of the district.

Atlantic (continued)—

District Mission Board

President—Paul Dick.
 Vice President—Conard Sandy.
 Secretary—Dennis Holliday.
 Treasurer—G. C. Saufley.

Laymen's Group

President—James N. Knepper, 29 W. 9th Ave., York, Pa.
 Vice President—F. W. Hartman, 2803 Jamestown, Rd., Hyattsville, Md.
 Secretary—Frank Cordell, R. R. 1, Chambersburg, Pa.
 Treasurer—Allen Zook, 806 E. Chocolate Ave., Hershey, Pa.
 Corresponding Secretary—Kenneth R. Kohler, 1912 E. Pacific St. Philadelphia 34, Pa.

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. Gerald Polman, 731 Elm Terrace, York, Pa.
 Vice President—Mrs. Russell Weber, 835 Spruce St., Hagerstown, Md.
 Secretary—Miss Rena G. Bauer, 120' Alcott, St., Philadelphia 49, Pa.
 Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Earnes Bearinger, 211 Frick Ave., Waynesboro, Pa.
 Treasurer—Miss Pauline Seitz, 980 E. Godfrey Ave., Philadelphia 24, Pa.
 Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Marjorie Stouffer, 30 E. Lincoln Ave., Hagerstown, Md.

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

President—Phyllis Mason, 105 Anderson Ave., R. R. 1, Winchester, Va.
 Vice President—Nancy Jones, 109 F Del Ray Ave., Alexandria, Va.
 Secretary—Nancy Oswald, 948 Chesapeake St., Allentown, Pa.

Atlantic (continued)—

Treasurer—Audrey Grinon, 224 East St., Winchester, Va.

Patroness—Mrs. Russell Weber, 835 Spruce St., Hagerstown, Md.

Cooperating Churches

Alexandria, Va. — Commonwealth Avenue Brethren.

Allentown, Pa.—First Brethren.

Hagerstown, Md.—Grace Brethren.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Melrose Gardens Brethren.

Martinsburg, W. Va.—Rosemont Brethren.

Philadelphia, Pa.—First Brethren.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Third Brethren.

Second Bank, Chambersburg, Pa.—Grace Brethren.

Seven Fountains, Va.—Trinity Brethren.

Washington, D. C.—First Brethren.

Waynesboro, Pa.—First Brethren.

Winchester, Va.—First Brethren.

York, Pa.—Grace Brethren.

California District Conference of Brethren Churches*Executive Committee*

Moderator—George Peek.

Ice Moderator—Lewis Hohenstein.

Secretary—George Richardson.

Assistant Secretary—Alan Pearce.

Treasurer—Clifford Yocky.

Statistician—John Suiter.

Board of Trustees

Arthur Adams ('59).

Walter McPheeters ('55).

Joseph Hoffman ('56).

L. Culp ('57).

John Richardson ('58).

District Mission Board

Pastors—

Max Brenneman ('57).

California (continued)—

J. Keith Altig ('57).

Henry Rempel ('55).

Lewis Hohenstein ('55).

Charles Underwood ('55).

Leo Polman ('56).

Adam Rager ('56).

Gene Farrell ('56).

Laymen—

Walter McPheeters ('57).

A. W. Keating ('57).

Joseph Hoffman ('57).

Clifford Yocky ('55).

Ed Hastings ('56).

William Garber ('56).

National Fellowship Executive Committee

Paul Miller.

Henry Rempel.

Charles Underwood.

Young People's Activities Committee

Dick McNeely.

Jerry Yerian.

Max Brenneman.

Ward Miller.

Nelson Hall.

Eva Suiter.

Mina Coon.

Jane Reuter.

Ministerial Examining Board

Glenn O'Neal (chairman).

Lewis Hohenstein.

Henry Rempel.

Charles Mayes.

Keith Altig.

George Peek.

Lyle Marvin.

Nominating Committee

Lewis Hohenstein.

Henry Rempel.

Charles Underwood.

Keith Altig.

Chester McCall.

Alan Pearce.

Ray Runyon.

California (continued)—*Committee on Committees*

Glenn O'Neal.
Charles Mayes.
Richard Kelly.

Resolutions Committee

Charles Ashman.
J. Keith Altig.
Harry Sturz.

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. Leo Polman, 120 N. Pine St., San Gabriel, Calif.
Vice President—Mrs. Clifford Yocky, 5456 Linden Ave., Long Beach, Calif.
Secretary—Mrs. Adam Rager, 21715 Norwalk Blvd., Artesia, Calif.
Treasurer—Mrs. Beulah Williams, 1226 E. 57th St., Long Beach 5, Calif.

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

President—Sandra Talbot, 1337 Lee Ave., Long Beach 4, Calif.
Vice President—Jonny Lou Billey, 120 N. Pine, San Gabriel, Calif.
Secretary-Treasurer—Elizabeth Coleman, 1587 Orange Ave., Long Beach 11, Calif.
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Anita Adams, 9617 E. Valley Blvd., Rosemead, Calif.
Patroness—Mrs. Dwight Reuter, 1902 W. 91st Pl., Los Angeles, Calif.

Cooperating Churches

Artesia—Carson Avenue Brethren.
Beaumont—Cherry Valley Brethren.
Bell—Bell Brethren.
Bellflower—First Brethren.
Chico—Grace Brethren.
Compton—First Brethren.
Covina—West Covina Brethren.
East Los Angeles—Community Brethren.

California (continued)—

Fillmore—First Brethren.
Glendale—First Brethren.
Inglewood—First Brethren.
La Crescenta—Mountain Brethren.
La Verne—First Brethren.
Long Beach—First Brethren.
Long Beach—North Long Beach Brethren.
Long Beach—Stearns Street Brethren.
Modesto—Brethren Christian Center.
Modesto—La Loma Grace Brethren.
Norwalk—Norwalk Brethren.
Paramount—Paramount Brethren.
Phoenix, Ariz.—First Brethren.
San Diego—First Brethren.
San Bernardino—Arrowhead Avenue Brethren.
Seal Beach—First Brethren.
South Gate—First Brethren.
South Pasadena—Fremont Avenue Brethren.
Temple City—Temple City Brethren.
Tracy—First Brethren.
Whittier—Community Brethren.
Whittier—First Brethren.

East Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next conference will be held July 18-21, 1955, at the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Executive Committee

Moderator—Clair W. Gartland, R. 1, Conemaugh, Pa.
Vice Moderator—Homer Lingenfelter, R. R. 2, Everett, Pa.
Secretary—Fred Wm. Walter, Aleppo, Pa.
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Fred W. Walter, Aleppo, Pa.
Treasurer—Sheldon Snyder, 609 26 St., Altoona, Pa.
Statistician—Richard Beach.
Members at Large—W. A. Ogden, W. H. Schaffer.

East (continued)—*Committee on Committees*

Mark Malles.
John J. Burns.
Ellis Rogers.

Credential Committee

Sheldon Snyder.
Lester Smitley.
Ward Tressler.

Resolutions Committee

Lee Crist.
Kenneth Wilt.
Richard Beach.

Rules and Organization Committee

Clyde K. Landrum.
Dean Walter.
Leslie Moore.

Auditing Committee

C. J. Larmon.
Don Rager.
Raymond Anthony.

Youth Committee

W. A. Ogden ('55).
Mark Malles ('55).
R. D. Crees ('56).
Clair Gartland ('56).
Gerald Teeter ('57).

Ministerial Examining Board

Clyde K. Landrum ('55).
W. A. Ogden ('56).
Wm. Schaffer ('57).

Moderator's Address Committee

Ralph Hall.
John Burns.
Earl Uphouse.

Committee on Evangelism

Ellis Rogers.
Mark Malles.
Victor Rogers.

East (continued)—*National Fellowship Executive Committee*

Clyde K. Landrum.
Wm. H. Schaffer.

District Ministerium

President—H. Leslie Moore.
Vice President—Victor Rogers.
Secretary-Treasurer—Ward Tressler.

District Mission Board

President—Homer Lingenfelter.
Vice President—Mark Malles.
Secretary-Treasurer—Clyde K. Landrum.
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—R. D. Crees.

All the active pastors of the district and the following laymen:

Kenneth Keller, Accident, Md.
Jesse Chapman—Aleppo, Pa.
Clair Beach, Altoona, Pa.
C. C. Walter, Altoona (Juniata), Pa.
Grover Snyder, Conemaugh, Pa.
A. D. Comp, Grafton, W. Va.
John Miller, Vicksburg, Pa.
Robert Gates, Hopewell, Pa.
Paul Alexander, Jenners, Pa.
Dean Metzger, Reading (Listie), Pa.
Blair Dick, Johnstown, Pa. (First).
Fred S. Bentz, Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside).

Robert Hooks, Kittanning, Pa.
Ed. Bowser, North Buffalo, Pa.
Earl Eckert, Leamersville, Pa.
Ira Blough, Listie, Pa.
Harry Replogle, Sr., Martinsburg, Pa.

Fred Grof, Jr., Meyersdale, Pa.
Jack Griffith, Mundy's Corner, Pa.
Lester Lockhart, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Maurice Beyers, Singer Hill, Pa.
B. F. Yoder, Summit Mills, Pa.
Fred Crawford, Everett, Pa.
A. W. Daugherty, Uniontown, Pa.

East (continued)—

Russell Wayne Hoover, Washington, Pa.

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. Raymond Anthony, 226 Main St., Conemaugh, Pa.

Vice President—Mrs. Leslie Moore, 112 Beachley St., Meyersdale, Pa.

Secretary—Mrs. Clair Gartland, R. 1, Conemaugh, Pa.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Elmer Dively, Juniata, Pa.

Treasurer—Mrs. Gerald Teeter, Martinsburg, Pa.

Prayer Chairman—Mrs. William Schaffer, 215 Arthur St., Kittanning, Pa.

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

President—Eunice Hottle, R. R. 1, Friedens, Pa.

Vice President—Evelyn Sowers, 144 E. Race St., Somerset, Pa.

Secretary-Treasurer—Marie Benning, R. R. 2, Box 31, Meyersdale, Pa.

Pianist—Janet Simmons, R. R. 1, Box 642, Conemaugh, Pa.

Bandage Secretary—Sally Davis, R. R., Conemaugh, Pa.

Patroness—Mrs. H. Leslie Moore, 112 Beachley St., Meyersdale, Pa.

Assistant Patroness—Mrs. Clyde K. Landrum, Uniontown, Pa.

Jr. Representative—Donna Kliever, 500 State St., Johnstown, Pa., c/o Dr. W. A. Ogden.

District Laymen's Organization

President—Frederick Crawford, R. R. 1, Everett, Pa.

Vice President—Thomas Johnson.

Cooperating Churches

Accident, Md.—First Grace Brethren.

Aleppo, Pa.—Aleppo Brethren.

Altoona, Pa.—First Brethren.

East (continued)—

Altoona (Juniata), Pa.—Grace Brethren.

Conemaugh, Pa.—Conemaugh Brethren.

Everett, Pa.—First Brethren.

Grafton, W. Va.—First Brethren.

Hollidaysburg, Pa.—Vicksburg Brethren.

Hopewell, Pa.—Yellow Creek Brethren.

Jenners, Pa.—Jenners Brethren.

Johnstown, Pa.—First Brethren.

Johnstown, Pa.—Riverside Brethren.

Kittanning, Pa.—First Brethren.

Kittanning, Pa.—North Buffalo Brethren.

Kittanning, Pa.—Troy Hill Sunday School.

Leamersville, Pa.—Leamersville Brethren.

Listie, Pa.—Listie Brethren.

Martinsburg, Pa.—First Brethren.

Meyersdale, Pa.—Meyersdale Brethren.

Mundy's Corner, Pa.—Pike Brethren.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Grace Brethren.

Singer Hill, Pa.—Singer Hill Grace Brethren.

Stoystown, Pa.—Reading Brethren.

Summit Mills, Pa.—Summit Mills Brethren.

Uniontown, Pa.—First Brethren.

Washington, Pa.—Laboratory Grace Brethren.

Indiana Fellowship of Brethren Churches

The district conference next year will be held at Clay City, Ind., date to be determined later.

Executive Committee

Moderator—Russell Ogden.

Vice Moderator—Kenneth Teague.

Secretary—Ralph Burns.

Indiana (continued)—

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Jesse De-
loe.
Treasurer—Bryson Fetters.
Statistician—Frank Poland.
Members at Large—Ord Gehman,
Arnold Kriegbaum.

*National Conference Executive
Committee*

Arnold Kriegbaum.
Herman Koontz.

Committee on Committees

Kenneth Teague.
James Hammer.
Herman Koontz.

District Ministerium

Chairman—Lowell Hoyt.
Vice Chairman—Russell Ogden.
Secretary—Treasurer—Charles Tur-
ner.

Ministerial Examining Board

All ordained pastors of the fellow-
ship.

District Mission Board

All pastors of the Fellowship; also
three laymen:
Chairman—Herman Koontz.
Bryson Fetters.
Frank Poland.
C. Wesley Miller.

District Youth Committee

Charles Turner.
Ord Gehman.
Scott Weaver.

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. Robert Boone, 603
Kinsmore Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind.
Vice President—Mrs. Scott Weaver,
R. R. 2, Osceola, Ind.
Secretary—Mrs. Chalmer Smitley, R.
R. 2, Berne, Ind.

Indiana (continued)—

Treasurer—Mrs. Oren Taylor, R. R.
3, Warsaw, Ind.
Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Rose Foster,
Winona Lake, Ind.

Cooperating Churches

Berne, Ind.—Bethel Brethren.
Clay City, Ind.—First Brethren.
Elkhart, Ind.—Grace Brethren.
Flora, Ind.—Grace Brethren.
Fort Wayne, Ind.—First Brethren.
Goshen, Ind.—Grace Brethren.
Leesburg, Ind.—Leesburg Brethren.
Osceola, Ind.—Bethel Brethren.
Peru, Ind.—Peru Brethren.
Sharpsville, Ind.—Grace Brethren.
Sidney, Ind.—Sidney Brethren.
South Bend, Ind.—S u n n y m e d e
Brethren.
Wheaton, Ill.—Grace Brethren.
Winona Lake, Ind.—Winona Lake
Brethren.

*Iowa District Conference of Brethren
Churches*

Next conference at North English,
Iowa, June 23-25, 1955.

Executive Committee

Moderator—Richard P. DeArmey,
Waterloo.
Vice Moderator—R. Paul Miller, Jr.,
Garwin.
Secretary—Richard Grant, Cedar
Rapids.
Treasurer—True Hunt, Davenport.
Statistician—Roger Herr, Dallas
Center.
National Fellowship Representative
—Richard DeArmey.
Camp Director—True Hunt.

District Mission Board

Chairman—Richard DeArmey.
Secretary—Clarence Lackey.
Financial Secretary—Paul Miller, Jr.

Iowa (continued)—

Treasurer—Elmer Hocken.
 Mart Newlin, Leon ('54).
 Don Becker, Dallas Center ('54).
 Irvin Lortz, North English ('55).
 Glenn Lowry, Garwin ('55).
 Elmer Hocken ('56).
 Robert Clinton ('56).
 Acting pastors of the district.

Ministerial Examining Board

Chairman—True Hunt.
 Secretary—Clarence Lackey.

Women's Missionary Council

President—Miss Mary Emmert, Dallas Center.
 Vice President—Mrs. Ralph Grady, Waterloo.
 Secretary—Mrs. Lillian Hoover, Dallas Center.
 Treasurer—Mrs. William Fass, Cedar Rapids.
 Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Dwight Erteld, North English.
 Statistician—Mrs. E. J. Schrock, Waterloo.
 SMM Patroness—Mrs. Leo Jordan, Parnell.

Cooperating Churches and Pastors

Cedar Rapids—Richard Grant.
 Dallas Center—No pastor.
 Davenport—True Hunt.
 Garwin—Paul Miller, Jr.
 Leon—No pastor.
 North English—Clarence Lackey.
 Waterloo—Richard DeArmey.

Michigan District Conference of Brethren Churches

Next conference at the New Troy Brethren Church, New Troy, Mich., July 25-28, 1955.

Executive Committee

Moderator—Earl Funderburg, Ozark, Mich.

Michigan (continued)—

Vice Moderator—Robert Griffith, R. 2, Clarksville, Mich.
 Secretary—Richard Jackson, Jr., Box 67, New Troy, Mich.
 Treasurer—Loren Gray, R. R. 2, Clarksville, Mich.
 Statistician—W. Paul Lovegrove, Ozark, Mich.
 Members at Large—Lester Miller, Clarence Taylor.

National Fellowship Representative
 Richard Jackson, Jr.

Ministerial Examining Board

Earl Funderburg (chairman).
 Richard Jackson (secretary).
 Robert Griffith.

Youth Committee

Robert Griffith ('57), Lake Odessa.
 Earl Funderburg ('56), Ozark.
District Mission Board Executive
 Richard Jackson, Jr. ('55), New Troy.

Committee

Chairman—Clarence Taylor, New Troy.
 Secretary—Robert Griffith, Lake Odessa.
 Treasurer—Richard Jackson, Jr., New Troy.

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. Richard Jackson, Jr., Box 67, New Troy.
 Vice President—Mrs. Freeman Hoffman, Alto, Mich.
 Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Essa Titus, Lake Odessa.
 Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Frank Kauffman, Alto, Mich.

Cooperating Churches

Alto—Calvary Brethren.
 Berrien Springs—Grace Brethren.
 Lake Odessa—Grace Brethren.
 New Troy—New Troy Brethren.
 Ozark—Grace Brethren.

Midwest District of Brethren Churches

Next conference at Portis, Kans., August 3-5, 1955.

Executive Committee

Moderator—Evan Adams, Cuba, N. Mex.

Vice Moderator—Russell Williams, 1607 E. 22d, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Secretary—Mrs. M. J. Davis, 403 S. Pearl, Englewood, Colo.

Treasurer—Tony Luna, Box 711, Taos, N. Mex.

Statistician—Mrs. Alice Trollope, 1713 E. 22d, Cheyenne, Wyo.

National Fellowship Representative

Sam Horney, Taos, N. Mex.

Young People's Camp Committee

R. H. Kettell, Portis, Kans. ('57).

Russell West, Denver, Colo. ('57).

T. Inman, Denver, Colo. ('56).

R. Monroe, Portis, Kans. ('55).

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. Walter Bodge, Portis, Kans.

Vice President—Mrs. Charles Hall, 3675 S. Pearl, Englewood, Colo.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Russell Williams, 1607 E. 22d, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Harold Inman, Beaver City, Nebr.

Child Evangelism Chairman—Mrs. Leon Davis, Cheyenne, Wyo.

MM Patroness—Mrs. H. O. Turner, Portis, Kans.

Assistant Patroness—Miss Celina Mares, Taos, N. Mex.

Laymen's Fellowship

Chairman—M. J. Davis, 403 S. Pearl, Englewood, Colo.

Secretary-Treasurer—Ralph Peterson, 303 E. 5th, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Midwest (continued)—

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

President—Cora Luna, Taos, N. Mex.

Vice President—Jeanette Turner, Portis, Kans.

Secretary-Treasurer—Marjorie Gonzales, Taos, N. Mex.

Approved Elders of Midwest District

Sam Horney.

R. H. Kettell.

Leslie I. Hutchinson.

Russell Williams.

Paul Eiselstein.

Tony Luna (licensed).

Thomas Inman (licensed).

Cooperating Churches

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Albuquerque Brethren.

Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex.—Arroyo Hondo Brethren.

Beaver City, Nebr.—Grace Brethren.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—First Brethren.

Cordillera, N. Mex.—Cordillera Brethren Mission.

Denver, Colo.—Grace Brethren.

Portis, Kans.—First Brethren.

Taos, N. Mex.—Cañon Brethren.

Northern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Executive Committee

Moderator—Kenneth Ashman.

Vice Moderator—Russell Ward.

Secretary-Treasurer—J. L. Gingrich.

Assistant Secretary - Treasurer—Forest Lance.

Statistician—Earle Cole.

Assistant Statistician—Paul Castor.

Credential Committee

Russell Ward (chairman).

Charles Ashman, Jr.

Mrs. D. E. Satterfield.

Northern Ohio (continued)—

Mrs. Swanger.
M. L. Myers.

Committee on Committees

John Dilling (chairman).
Bernard Schneider.
Forest Lance.

Youth Committee

Kenneth Ashman (chairman).
Galen Lingenfelter.
Dave Knith.
Charles Sheet.
Wesley Haller.

National Conference Executive Committee

Miles Taber.
James Cook.

Committee on Moderator's Address

Richard Burch (chairman).
M. L. Myers.
Mrs. J. L. Gingrich.

Committee on Resolutions

Charles Ashman (chairman).
Russell Ward.
J. L. Gingrich.

Committee on Rules and Organization

John Dilling (chairman).
Forest Lance.
Clair Brubaker.

District Mission Board

All pastors and one laymen from each church.
President—Charles Ashman, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer—Wesley Haller.

District Ministerial Examining Board

All active ordained pastors of the district.
President—Neil Beery.

Northern Ohio (continued)—

Vice President—Galen Lingenfelter.
Secretary-Treasurer—Wesley Haller.

District Ministerium

All active pastors of each church.
President—Neil Beery.
Vice President—Galen Lingenfelter
Secretary-Treasurer—Wesley Haller.

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. Frank Lindower.
Vice President, Mrs. Miles Taber.
Secretary—Mrs. Gloria Armstrong.
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Gordon Bracker.
Treasurer—Mrs. Earle Cole.
Prayer Chairman—Mrs. J. L. Gingrich.
Assistant Prayer Chairman—Mrs. M. C. Shull.

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

Patroness, Mrs. Ted Henning.
Assistant Patroness—Mrs. Wesley Haller.

Cooperating Churches

Akron—First Brethren.
Ankenytown—First Brethren.
Ashland—West Tenth Street Brethren.
Canton—First Brethren.
Cleveland—First Brethren.
Cuyahoga Falls—Grace Brethren.
Danville—Danville Brethren.
Findlay—Findlay Brethren.
Fremont—Grace Brethren.
Homerville—West Homer Brethren.
Mansfield—Grace Brethren.
Massillon—Second Grace Brethren.
Middlebranch—First Brethren.
Rittman—First Brethren.
Sterling—First Brethren.
Wooster—First Brethren.

Northwest Fellowship of Brethren Churches

The district conference for the year 1955 will be held July 4-7 at Spokane, Wash.

Executive Committee

Moderator—Harold Painter, 719 Franklin St., Sunnyside, Wash.

Vice Moderator—Jesse Hall, W. 402 Montgomery Ave., Spokane 17, Wash.

Secretary—Glen Welborn, 825 Ermine St., Albany, Oreg.

Treasurer—R. J. McConahay, 3119 E. 83d St., Seattle 5, Wash.

Statistician—Willis Belcher, Sunnyside, Wash.

Members at Large—Ernest Morrell, R. R. 3, Wapato, Wash.; Dale Wyles, Cowiche, Wash.

The executive committee also includes all pastors of the district.

Representative to National Executive Committee

Thomas Hammers—6242 30th Ave. NE., Seattle 5, Wash.

Credential Committee

Jesse Hall (vice moderator).

Ferry Dalke, 904 S. 26th Ave., Yakima, Wash.

Will Stover, Sunnyside, Wash.

District Mission Board

All pastors of the district and one other representative from each church.

Ministerial Examining Board

All pastors of the district and two representatives from the church of the person appearing for examination.

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. Thomas Hammers,

Northwest (continued)—

6242 30th Ave. NE., Seattle 5, Wash.

Vice President—Mrs. Harold Painter, 719 Franklin St., Sunnyside, Wash.

Secretary—Mrs. Will Stover, Sunnyside, Wash.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Ernest Morrell, R. R. 3, Wapato, Wash.

Financial Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Frank Stockstill, 5803 Tieton Dr., Yakima, Wash.

Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Jesse Hall, W. 402 Montgomery Ave., Spokane 17, Wash.

Sisterhood Patroness—Mrs. Wesley Stover, 2812 1st St., Union Gap, Wash.

Assistant Patroness—Mrs. Keith McDaniels, 1135 Tacoma Ave., Sunnyside, Wash.

Brethren Extension Chairman—Mrs. Mary Allen, Spokane, Wash.

Cooperating Churches

Albany, Oreg.—Grace Brethren.

Harrah, Wash.—Harrah Brethren.

Portland, Oreg.—Grace Brethren.

Seattle, Wash.—View Ridge Brethren.

Spokane, Wash.—First Brethren.

Sunnyside, Wash.—First Brethren.

Yakima, Wash.—Grace Brethren.

Southeast Fellowship of Brethren Churches

The 1955 conference will be held at Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., June 27-29.

Executive Committee

Moderator—W. Carl Miller, Washington Heights Brethren, Roanoke, Va.

Vice Moderator—Edward Lewis, First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va.

Southeast (continued)—

Secretary—Mrs. J. Harold Putt,
Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke,
Va.

Treasurer—Edward Bowman, Moun-
tain View Brethren Church, Hol-
lins, Va.

Host Pastor—Robert E. A. Miller,
Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke,
Va.

Other Officers

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. K. E.
Richardson, Fairlawn Brethren
Church, Radford, Va.

Statistician—B. H. Conner, Wash-
ington Heights Brethren Church,
Roanoke, Va.

National Conference Executive Com-
mittee Member—Robert E. A. Mil-
ler, Roanoke, Va.

District Trustees

B. H. Conner ('55), Roanoke, Va.

E. V. Parsell ('56), Roanoke, Va.

M. M. Teague ('57), Buena Vista, Va.

Committee on Committees

Harold Arrington, Limestone, Tenn.

K. E. Richardson, Radford, Va.

Mrs. Paul Mohler, Covington, Va.

Credential Committee

Mrs. J. B. Huffman, Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. B. V. Craghead, Covington, Va.

Miss Myra Conner, Roanoke, Va.

District Mission Board

President—R. E. A. Miller.

Vice President—Edward Bowman.

Secretary-Treasurer—Charles Hall,
R. R. 1, Box 270, Salem, Va.

All active pastors of district and one
layman from each church, elected
annually.

District Ministerium

Chairman—Paul L. Mohler.

Southeast (continued)—

Vice Chairman—K. E. Richardson.

Secretary-Treasurer—Edw. Lewis.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—W.
Carl Miller.

All ordained elders serving pastor-
ates in the district.

Youth Committee

Paul Mohler.

K. E. Richardson.

Carl Miller.

Youth Fellowship

President—Bob Miller, Jr., Ghent,
Roanoke, Va.

Vice President—Albert Hutton,
Ghent, Roanoke, Va.

Secretary—Alice Coffey, Covington
Va.

Treasurer—Richard Dearing, Ghent
Roanoke, Va.

Boys Club

President—Chas. Staton, Buena Vis-
ta, Va.

Vice President—Odell Minnix, Roa-
noke, Va.

Secretary-Treasurer—Edward Ram-
sey, Buena Vista, Va.

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

President—Betty Lyle, Roanoke, Va.

Vice President—Betty Howard,
Clearbrook, Roanoke, Va.

Secretary-Treasurer—Nancy Lyl-
Roanoke, Va.

Bandage Secretary—Pat Henr-
Limestone, Tenn.

Patroness—Mrs. Edward Lewi-
Buena Vista, Va.

Assistant Patroness—Mrs. R. E. A.
Miller, Roanoke, Va.

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. J. Harold Pu-
Roanoke, Va.

Southeast (continued)—

Vice President—Mrs. O. E. McCracken, Limestone, Tenn.

Secretary - Treasurer—Mrs. Jack Westerman, Covington, Va.

Laymen's Fellowship

President—S. M. Coffey, Roanoke, Va.

Cooperating Churches

Buena Vista, Va.—First Brethren.

Covington, Va.—First Brethren.

Hollins, Va.—Mountain View Brethren.

Johnson City, Tenn.—Johnson City Brethren.

Limestone, Tenn.—Vernon Brethren.

Radford, Va.—Fairlawn Brethren.

Riner, Va.—Grace Brethren.

Roanoke, Va.—Boone's Chapel.

Roanoke, Va.—Clearbrook Brethren.

Roanoke, Va.—Ghent Brethren.

Roanoke, Va.—Washington Heights Brethren.

Southern Ohio District Conference of Brethren Churches

The 1955 conference will be held at the First Brethren Church, Clayton, Ohio, May 16-19.

Moderator—William Steffler.

Vice Moderator—Clair D. Brickel.

Secretary—Lon Karns.

Assistant Secretary—Caleb S. Zimmerman.

Treasurer—Roy H. Kinsey.

Statistician—Caleb S. Zimmerman, 2942 Dwight Ave., Dayton 10, Ohio.

Members at Large—Charles Arthur, Herbert L. Edwards.

National Conference Executive Committee—Clair D. Brickel, Caleb S. Zimmerman.

Southern Ohio (continued)—**Committee on Committees**

Sewell Landrum.

George Kinzie.

Sylvester Lowman.

District Ministerium

Chairman—William Steffler.

Vice Chairman—Clair D. Brickel.

Secretary - Treasurer—James O. Young.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Randall Rossman.

Ministerial Examining Board

The Ministerial Examining Board shall be composed of all regularly ordained elders in good standing who are pastors of churches within the district.

Secretary—William A. Steffler, 1444 Kumler Ave., Dayton 6, Ohio.

District Mission Board

Chairman—Roy H. Kinsey.

Vice Chairman—William A. Steffler.

Secretary-Treasurer—Clair Brickel.

The board is composed of all active pastors of the district, together with three laymen: Roy H. Kinsey, Walter Hoyt, Charles Houtt.

District Youth Committee

President—Caleb S. Zimmerman ('55).

Vice President—Clair D. Brickel ('56).

Secretary—Treasurer—James O. Young ('57).

Women's Missionary Council

President—Mrs. Ruth Waymire, Englewood, Ohio.

Vice President—Mrs. John Shipley, 1622 Earlham Dr., Dayton 6, Ohio.

Secretary—Miss Blanche Garber, 13 North Mulberry Ave., Troy, Ohio.

Southern Ohio (continued)—

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. W. A. Steffler, 1444 Kumler Ave., Dayton 6, Ohio.

Treasurer—Mrs. Oscar Abrat, 3401 Rolfe Ave., Dayton 5, Ohio.

Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. Edison Yoder, 258 Northwood Ave., Apt. 2, Dayton, Ohio.

Cooperating Churches

Camden—First Brethren.

Clayhole, Ky.—Clayhole Brethren.

Southern Ohio (continued)—

Clayton—First Brethren.

Covington—First Brethren.

Dayton—Bethany Brethren

Dayton—First Brethren.

Dayton—North Riverdale Brethren.

Dayton—Patterson Park Brethren.

Dryhill, Ky.—Brethren Mission.

Englewood — Englewood Grace Brethren.

Troy—First Brethren.

West Alexandria—Sampleville Brethren Mission.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church

Winona Lake, Ind.

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President—Dr. Charles W. Mayes,
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General Secretary and Editor—Dr.
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Ind.

Treasurer—Dr. Homer A. Kent, Wi-
nona Lake, Ind.

Recording Secretary—Rev. Kenneth
B. Ashman, 205 Ihrig Ave., Woos-
ter, Ohio.

Financial Secretary—Miss Ruth E.
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Office Secretary—Miss Marcia Lowe,
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Eastern Representative—Mr. Charles
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adelphia 11, Pa.

Western Representative—Rev. J.
Keith Altig, 517 Glenwood Rd.,
Glendale, Calif.

Board of Trustees

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Dr. Charles W. Mayes, 1925 E. Fifth
St., Long Beach 12, Calif.

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Ind.

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St., Inglewood, Calif.

(Term Ending 1956)

Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman, 205 Ihrig
Ave., Wooster, Ohio.

Foreign Missionary Society (cont.)—

Rev. Herman W. Koontz, Winona
Lake, Ind.

Rev. Ward A. Miller, 10607 Balfour
St., Whittier, Calif.

(Term Ending 1957)

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Winona Lake,
Ind.

Dr. W. A. Ogden, 500 State St.,
Johnstown, Pa.

Rev. Bernard N. Schneider, 534 For-
est St., Mansfield, Ohio.

Foreign Missionary Directory

Africa—

Balzer, Mr. and Mrs. Albert W., Mis-
sion a Yaloke, Bossembele via
Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French
Equatorial Africa.

Bickel, Miss Florence, Bellevue via
Bossangoa via Bangui, Oubangui-
Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Byron, Miss Grace, Mission a Bassai,
Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-
Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Cripe, Miss Mary, Mission a Bekoro,
Paoua via Bozoum, via Bangui,
Oubangui-Chari, French Equato-
rial Africa.

Dunning, Rev. and Mrs. Harold L.,
Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-
Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Garber, Rev. and Mrs. Martin M.,
Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bo-
zoum, via Bangui, Oubangui-
Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Geske, Miss Edith, Bozoum via Ban-
gui, Oubangui-Chari, French
Equatorial Africa.

Habegger, Miss Mary Ann, Bozoum
via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari,
French Equatorial Africa.

Foreign Missionary Society (cont.)—

- Hill, Rev. and Mrs. Robert W., Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Jobson, Dr. and Mrs. Orville D., Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Jones, Miss Gail, Mission a Bassai, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Kennedy, Rev. and Mrs. Lester W., M'Baiki via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Kennedy, Mrs. Minnie, Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Kent, Miss Ruth, Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Kliever, Rev. and Mrs. J. P., Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Mason, Dr. and Mrs. Harold A., Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Donald F., Mission a Nzoro, Bocaranga via Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Mishler, Miss Marie, Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Myers, Miss Estella, Mission a Nzoro, Bocaranga via Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Samarin, Rev. and Mrs. William J., Bellevue via Bossangoa, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Schwartz, Miss Clara, Bellevue via Bossangoa, via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Foreign Missionary Society (cont.)—

- Snyder, Rev. and Mrs. Roy B., Bouca via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Snyder, Miss Ruth, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Sumey, Rev. and Mrs. Charles R., Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Taber, Rev. and Mrs. Charles R., Mission a Bassai, Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Taber, Dr. and Mrs. Floyd W., Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Thurston, Miss Marian, Mission a Bekoro, Paoua via Bozoum via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Tyson, Miss Elizabeth, Mission a Yaloke, Bossembele via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.
- Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Robert S., Batangafo via Bangui, Oubangui-Chari, French Equatorial Africa.

Argentina—

- Abel, Miss Bertha, Rivadavia 4330 Rio Cuarto, F. C. N. G. B. M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.
- Bishop, Rev. and Mrs. Donald E., Maipu 1148, Rio Cuarto, F. C. N. G. B. M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.
- Dowdy, Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul, Jorge Ross 631, La Carlota, F. C. N. G. B. M., Prov. Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.
- Hoyt, Rev. and Mrs. Solon W., Calle 31, No. 33, Don Bosco, F. C. G. R. Argentina, S. A.
- Maconaghy, Rev. and Mrs. Hill, Bdo de Irigoyen 564, Jose Marmol, F. C. N. G. R., Argentina, S. A.

Foreign Missionary Society (cont).—

Marshall, Rev. and Mrs. James B.,
178 Calle Reconquista, Corral de
Bustos, F. C. N. G. B. M., Prov.
Cordoba, Argentina, S. A.

Rottler, Rev. and Mrs. Carson E.,
Remedios de Escalada 74, Rio Ter-
cero, F. C. B. M., Prov. Cordoba,
Argentina, S. A.

Schrock, Rev. and Mrs. Lynn D.,
Rivadavia 433, Rio Cuarto, F. C.
N. G. B. M., Prov. Cordoba, Ar-
gentina, S. A.

Brazil—

Burk, Rev. and Mrs. Bill A., Caixa
Postal 861, Belem, Para, Brazil.

Miller, Rev. and Mrs. Edward D.,
Macapa, Terr. Federal do Amapa,
Brazil.

Nielasko, Rev. and Mrs. John W.,
Caixa Postal 861, Belem, Para,
Brazil.

France—

Fogle, Rev. and Mrs. P. Fredrick, 86
Chemin de Vassieux, Caluire et
Cuire, Rhone, France.

Cochran, Miss Rosella, c/o Rev. P.
Fredrick Fogle, as per address
above after Dec. 1. (Engaged in
language study prior to missionary
service in Africa.)

Stone, Rev. and Mrs. George E., Jr.,
c/o Rev. P. Fredrick Fogle, as per
address above after Dec. 1. (En-
gaged in language study prior to
missionary service in Africa.)

Hawaii—

Freese, Rev. and Mrs. Foster R.,
2377 E. Manoa Rd., Honolulu, T. H.

Mexico—

Edmiston, Rev. and Mrs. Sibley M.,
219 N. Meadow, Laredo, Tex.

Laag, Rev. and Mrs. Walter E., 439
Sunset Lane, San Ysidro, Calif.

Howard, Rev. and Mrs. A. L., 406
Mary Ave., Calexico, Calif.

Foreign Missionary Society (cont).—

Robinson, Miss Dorothy, 439 Sunset
Lane, San Ysidro, Calif.

Missionaries on Furlough

Beaver, Rev. and Mrs. S. Wayne,
Somerset, Ohio.

Churchill, Rev. and Mrs. Jack B.,
5516 Oliva Ave., Lakewood City,
Calif.

Foster, Mrs. Rose, P. O. Box 588, Wi-
nona Lake, Ind.

Munn, Miss Marybeth, Leland, Wash.

Nielsen, Miss Johanna, 1823 Pine
Ave., Long Beach 6, Calif.

Sheldon, Rev. and Mrs. C. B., 1865
St. Louis Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

Sickel, Mrs. Loree, 5516 Oliva Ave.,
Lakewood City, Calif.

(Note: As changes of address oc-
cur, they will be noted in the News
Briefs, or in the Foreign Missionary
Directory, which is printed at reg-
ular intervals.)

**THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF
THE BRETHREN CHURCH**

January 1, 1954-July 31, 1954

GENERAL FUND**Balance Sheet**

Assets—	
Cash on hand	\$200.73
Petty cash	20.00
Cash in banks	135,853.98
Cash in Africa account	5,539.77
Cash in Brazil account	2,001.14
Cash in Mexico account	281.93
Deposit with Eastern Rep.	500.00
Notes receivable	19,273.56
Scripture fund	8,636.01
Purchaser's fund	1,733.78
Gribble book	720.47
Total assets	<u>174,761.37</u>

Liabilities and Net Worth—	
SMM funds for investment	\$2,500.00
Withholding tax	104.20
SMM funds for higher education of missionary children	470.57
Collected for others	1,110.81
Net worth of fund	170,575.79

Total liabilities and net worth.. 174,761.37

Receipts—	
Available Jan. 1, 1954	\$9,958.34
Cash receipts—gifts	193,921.59

Foreign Missionary Society (cont.)—

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Notes receivable	43,507.24
Sale of Plymouth	400.00
Total receipts	247,787.17

Disbursements—

Gen. and admin. exp. ..	\$20,295.26
Field expense	101,645.48
To new loans	2,100.00
.....	124,040.74

Available July 31	123,746.43
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ANNUITIES FUND

Balance Sheet

Assets—	
Cash in bank	\$1,242.08
Notes receivable	95,122.28
Total assets	96,364.36

Liabilities and Net Worth—

Liabilities—Annuityants	\$53,794.98
Net worth of fund	42,569.38
Total liabilities and net worth ..	96,364.36

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts—

Available Jan. 1, 1954	\$2,018.87
Rent income	50.00
Sale of property	3,078.91
Interest income	4,208.36
Annuity gifts	1,000.00
Notes receivable	7,402.33
Total receipts	17,758.47

Disbursements—

Interest to annuityants ..	\$2,074.01
Upkeep on property ...	69.01
To new loans	14,434.62
.....	16,577.64

Available July 31	1,180.83
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Note—Since we are now operating on a calendar-year basis, this report covers just seven months. The complete report for 1954 will be made available through the Herald as soon as possible after December 31, 1954.

Grace Theological Seminary**Winona Lake, Ind.**

President of the Seminary—Rev. Alva J. McClain.

Dean—Rev. Herman A. Hoyt.

Vice President in Charge of Public Relations—Rev. Paul R. Bauman.

Registrar—Rev. Homer A. Kent.

Secretary of the Faculty—Rev. Homer A. Kent, Jr.

Grace Seminary (continued)—

President of the Board and Corporation—Rev. W. A. Ogden.

Vice President—Rev. C. H. Ashman, Sr.

Secretary—Rev. Lester E. Pifer.

Treasurer—Mr. F. B. Miller.

Financial Secretary—Rev. James L. Boyer.

Administrative Committee of the Faculty

Rev. Homer A. Kent, Sr., chairman.

Rev. Herman A. Hoyt.

Rev. Paul R. Bauman.

Rev. James L. Boyer.

Executive Committee of the Board

Rev. W. A. Ogden, 500 State St., Johnstown, Pa.

Rev. C. H. Ashman, Sr., 712 Meridian Ave., South Pasadena, Calif.

Rev. Lester E. Pifer, Winona Lake, Ind.

Mr. F. B. Miller, Winona Lake, Ind.

Mr. Cleve Miller, 505 Hammond Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.

Rev. William Steffler, 1444 Kumler, Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. Alva J. McClain, ex officio, Winona Lake, Ind.

Trustees of the Board

(Term Ending 1955)

Rev. Paul Dick, 649 Berryville Ave., Winchester, Va.

Rev. J. L. Gingrich, Seville, Ohio.

Rev. Lowell Hoyt, R. R. 3, Goshen, Ind.

Rev. H. W. Koontz, Winona Lake, Ind.

Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, 350 Morgantown St., Uniontown, Pa.

Rev. A. L. Lynn, 1822 Windsor Ave., Raleigh Court, Roanoke, Va.

Rev. Lester E. Pifer, Winona Lake, Ind.

Grace Seminary (continued)—

Mr. F. E. Simmons, 5100 Chevy Chase Parkway NW., Washington, D. C.
 Rev. Miles Taber, 314 Dorchester, Ashland, Ohio.

(Term Ending 1956)

Mr. Paul Arnold, West Salem, Ohio.
 Rev. C. H. Ashman, Sr., 712 Meridian Ave., South Pasadena, Calif.
 Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman, 205 Ihrig Ave., Wooster, Ohio.
 Rev. James S. Cook, 522 W. 4th St., Mansfield, Ohio.
 Rev. Sam Horney, Box 1531, Taos, N. Mex.
 Mr. James Michael, R. R. 2, Box 299, Roanoke, Va.
 Mr. Carl Seitz, 980 E. Godfrey Ave., Philadelphia 24, Pa.
 Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, 1805 Arbutus Ave., Chico, Calif.
 Rev. Russell Williams, 2607 E. 22d., Cheyenne, Wyo.

(Term Ending 1957)

Mr. L. T. Burkett, 2100 Far Hills Ave., Apt. 1, Dayton 9, Ohio.
 Rev. James G. Dixon, 3712 Carpenter St. SE., Washington 20, D. C.
 Rev. Charles Mayes, 1925 E. Fifth St., Long Beach 12, Calif.
 Mr. Cleve Miller, 505 Hammond Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.
 Mr. F. B. Miller, Winona Lake, Ind.
 Rev. W. A. Ogden, 500 State St., Johnstown, Pa.
 Rev. William H. Schaffer, 215 Arthur St., Kittanning, Pa.
 Rev. William Steffler, 1444 Kumler, Dayton, Ohio.
 Rev. Norman Uphouse, Winona Lake, Ind.

Alumni Association

President—Clyde K. Landrum.
 Vice President—John Stoll.

Grace Seminary (continued)—

Secretary—Russell Ogden.
 Treasurer—Gerald Polman.
 Alumni Secretary—John C. Whitcomb, Jr.

BALANCE SHEET—JULY 31, 1954

Assets—	
Cash in First National Bank, Warsaw, Ind.	\$2,878.59
Cash in Lake City Bank, Warsaw, Ind.	71.73
Total cash	2,950.32
Investments	32,092.20
Other assets	456,325.66
Total assets	491,368.18
Liabilities	\$135,275.80
Accountabilities	54,215.50
Total liabilities and accountabilities	189,491.30
Net Worth—Surplus	301,876.88
Total liabilities, accountabilities, and net worth	
	491,368.18

Certificate of Auditor

In my opinion, the attached Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement fairly presents your financial condition at July 31, 1954, and your Income and Expenses for the period starting August 1, 1953, and ending July 31, 1954.

Claude Longfellow,
 Public Accountant.

The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.**Officiary**

President—Paul R. Bauman, Winona Lake, Ind.
 Vice President—Charles Croker, 715 Chandler Ave., Philadelphia 11, Pa.
 Secretary—Luther L. Grubb, Winona Lake, Ind.
 Treasurer—Chester McCall, 3421 W. 82d Pl., Inglewood, Calif.

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Assistant Field Secretary—Lester E. Pifer, Winona Lake, Ind.
 Business Manager—Frank J. Poland, Winona Lake, Ind.
 Office Secretary—Louise Blankenship, Winona Lake, Ind.

Home Missions Council (continued)—*Board of Directors*

- John M. Aeby, 6534 Oxford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Robert A. Ashman, Winona Lake, Ind.
 Paul R. Bauman, Winona Lake, Ind.
 Gordon W. Bracker, 526 Howland St., Fremont, Ohio.
 Charles H. Croker, 715 Chandler St., Philadelphia 11, Pa.
 Paul E. Dick, 649 Berryville Ave., Winchester, Va.
 Luther L. Grubb, Winona Lake, Ind.
 Jesse Hall, W. 422 Montgomery, Apt. E., Spokane 17, Wash.
 Roy H. Kinsey, 1634 Pinecrest Dr., Dayton 4, Ohio.
 Chester McCall, 3421 W. 82d Pl., Inglewood, Calif.
 Cleve G. Miller, 505 Hammond Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.
 Foye B. Miller, Winona Lake, Ind.
 Elmer Tamkin, 3824 Nash St. SE., Washington, D. C.
 Edison K. Yoder, 258 Northwood St., Apt. 2, Dayton, Ohio.

Home Mission Directory

- Albany, Oreg. — Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Glen H. Welborn, 825 Ermine St., Albany, Oreg.
 Alexandria, Va. — Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Robert Markley, 6 E. Luray Ave., Alexandria, Va.
 Altoona, Pa. — Grace Brethren Church of Altoona. Pastor, Rev. J. Ward Tressler, 225 Seventh Ave., Juniata, Altoona, Pa.
 Artesia, Calif. — Carson Avenue Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Adam H. Rager, 21715 S. Norwalk Blvd., Artesia, Calif.
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa — Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Richard Grant, 2502 "A" Ave. NE., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Home Missions Council (continued)—

- Cheyenne, Wyo. — First Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Russell I. Williams, 1607 E. 22d St., Cheyenne, Wyo.
 Chico, Calif. — Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Phillip J. Simmons, 1805 Arbutus Ave., Chico, Calif.
 Clayhole, Ky. — Clayhole Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Sewell S. Landrum, Clayhole, Ky.
 Cleveland, Ohio — First Brethren Church.**
 Columbus, Ohio — Bible Class. Teacher, Rev. Bernard Schneider, 534 Forest St., Mansfield, Ohio.
 Cuba, N. Mex. — Brethren Navaho Mission. Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Evan Adams, Miss Angi Garber, Mrs. Mary Baer, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trujillo.
 Davenport, Iowa — Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. True Hunt, Davenport, Iowa.
 Dayton, Ohio — Patterson Park Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Caleb S. Zimmerman, 2924 Dwight Ave., Dayton, Ohio.
 Denver, Colo. — Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Thomas Irman, 590 South Dale Court, Denver, Colo.
 Dryhill, Ky. — Missionary, Miss Evelyn Fuqua, Dryhill, Ky.
 Elyria, Ohio — Grace Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. Galen M. Lingenfelter, 338 10th St., Elyria, Ohio.
 Findlay, Ohio — Findlay Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. Forest Lance, 1808 N. Cory Ave., Findlay, Ohio.
 Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — Grace Brethren Church. Pastor (after Jan. 1) Rev. Ralph J. Colburn, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Home Missions Council (continued)—

Fremont, Ohio—(Colored). Pastor, Rev. Granville Tucker, 501 Bidwell Ave., Fremont, Ohio.

Goshen, Ind.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Herman Hein, R. R. 2, Goshen, Ind.

Grandview, Wash.—Bible Class. Teacher, Rev. Harold Painter, 719 Franklin Ave., Sunnyside, Wash.

Jenners, Pa.—Jenners Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. Victor Rogers, Jenners, Pa.

Johnson City, Tenn.* Pastor, Rev. Dean Risser, 717 Wilson Ave., Johnson City, Tenn.

Johnstown, Pa.—Riverside Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Ralph C. Hall, 304 Traverse St., Johnstown, Pa.

La Crescenta, Calif.—Mountain Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. David Morsey, 930 Palm Ave., S. Pasadena, Calif.

Lansing, Mich.—Grace Brethren Church. Student pastor, Donald Hocking, Winona Lake, Ind.

Long Beach, Calif.—Stearns Street Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Charles M. Underwood, 2008 Ostrom Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Brethren Mes-sianic Witness. Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Bruce L. Button, 469 N. Kings Rd., Los Angeles 48, Calif., and Miss Isobel Fraser, 8112 $\frac{3}{4}$ Melrose Ave., Los Angeles 46, Calif.

Martinsburg, W. Va.—Rosemont Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Earle M. Peer, 315 Porter Ave., Martinsburg, W. Va.

Paramount, Calif.—Paramount Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. John Mayes, 420 E. 49th St., Long Beach 5, Calif.

Home Missions Council (continued)—

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Grace Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. Lester Smitley, 855 Chestnut St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

Phoenix, Ariz.—First Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. J. C. McKillen, 2727 W. Rovey Ave., Phoenix, Ariz.

Portland, Oreg.—Grace Brethren Church.* Pastor, Vernon J. Harris, 6934 NE. 23d Ave., Portland 11, Oreg.

Roanoke, Va.—Washington Heights Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. Wm. Carl Miller, 1317 Aspen St., Roanoke, Va.

San Bernardino, Calif.—Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Lyle Marvin, 3160 Sierra Way, San Bernardino, Calif.

Seattle, Wash.—View Ridge Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. Thomas Hammers, 6242 30th Ave. NE., Seattle 5, Wash.

Sidney, Ohio—Bible Class.**

Somerset, Pa.—Bible Class. Teacher, Rev. John Burns, Box 65, Listie, Pa.

South Bend, Ind.—Sunnymede Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Russell Ogden, 719 Osborn St., South Bend, Ind.

Spanish-American Missions—Rev. S. I. Horney, Supt.

Albuquerque, N. Mex.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, David Tollardo, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Arroyo Hondo, N. Mex.—Arroyo Hondo Brethren Church. Pastor, Jake Maestas, Taos, N. Mex.

Cordillera, N. Mex.—Cordillera Brethren Church. Pastor, Tony Luna, Taos, N. Mex.

Taos, N. Mex.—Cañon Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. S. I. Horney, Box 1531, Taos, N. Mex.

Home Missions Council (continued)—

Temple City, Calif.—Temple City Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Leo Polman, 120 N. Pine St., San Gabriel, Calif.

Tiffin, Ohio—Bible Class. Teacher, Rev. Gordon Bracker, 526 Howland St., Fremont, Ohio.

Covina, Calif.—West Covina Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Marvin Goodman, 745 N. 5th St., Covina, Calif.

Wheaton, Ill.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Kenneth L. Teague, 107 S. Morgan St., Wheaton, Ill.

Yakima, Wash.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Henry Dalke, 4407 Tieton Dr., Yakima, Wash.

York, Pa.—York Brethren Church.* Pastor, Rev. Gerald Polman, 731 Elm Terrace, York Pa.

*Partially supported by District Mission Board.

**Home-mission points where official announcement of pastors cannot be made at the time of printing this Annual.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 1954

Assets—	
Cash in Lake City Bank, Checking Account	\$35,420.51
Savings Account—Quaker City Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. ...	2,047.92
Petty Cash in Office Fund	25.00
Loans Receivable	414,249.79
U. S. War Bonds	280.55
Annuity Funds Invested	37,500.00
Advances Receivable	2,614.73
Deferred Hospitalization Insurance	42.20
Real Estate—Kingsport, Tenn. ...	7,000.00
Total	499,180.70
Liabilities—	
Loans Payable	\$379,024.99
Accrued Withholding Tax (Fed.)	173.50
Accrued Social Security	69.73
Accountabilities—	
Annuities	40,500.00
Net Worth—	
Surplus Account	79,412.48
Total	499,180.70

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Incorporated**Board of Trustees**

President—Robert D. Crees ('57)
R. R. 2, Duncansville, Pa.
Vice President—Herman A. Hoy ('57), Winona Lake, Ind.
Secretary—William Schaffer ('56)
215 Arthur St., Kittanning, Pa.
Treasurer—Ord Gehman ('56), 51 N. Jefferson St., Berne, Ind.
Member of Executive Committee—Bryson Fettes ('56), Berne, Ind.
Walter Lepp ('57), Winona Lake Ind.
Mark Malles ('55), Fort Wayne, Ind.
S. W. Link ('55), 82-750 Ave. 46 Indio, Calif.
R. E. A. Miller ('55), Roanoke, Va.
True Hunt ('55), Davenport, Iowa.
L. W. Marvin ('55), San Bernardino Calif.
Arnold R. Kriegbaum (ex officio) Editor and Business Manager, Winona Lake, Ind.

Minutes

—of the Annual Meeting of the Brethren Missionary Herald Corporation, held at Winona Lake, Ind. August 24, 1954, 1:45 p. m.

Following the singing of the hymn "Are You Washed in the Blood?" True Hunt read from Romans 1 followed by prayer by Lyle W. Marvin.

The president of the Corporation R. D. Crees, called the meeting order.

The financial report and list membership were distributed. Motion prevailed that the names listed and read be voted members of this Corporation with the privilege to vote, provided they are also members of the Brethren Church.

The secretary reported the balloting election of the trustees, which election resulted as follows: R. D. Crees

Herald Company (continued)—

I. A. Hoyt, and W. A. Lepp for three years; L. W. Marvin and True L. Hunt for one year.

Motion prevailed that the nominations be accepted as read. No additional nominations were presented. All these for a three-year term:

Thomas Hammers—Lyle Marvin
M. L. Myers—Mark Malles
W. G. Belcher—S. W. Link
Earle Peer—R. E. A. Miller

The new officers for the corporation were read as follows: R. D. Crees, president; Herman A. Hoyt, vice president; W. H. Schaffer, secretary; True Hunt, assistant secretary; Ord Gehman, treasurer; and Bryson Fettes, member at large.

Motion prevailed that the Code of Regulations be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE III—Section 1 Paragraph "a" is amended to read: The Board of Trustees shall consist of 12 members, of whom 7 shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III—Section 1 Paragraph "b" is amended to read: Eleven members of the board shall be elected by members of the corporation. The editor-business manager of the Brethren Missionary Herald Company shall be a member of the board ex officio, by virtue of his office.

Motion prevailed that the financial report of the editor-business manager be received as read.

Members of the working personnel were then presented.

President Crees made announcements concerning the possibilities of a new building and the possible purchase of a multilith machine.

Mark Malles was presented as the continuing editor of our Sunday-school literature and he surveyed the literature with an encouragement to continue its use.

Minutes were read and approved, with adjournment and prayer by President Crees.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Schaffer, secretary.

Herald Company (continued)—**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

June 30, 1954

Assets

Current Assets—	
Cash in register	\$20.00
Petty cash	20.00
Cash in bank	30,108.73
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Accounts receivable	\$30,148.73
Merchandise inventory	8,874.86
Debit balance—accounts payable..	21,461.50
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Total current assets	60,647.33
Non-Current Assets—	
Real estate & buildings..	\$9,518.87
Res. for depreciation..	2,576.92
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Furniture & fixtures ...	7,955.57
Res. for depreciation..	5,121.76
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Shop equipment	9,959.52
Res. for depreciation..	5,587.55
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Willys panel truck	1,673.27
Res. for depreciation..	1,673.27
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	0.00
Total non-current assets	14,147.73
Total current assets (from above)	60,647.33
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Total assets	74,795.06

Liabilities and Net Worth

Current Liabilities—	
Employees' flower fund	\$5.00
Annuities—	
Bowman annuity	1,000.00
Net worth—	
Surplus	73,790.06
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Total liabilities and net worth..	74,795.06

Condensed Profit and Loss Statement**Brethren Missionary Herald Mag.—**

Income—	
Subscriptions	\$14,314.38
Cooperating boards	16,635.25
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Total	30,949.63
Cost—	
Outside work on B.M.H.	15,034.88
Salaries	11,590.16
Operating expense	4,188.07
Depreciation	1,107.05
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Net loss	\$970.53
Merchandise Sales—	
Income—	
Total sales	68,633.08
Cost—	
Merchandise purchases..	53,991.01
Salaries	13,178.04
Operating expenses	5,836.91
Depreciation	1,255.24
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Total	74,261.20
Loss	5,628.12

Herald Company (continued)—

<i>Publication offering—</i>	
Receipts in gifts	\$6,540.71
Less: Envelopes, travel e x p e n s e , projector, postage, etc.)	700.84
	<u>5,839.87</u>
Rental income	549.42
Net operating loss	<u>209.36</u>

Note—The books of the Herald Company are open for inspection by any member of the Corporation.

The Board on Ministerial Relief, Inc.*Officiary*

President—C. H. Ashman, Sr. ('55),
South Pasadena, Calif.
Vice President—Phillip J. Simmons
('55), Chico, Calif.
Secretary-Treasurer—Ord Gehman
('56), 514 N. Jefferson St., Berne,
Ind.

Board Members

Melvin Fisher ('57).
Clyde K. Landrum ('55).
Byron Noon ('57).
Conard Sandy ('56).
W. H. Schaffer ('57).
Russell Weber ('56).

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD ON
MINISTERIAL RELIEF, INC.**

August 1, 1953 to July 31, 1954

<i>Assets—</i>	
Cash brought forward	\$12,589.47
Receipts to 7/31/54	<u>11,059.23</u>
Total	23,648.70
Disbursements to 7/31/54	<u>9,153.10</u>
Cash in bank 7/31/54	14,495.60
Loans	<u>12,000.00</u>
Total cash valuation, 7/31/54..	26,495.60
<i>Liabilities—</i>	
<i>Preachers' Accounts—</i>	
Aug. 1, 1953	\$2,827.06
Received	<u>4,057.92</u>
Total	6,884.98
Paid Ins. Prems.	<u>3,093.77</u>
Cash 7/31/54	3,791.21
<i>Relief Fund—</i>	
Aug. 1, 1953	2,776.65
Received	<u>1,099.89</u>
Total	3,876.54
Paid out	<u>332.33</u>
Cash 7/31/54	<u>3,544.21</u>

Ministerial Relief (cont)—

<i>Retirement Fund—</i>	
Aug. 1, 1953	14,755.61
Received	<u>5,501.42</u>
Total	20,257.03
Paid out	<u>1,727.00</u>
	18,530.03
Loans	<u>12,000.00</u>
Cash 7/31/54	6,530.03
Interest received to date	<u>630.15</u>
<i>Breakdown of disbursements—</i>	
Office supplies	\$86.13
Secretary's honorarium	100.00
Treasurer's bond	25.00
Auditing books and exp.	25.00
Secretarial help	85.00
Annual space	7.20
Filing fee (State of Ind.)	<u>1.00</u>
Total administrative expense ...	329.33
(Prorated as follows: Relief fund, \$82.33; retirement fund, \$247.00.)	
Insurance premiums	\$3,093.77
Relief payment	250.00
Retirement payments	<u>1,480.00</u>
Loans made Aug. 1, 1953, to July 31, 1954	4,000.00
	<u>8,823.77</u>
Administrative expense	<u>329.33</u>
Total disbursements as of above	9,153.10

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The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers

Executive Committee

Chairman—Miles Taber.

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Secretary—Norman Uphouse, R. R. 3, Warsaw, Ind.

Assistant Secretary—Russell Ogden.

Financial Secretary—Blaine Snyder, Winona Lake, Ind.

Treasurer—True Hunt.

Program Committee

Glenn O'Neal (chairman).

J. C. McKillen.

Charles Underwood.

Nominating Committee

Jesse Hall (chairman).

J. L. Gingrich.

James Dixon.

Minutes

Tuesday, August 24, 1954

The National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers met in the first regular session for the year 1954 in the seminary building at Winona Lake, Ind.

Chairman Glenn O'Neal presided at the meeting. There were 141 men present with 112 for the corresponding meeting last year. There were 116 present in 1952 and 114 for 1951.

Brethren Harold Etling and Gordon Bracker led in the opening song service. Bro. Earle Peer led in the devotions, introducing a general theme, "Practicing," with a reference to the study of the Word. After appropriate comments on John 21, a period of time was spent in prayer.

1. Program Committee Report. Harold Etling gave the report in three parts. On motion the first part covering the proposed agenda was

Ministers (continued)—

accepted. Regarding hearing charges of unethical practices among ministers, a motion prevailed to refer to the executive committee with power to act.

A motion carried to appoint a memorial secretary to function for appropriate services for those of our Fellowship who pass on during the year. Bro. Charles Ashman, Sr., was appointed.

2. Introductions. The following men were introduced: Harold Arrington, Jim Sweeton, Neal Beery, Dean Risser, Herman Hein, Irvin Miller, Charles Underwood, J. Paul Miller, John Watts, Lee Trujillo, William Johnson, David Pluck, M. R. Linderman, Don Hocking, Alfred Dodds, R. A. Houghton, John Rea, Raymond Thompson, Francis Brill.

3. Memorials. Memorials were heard for John Patterson, who spent 40 years of ministry at the Hollins, Va., church. Those who spoke in his memory were: Edward Bowman, Galen Lingenfelter, Charles Ashman, Jr., Herman Koontz, K. E. Richardson, A. L. Lynn, Charles Mayes, Robert Miller, J. L. Gingrich, Russell Barnard. Memorials were heard for John Hathaway. Those who spoke in his behalf were: R. D. Barnard, C. B. Sheldon, R. Paul Miller, Ord Gehman, R. I. Humbert, and Maxwell Brenneman. Memorials were heard for D. F. Eikenberry. Those who spoke for him were: Harold Etling, William Schaffer, Charles Ashman, Sr., Jesse Hall, John Aeby, L. L. Grubb, R. D. Barnard, Richard Jackson, R. Paul Miller, and Glenn O'Neal.

4. Special Meeting. An announcement was made for a special meeting to be held Tuesday at 3 p. m.

5. Adjournment. On motion the meeting adjourned.

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Tuesday, August 24, 1954—3 p. m.
(Special Meeting)

Glenn O'Neal presided and Max Brenneman led in prayer.

The meeting was called for the purpose of looking into the Leon, Iowa, church situation.

Bro. L. L. Grubb gave a brief orientation of the development there and then introduced Leonard Bosgraf, attorney-at-law from Chicago, who spoke to the point of what was involved in possible litigation.

6. Call to Prayer. A motion carried that we commit ourselves to a time of prayer that this problem of the Leon case be in the hands of God and that He will lead to His glory. The time was set for Wednesday, 7:30 a. m.

7. Appreciation to Bosgraf. A motion prevailed that we express our sincere appreciation for the services of Attorney Bosgraf.

The attorney summed up three possibilities for us: (a) Conference with the plaintiff; (b) Prepare an answer to the notice and drop it; (c) A full-dress lawsuit entered into wholeheartedly.

8. To Refer to Committee on Denominational Interests. A motion carried to refer the matter to the Committee on Denominational Interests and after considering the Leon situation to report to this body.

9. Adjournment. On motion the meeting adjourned.

Wednesday, August 25, 7:30 a. m.

Chairman Glenn O'Neal presided and read from II Chronicles 20. Thereafter prayer was offered by the entire Fellowship in connection with the problem that has arisen at the Leon, Iowa, Brethren church as the present worshipers are threat-

Ministers (continued)—

ened with a lawsuit over the possession and use of the church building.

There were 148 men present.

Bro. William Gray brought a devotional message based on I Timothy 2:1-8, entitled "Practicing Prayer."

10. Minutes Approved. On motion the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

11. Membership Committee Report. The report indicated 40 men whose names should be added to the official membership list. On motion the report was accepted.

12. Nominating Committee Report. On motion it was accepted as read. The election followed, with results listed above.

13. Message by John Aeby. Bro. John Aeby brought a message which was a great challenge to us to be men of prayer according to the Scriptures.

14. Adjournment. On motion the Fellowship adjourned.

Thursday, August 26, 1954

Bro. Glenn O'Neal presided.

Bro. K. E. Richardson led in the opening prayer. Thereafter time was spent in prayer as various ministers took part audibly.

Wayne Beaver spoke on the subject: "Practicing Holiness of Life," using I Corinthians 6:19 as a text.

15. The Minutes Approved. On motion the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

16. Message by Bernard Schneider. Brother Schneider's message was entitled, "The Dangers of Professionalism Among Brethren Ministers."

17. Report From Committee on Divorce and Remarriage. Brother Rempel gave the report. A motion carried to refer to the committee to reword the points in question.

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18. Membership Committee Report. On motion Sylvester Lowman and John Evans were received into the Fellowship.

19. Standards of Licensure and Ordination Report. Bro. Caleb Zimmerman read a recommendation on a suggested plan of procedure for ministerial examining boards for adoption by the National Fellowship of Brethren Ministers and for recommendation to the various districts. This plan of procedure came from the Southern Ohio District.

A motion carried to amend the recommendation to read "at its own discretion the recommendation may be made to the full board" (page 3, item 5).

A motion carried to adopt the recommendation and to recommend to the various districts its adoption.

20. Adjournment. On motion the meeting adjourned.

Friday, August 27, 8 a. m.

Brother O'Neal presided.

Brethren Harold Etling and Gordon Bracker led in the song, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Bro. Adam Rager led in the opening prayer. Bro. Evan Adams gave the devotional on "Practicing the Presence of Christ." A period of time was spent in prayer by the group.

Bro. R. I. Humbert was granted a special privilege to speak to the group on the value of Scripture memorization.

21. Minutes Approved. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

22. Membership Committee Report. On motion the following men were received into the Fellowship: John Rea, Irvin Miller, Lester Smit-

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ley, Kenneth Wilt, and Arthur Carey.

23. Reading Course Planned. A motion carried that a committee be appointed from this Fellowship (one member to be from the seminary faculty) to study the plan for a reading course for those unable to attend school, and bring back a report. The committee named is composed of Caleb Zimmerman, John Aeby, and Herman Hoyt.

24. Ordained Men From Other Churches. A motion prevailed to refer to the Committee on Licensure and Ordination the matter of determining how to best deal with ordained men from other churches who choose to come into the Brethren Church.

25. Committee on Divorce and Remarriage Report. Given by Bro. Rempel in its revised form. A motion carried to accept the report and recommend the document with the revision to the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

26. Committee on Pastorless Churches and Available Men. On motion it was decided to continue the committee, but with a changed personnel. The chairman appointed Norman Uphouse chairman with the moderators of the various districts on the committee.

27. Adjournment. On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Saturday, August 28, 8 a. m.

Bro. Glenn O'Neal presided.

Brethren James Dixon and Henry Rempel led in the song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Bro. McKillen led in prayer. Thereafter other men led in volunteer prayer.

Bro. Paul Dick had charge of the devotional message, using as his theme, "Practicing the Joy of Salvation."

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28. The Minutes Read and Approved. By motion the minutes were approved as read.

29. Treasurer's Report. Bro. R. D. Crees gave the treasurer's report for a two-year period, indicating total receipts of \$340.43; disbursements, \$96.60; balance on hand August 27, 1954, \$243.83. On motion the report was accepted.

30. National Conference Executive Committee Representation. A motion was made to ask Conference that a representative from each board created by Conference be a member of the National Executive Committee. The motion was tabled.

31. Report by Committee on Ministerial Ethics. Brother Sandy reported. A motion carried to commend the committee for its work in the matter.

32. Minutes Approved. The minutes were read and approved.

33. Adjournment. A motion carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Uphouse.

The Brethren Women's Missionary Council

Theme for 1954-55—"Our Daily Walk."

Executive Board

President—Mrs. Kenneth Ashman, 205 Ihrig Ave., Wooster, Ohio.

Vice President—Mrs. Miles Taber, 314 Dorchester St., Ashland, Ohio.

Secretary—Mrs. Lester Pifer, Winona Lake, Ind.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Adam Rager, 21715 S. Norwalk Blvd., Artesia, Calif.

Financial Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Chester McCall, 3421 W. 82d Pl., Inglewood, Calif.

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Literature Secretary—Mrs. Jesse Deloe, Box 251, Winona Lake, Ind.

Editor—Mrs. Ben Hamilton, Winona Lake, Ind.

National Prayer Chairman—Miss Mary Emmert, Dallas Center, Iowa.

District Presidents

Atlantic—Mrs. Gerald Polman, 731 Elm Terrace, York, Pa.

California—Mrs. Leo Polman, 120 N. Pine St., San Gabriel, Calif.

East—Mrs. Raymond Anthony, 226 Main St., Conemaugh, Pa.

Indiana—Mrs. Robert Boone, 603 Kinsmoor Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind.

Iowa—Miss Mary Emmert, Dallas Center, Iowa.

Michigan—Mrs. Richard Jackson, Jr., Box 67, New Troy, Mich.

Midwest—Mrs. Walter Bodge, Portis, Kans.

Northern Ohio—Mrs. Frank Lindower, R. R. 1, Uniontown, Ohio.

Northwest—Mrs. Thomas Hammers, 6242 30th Ave. NE., Seattle 5, Wash.

Southeast—Mrs. J. Harold Putt, 1822 Windsor Ave. SW., Roanoke, Va.

Southern Ohio—Mrs. Ruth Waymire, Englewood, Ohio.

Number of councils, 162.

Number of members, 3,792.

Honorary councils in Africa and South America, 10.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1953-54

Balance, July 31, 1953	\$2,723.02
Receipts—	
General Conference Offering—1953	400.00
Credential Offering—1953	204.50
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha ..	375.00
Extra Packets	1.00
General Expense Offering	1,652.75
Home Mission Offering	2,711.51
Grace Seminary Offering	2,513.74
Foreign Mission Offering	2,714.78
Thank Offering	3,386.89
Leper Work	143.36
Wagner Children Support	29.00
DVBS, Taos, N. Mex.	15.00
Missionary Birthday Offering	2,754.36
Missionary Residence Fund	917.41

WMC (continued)—

Fogle Fund	333.82
Total Receipts	18,153.12
Disbursements—	
General Expense	\$3,188.46
Home Missions	2,711.51
Grace Seminary	2,513.74
Foreign Missions	2,714.78
Thank Offering	3,386.89
Special Account—Leper Work	143.36
Special Account—Wagner Children	29.00
Special Account—DVBS—Taos, N. Mex.	15.00
Special Account—Fogle Fund	333.82
Missionary Birthday Fund—Mrs. Sickel	950.00
Total Disbursements	15,986.56
Cash balance July 31, 1954	\$4,889.53

NATIONAL WMC OBJECTIVES (1954-55)

1. For your daily SPIRITUAL food we urge you to read Romans through Jude, Hosea through Malachi, or daily Bible readings of your own choice. Bible Reading Markers will be provided.
2. For the FAMILY SPIRITUAL food we recommend the establishment of daily family devotions in every home. Each council providing instruction by using "How to Have a Family Altar," by Norman V. Williams (Moody Press). Available at Bible bookstores for 35c.
3. Monthly devotional meetings urging the use of the Brethren WMC program packets.
4. Encourage individual witnessing by visitation and tract distribution. Urge each local tract chairman to watch the Tract Corner in the WMC Herald for suggestions where and what to buy in tracts.
5. Each council enlisting prayer warriors from the congregation, using the five-year Prayer Covenant Cards, adding a star each year. For guidance in prayer continue the use of the prayer booklets and Prayer Pointers in the Herald.
6. Stress the importance of each council taking part in the district projects and attending rallies.
7. Each local council send a post card with news item at least once a quarter to WMC editor.
8. Each council participating in all the major offerings, earnestly endeavoring to send them to the national financial secretary-treasurer BEFORE THE SET DATE.
(1) Sept., Oct., Nov.—HOME MISSIONS—\$2,500; send before Dec. 10. To complete the Navaho school and recreation building.
(2) Dec., Jan., Feb.—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERING—\$3,000; send before March 10. \$2,000—Grace Seminary—additional pews for seminary chapel. \$1,000—Sunday School and Youth Boards—electric typewriter and electric mimeograph.
(3) March, April, May—FOREIGN MISSIONS—\$2,500; send before June 10. Missionary residence in Brazil.
(4) June, July, Aug.—GENERAL AND PUBLICATION FUND—\$2,500; send before Sept. 10.
(5) THANK OFFERING for Brethren Jewish Missions taken throughout the year and to be sent to the national financial secretary-treasurer by June 10. THE SUGGESTED GOAL IS A PENNY A DAY PER MEMBER.

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(6) BIRTHDAY OFFERING to be received during the year for the support of a WMC missionary on a foreign field. Send this offering to the national financial secretary-treasurer by July 10.

DISTRICT WMC OBJECTIVES (1954-55)

1. Every district represented on the National Board, suggesting that expenses wholly, or in part, be paid by the district.
2. A four-minute written report to be given at National Executive Board meeting and again on the Conference floor. The retiring president to be responsible for written report which will be read by the present presiding officer.
4. Each district to select a prayer chairman who will encourage the prayer life of the women, suggesting the use of the five-year prayer covenant cards.
5. Promoting the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in the district.
6. Each district to sponsor at least one project with the suggestion that said project BE CLEARED THROUGH THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT TO AVOID DUPLICATION. Each district has the privilege of keeping the project within the district.
7. Each district contribute an annual free-will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the Foreign Missionary Residence. This offering to be sent to the national financial secretary-treasurer by July 10. This fund to be used as the committee in charge sees the need.
8. Each DISTRICT PRESIDENT to receive the local annual statistical report and to compile the district statistical report and send to the national recording secretary by July 31.
9. Each district president to stress the importance of using the Brethren WMC program packets in the local councils.

NATIONAL WMC RECOMMENDATIONS (1954-55)

1. That a membership and consecration service be held annually in each local council, using the original covenant card and star system.
2. Each local president attending National Fellowship if at all possible.
3. That Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton be our editor.
4. That Miss Mary Emmert continue as our prayer chairman and that we encourage the observance of the day of prayer each month.
5. That we send good usable clothing to Taos, N. Mex., Rev. S. I. Horney, parcel post, or via express to Santa Fe, N. Mex.; to Indian mission, Rev. Evan Adams, Brethren Navaho Mission (located at Counselor Post), Star Route, Cuba, N. Mex., c/o San Juan Basin Lines, Albuquerque, N. Mex., and that each council be responsible for the entire expense. That we temporarily discontinue sending clothing to our Clayhole, Ky., mission because they have a sufficient supply on hand.
6. That officers in the local councils preferably be elected in June, installed and take office by the August meeting, and have statistical reports to the district president by July 15.
7. That each council promote the evangelization of children, urging the individual

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women to assist in Sunday school, vacation Bible school, children's Bible classes, etc.

8. That the women in each council continue to show an increased interest in the Sisterhood in all possible ways—prayer, work projects, financial help (such as purchasing reading circle books and pennants), and a willingness to serve in an advisory capacity.

9. In view of the rapid expansion of our various Brethren endeavors and the accompanying need, we *strongly* urge that all local and district councils use Brethren talent and support Brethren works.

10. A birthday remembrance to be sent to foreign missionaries and their children.

11. That the local council purchase two or more of the suggested reading circle books:

"His Banner Over Me," by Martha Snell Nicholson (autobiography).

"Queen of the Dark Chamber," by Christiana Tsai (autobiography).

"At Break of Dawn," by Fred John Mel-dau (missionary).

"Giants of the Missionary Trail," by Eugene Myers Harrison (missionary).

"Some African Links," by Mary L. E-mert (missionary).

"Uninterrupted Sky," by Paul Hutchens (Christian novel).

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha

Theme—"Footprints of Jesus."

Theme verse (Col. 1:10)—"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Motto—"Do God's Will."

Colors—Green, Service, Martha; White, Worship, Mary.

Aim—To develop every girl to be a living testimony for her Master; to give girls in dimly lighted regions an opportunity to know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

SMM National Officers

President—Myra Joy Conner, Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn. (Home: 4131 Vermont Ave. NW., Roanoke, Va.).

Vice President—Amy Lou Bracker, Winona Lake, Ind.

General Secretary—Nancy Weber, 835 Spruce St., Hagerstown, Md.

Treasurer—Mary Hooks, Box 262, Winona Lake, Ind.

Sisterhood (continued)—

Literature Secretary—Carole Sue Quartz, Winona Lake, Ind. (Home: 511 Lamont Ave., Akron 5, Ohio.)

Bandage Secretary—Marie Sackett, 1010 Randolph St., Waterloo, Iowa.

Patroness—Mrs. Arnold Kriegbaum, Box 14, Winona Lake, Ind.

Assistant Patroness—Mrs. H. Leslie Moore, 112 Beachley St., Meyersdale, Pa.

SMM District Presidents

Atlantic—Carolyn Bearinger, 211 Frick St., Waynesboro, Pa.

California—Sandra Talbot, 1337 Lee Ave., Long Beach 4, Calif.

East—Eunice Hottle, Listie, Pa.

Indiana—Evelyn Vnasdale, 535 Home Ave., Lutheran Nurses Home, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Iowa—Marie Sackett, 1010 Randolph St., Waterloo, Iowa.

Midwest—Cora Luna, Box 711, Taos, N. Mex.

Northern Ohio—Hyla Palmer, 511 Spink St., Wooster, Ohio.

Northwest—Ellen Angel, R. R. 1, Naches, Wash. (district secretary).

Southeast—Betty Oyle, Rocky Mount Rd., Roanoke, Va.

Southern Ohio—Mary Elsa Bowser, R. R. 2, Brookville, Ohio.

Mary Goals—

*1. Attend at least 12 devotional meetings unless unavoidable, using the material in the Herald or the packets.

*2. Memory work required: Juniors—learn the main verse of their study each month. Middlers and Seniors—one verse each month taken from their Bible reading in Colossians.

*3. Attend all church services possible.

*4. Well-prepared participation in your devotional program at least once.

*5. Quiet time observed each day, including Bible reading and prayer (preferably in the morning).

*6. Read a Christian book approved by the patroness.

*7. Suggested Bible reading: Juniors—Genesis and Colossians. Middlers—Genesis, Psalms, and Colossians. Seniors—Genesis, Isaiah, Colossians, and Hebrews.

Martha Goals—

*1. Be responsible for at least 10 bandages per year.

Sisterhood (continued)—

- *2. Freewill offering at each devotional meeting attended.
- *3. Have a part in the project offering.
- *4. Take part in Christian service.
- *5. Enlist a new girl for SMM.
- *6. Have a part in planning or presenting a program in the interest of SMM—presenting its aims and projects.
- *7. Provide supplies to mission point or missionary or pastor's family.
- *8. Help fill missionary chests.

Emerald, Diamond, and Ruby Awards—

Emerald—All starred goals.

Diamond—All starred goals and two unstarred.

Ruby—All the goals.

Note: These requirements are the same for all SMM's, and all three may be earned.

Projects—

National—The Bassai Dispensary in Africa and a much-needed microscope. Goal—\$1,700.

Birthday—Higher education for missionaries' children. Goal—\$500.

Personal—Memorize the Book of Colossians. \$7.50 award. Write poems, skits, or stories concerning SMM. Award—Either SMM pin or SMM stationery.

Seniors only: Read the whole Bible through. Award—A new Sisterhood letter (S).

Local Organization Goals—

- 1. A cabinet meeting in the spring and fall.
- 2. Project offering sent to the national treasurer before July 15.
- 3. Freewill offering taken at each meeting and sent to the national treasurer before January 15 and July 15.
- 4. Bandages for Africa given to the district bandage secretary before July 15.
- 5. At least two post-card items sent to the general secretary.
- 6. Statistical blanks sent to the district secretary and national president before July 15.
- 7. Fifty percent of the girls earn a jewel.

District Goals—

- 1. Each district send a list of their officers and addresses to the national general secretary and national president.
- 2. A report from the district bandage secretary to the national bandage secretary before August 1. Bandages are to be sent on to the Missionary Residence at Winona Lake, Ind., anytime.
- 3. A district project.
- 4. A display or unique presentation of some activity carried out through the year—to be presented at conference.
- 5. District secretary send compiled statistical report to national secretary before August 1.
- 6. District help their president or representative in coming to the early board meetings—\$10 minimum amount.

Recommendations—

- 1. That Mary Hooks be appointed treasurer for 1954-55.
- 2. That Nancy Weber be appointed general secretary for 1954-55.
- 3. That Marie Sackett be appointed national bandage secretary for 1954-55.
- 4. That a birthday thank offering be given in April, which is SMM birthday

Sisterhood (continued)—

month, for the higher education of missionaries' children—\$500 to be the goal and be sent to national treasurer before May 10.

5. That we cooperate with the Youth Council for the year 1954-55.

6. That all the Sisterhoods meeting all local organization goals be recognized as Honor SMM's.

7. That all the districts meeting all district goals be recognized as Honor Districts.

8. That a new jewel, a ruby, be added to the awards.

9. That a gift of \$20 be given to all national officers attending conference toward their expenses.

10. That a gift of \$50 be given to Nancy Weber, general secretary.

11. That the program committee be made up of general secretary, the national president, patroness, assistant patroness, and two members at large.

12. That our personal project be to learn the Book of Colossians and that the deadline for this memorization be June 10. The awards be a SMM sweater, \$7.50 toward Camp Bethany, \$7.50 worth of literature from the Herald Company, or SMM key necklace.

13. That the national board meet one day previous to national conference, 1955, and that each member receive \$5 per working day present.

14. That the SMM give the WMC \$200 now toward Herald expense and \$200 in January and have the general secretary write a letter of thanks to them.

15. That we give \$100 to the National Youth Council now and \$100 in January.

16. That we take the Bassai Dispensary and microscope as our national project for 1954-55.

17. That the district supply their patroness, president, and secretary with SMM stationery.

18. That each local SMM group ask the local WMC to provide an extra lady besides the assistant patroness to train for patroness, this lady to be approved by the girls.

19. That we have cards printed with all the requirements for joining SMM to aid in enlisting members.

20. That girls be encouraged to do craft work at the meetings after the devotional part.

21. That a new project book be printed.

National Sunday School Board**Officiary**

President—James Dixon ('56), 3712 Carpenter St. SE., Washington, D. C.

Vice President—Galen Lingenfelter '55), Elyria, Ohio.

Secretary-Treasurer—Caleb Zimmerman ('57), 2942 Dwight Ave., Dayton 10, Ohio.

National Director—Harold Etling ('57), Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind.

Sunday School Board (continued)—*Board Members*

Lyle Marvin ('57), San Bernardino, Calif.

Lewis Hohenstein ('56), Whittier, Calif.

Vernon Harris ('56), Portland, Oreg.

Henry Rempel ('56), Los Angeles, Calif.

James Hammer ('55), Fort Wayne, Ind.

M. L. Myers ('55), Akron, Ohio.

Harry Sturz ('55), Bell, Calif.

John Burns ('57), Listie, Pa.

All correspondence relating to Sunday-school work should be addressed to National Sunday School Office, Harold H. Etling, director, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. (Tel. Warsaw 796-J).

Brethren Youth Fellowship*Officers and Board*

President—William Smith, 3018 9th St. SE., Washington 20, D. C.

Vice President—Clair Gartland, R. R. 1, Conemaugh, Pa.

Secretary—John J. Burns, Listie, Pa.

Treasurer—Homer A. Kent, Jr., Winona Lake, Ind.

Kenneth Ashman, 205 Ihrig Ave., Wooster, Ohio.

Gerald Polman, 731 Elm Terrace, York, Pa.

Charles Ashman, Jr., 199 Clover St., Rittman, Ohio.

Ralph J. Colburn, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind.

Plans

Monthly packets of programs, ideas, and party helps will be sent to all pastors and youth leaders who request them. These will be edited by Charles Ashman, Jr. Each BYF and CE is encouraged to set aside

BYF (continued)—

one offering per month to help with this and other national expenses.

Missionary projects will be promoted throughout the year. Each BYF and CE is encouraged to set aside at least one offering per month for these projects, and give it through the local church as part of that current missionary offering. Be sure to mark it "BYF Project." The home-mission project is the raising of at least \$1,000 to send summer helpers to our home-mission fields in Kentucky and New Mexico. The foreign-mission project is the raising of at least \$1,200 for the support of Bekoro Station in Africa.

National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen*Officers*

President—O. Mason Cooper, 2024 Mercer St. NW., Roanoke, Va.

Vice President—Owen Hacker, 1621 Benson Dr., Dayton 6, Ohio.

Secretary—Don Spangler, 416 W. Indiana St., Wheaton, Ill.

Treasurer—Walter Hoyt, 409 Leland Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio.

Boys' Advisor—Neil Carey, 332 Stul Ave., Akron 12, Ohio.

Laymen's Page Editor—Earle Cole, 2753 Elmwood St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Student Aid Committee—Wesley Miller (chairman), Frank Poland, Don Ogden, Rev. H. W. Koontz (advisor); also one student representative to be chosen by committee.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this organization seeks to:

1. Stimulate worship of almighty God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Laymen (continued)—

His only begotten Son and our Saviour, in accordance with the whole Bible;

2. Promote Christian fellowship among the laymen of the Brethren Church; and

3. Effect an organization of the Brethren laymen which may offer its assistance to local churches, through local laymen's affiliates where possible, as an aid to the ministry in the salvation of souls, through the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, and other proper activities in which laymen can serve.

Goals

1. Daily Bible reading.

2. A family altar in every layman's home.

3. Laymen united for soul-winning through personal visitation, evangelistic rallies, and tract distribution.

4. Give our support to our local pastor and his work.

5. Help build our Sunday schools through the national and local Sunday-school boards.

6. Start new local and district laymen's groups in churches and areas where they do not exist.

7. Start and sponsor local boys clubs.

8. Every layman a tither, and systematic giver to the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen.

Projects

1. Board of Evangelism Crusade, \$12,000.

2. Grace Theological Seminary Student Aid, \$1,000.

3. Brethren Boys Clubs, \$500.

4. General Expense Fund, \$500.

Total of projects, \$14,000.

Laymen (continued)—

Grace Seminary student aid is available to worthy Brethren students as follows: A student in need, or any person knowing of a student in need, should contact any member of the committee in writing. Each member of the committee will initial the request. When the request is properly initialed by every member of the committee, the chairman will present the gift to the student and send the request to replenish the cash drawer (\$50 in the hands of chairman), together with the initialed copy of the request for aid to the treasurer. Full power to accept or reject the request is the committee's prerogative.

Other than Grace Seminary student aid is handled on the district or local level.

1954 Conference Notes

Sessions 76 through 80 were held in the Westminster Hotel Rainbow Room August 24-28.

Participation in the half-hour 7:15-7:45 p. m. service of the National Conference on the opening night was enjoyed by this fellowship.

This year's sessions were conducted with a close spirit of unity. Our organization saw much growth in the past year. There was much activity reported in visitation and various other activities in the local churches. There were several new groups organized in local churches this year. We enjoyed a bigger attendance over last year. Last year's daily average was 53.4 and this year's was 60.6.

Committees

Committee on Committees — Earle Cole (chairman), Glen Miller, Alfred Wedin.

Laymen (continued)—

Attendance Committee—H. L. Edwards (chairman), Don Sellers.
Auditing Committee—Bryson Feters, Grover Snyder.

Nominating Committee—Wesley Miller (chairman), S. W. Link, H. L. Edwards.

Laymen (continued)—

Goals and Projects Committee—Walter Hoyt (chairman), Dalta Meyers, Neil Carey.

Please report all local men's news to your national laymen's page editor and secretary. We want news from every laymen's group.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN LAYMEN FINANCIAL REPORT

August 1, 1953, to July 1, 1954

1953-54 Receipts—	Bd. of Evang.	Stud. Aid	Gen. Exp.	Boys Club	Total
August 1, 1953, balance	\$5.00	\$214.95	\$19.53	\$57.50	\$296.98
Conference Offering 1953 .....	...	...	125.69	...	125.69
Washington, D. C.	5.00	...	...	...	5.00
Elkhart, Ind.	2.00	8.00	1.00	1.00	12.00
Leon, Iowa	12.00	5.00	5.00	...	22.00
Hagerstown, Md. ....	...	...	5.00	...	5.00
Akron, Ohio	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	50.00	...	...	...	50.00
Northern Ohio District	50.00	...	...	50.00	100.00
Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)	4.00	...	...	...	4.00
Dayton, Ohio (First)	555.00	17.00	1.00	5.00	578.00
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	3.00	...	5.00	...	8.00
Troy, Ohio	35.75	...	...	...	35.75
Conemaugh, Pa.	25.00	...	...	...	25.00
East Freedom, Pa.	40.00	...	...	...	40.00
Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Leamersville)	27.28	...	...	...	27.28
Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Blair-Bedford)	26.20	...	...	...	26.20
Jenners, Pa.	10.16	...	...	...	10.16
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	32.53	...	...	...	32.53
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	13.35	...	...	...	13.35
Leamersville, Pa. (District Rally)	59.10	...	...	...	59.10
Meyersdale, Pa. ....	...	...	26.78	...	26.78
Waynesboro, Pa.	75.00	...	...	...	75.00
Uniontown, Pa.	24.31	...	...	...	24.31
Alexandria, Va.	5.00	...	...	...	5.00
Covington, Va.	90.00	...	...	...	90.00
Hollins, Va.	26.50	...	...	...	26.50
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	37.50	10.00	6.00	11.50	65.00
Southeastern District Laymen	84.72	...	29.00	...	113.72
Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00
Radford, Va.	32.00	2.00	6.25	2.00	42.25
Martinsburg, W. Va.	16.73	...	...	...	16.73
Spooner, Wis. ....	...	5.00	...	...	5.00
Student Aid (Ref. from 1952-53 Chairman) ....	...	35.00	...	...	35.00
Student Loan Paid Back Without Interest	50.00	...	...	...	50.00
1953 Balance and Total Receipts	1,353.13	352.95	236.25	133.00	2,075.33

1953-54 Disbursements—

1953 Conference Expenses (Badges)	\$6.25	...	\$6.25
Mr. Cooper (Telephone & Traveling Exp.) ....	...	...	9.19	...	9.19
Winona Hotel (Gift) ....	...	...	15.00	...	15.00
Missionary Herald Co. (Gift) ....	...	...	35.00	...	35.00
Gifts to Student ....	...	\$125.00	...	...	125.00
Loan to Student ....	...	50.00	...	...	50.00
Board of Evangelism	\$1,353.13	...	...	...	1,353.13
Missionary Herald Co. (Advertising) ....	...	...	33.75	...	33.75
The Progress Press (Conference Programs for 1954) ....	...	...	24.00	...	24.00
Bank Service Charges for 11 Months	2.08	...	2.08

Total Disbursements 1953-54	1,353.13	175.00	125.27	...	1,653.40
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Total in Bank, July 31, 1954	0.00	177.95	110.98	133.00	421.93
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Brethren Youth Council*Officers*

President—Kenneth B. Ashman, 205 Ihrig Ave., Wooster, Ohio.
 Vice Presidents—Robert Miller, Jr., 1511 Maiden Lane SW., Roanoke, Va.; Myra Joy Conner, Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn.
 Treasurer—Gerald Polman, 731 Elm Terrace, York, Pa.

Council Members

BYF—Kenneth Ashman, Gerald Polman, Homer Kent, Jr., William Smith, Ralph Colburn.
 BBC—Robert Miller, Jr., Roy Nelson, Dave Carey, Bill Miller, Neil D. Carey.
 SMM—Myra Joy Conner, Mary Hooks, Mrs. Leslie Moore, Nancy Weber.

Purpose

To coordinate, strengthen, and promote the activities of the youth organizations of the Brethren Church; namely, Brethren Youth Fellowship, Brethren Boys Clubs, and Sisterhood of Mary and Martha. To contact and encourage Brethren students away in schools and channel as many of them as possible into fields of Christian service. To lend a helping hand to the local church and the local districts with their youth program.

Address all correspondence to the Brethren Youth Council, Box 617, Winona Lake, Ind. Wendell Kent, a junior in Grace Seminary, is the new office assistant.

Brethren Boys Clubs*Officers*

President—Robert E. A. Miller, Jr., 1511 Maiden Lane SW., Roanoke, Va.

Boys Clubs (continued)—

Vice President—Roy Nelson, 70 Eastholm Ave., Akron 12, Ohio.
 Secretary—Bill Miller, 1511 Maiden Lane SW., Roanoke, Va.
 Treasurer—Dave Carey, 332 Stull Ave., Akron 12, Ohio.
 Advisor—Neil D. Carey, 332 Stull Ave., Akron 12, Ohio.

Goals

Seeing to help our churches reach and keep boys, by encouraging some special type of boys' activities in every church that will attract and win boys through their own interest levels. Seeking also to unite our boys into a nationwide band of workers for His glory.

Missionary Project

\$300 to help start our new church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., by purchasing songbooks, a typewriter, and a mimeograph machine for the use of our former director, Ralph Colburn, who will be the first pastor of that church.

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DIRECTORY OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

Giving City and State; Pastor's Name; Church Name, Membership, Address, and Telephone Number; and Name and Address of Secretary or Clerk

- ACCIDENT, MD. (Roy E. Kreimes)
First Grace Brethren Church (25)
Box 86 (2 miles south on Rt. 219;
½ mile east off Rt. 219).
Miss Zella Keller, Accident
- AKRON, OHIO (M. Leon Myers)
First Brethren Church (376)
530 Stetler Ave., zone 12 (Tel. RE-
public 3-2520)
Mrs. Mary Bry, 518 Stevenson
Ave., zone 12
- ALBANY, OREG. (Glen H. Wel-
born)
Grace Brethren Church (76)
8th and Ermine Sts. (Motley Ad-
dition)
Mrs. M. V. Craig, R. R. 4, Box 331
- ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. (David
Tollardo)
Grace Brethren Church (31)
R. R. 4, Box 732K (N. 2d St.)
100 yds. east of 7300 block of N. 2d
Mrs. Deluvina Valdez, R. R. 4, Box
732B
- ALEPPO, PA. (Fred Wm. Walter)
Aleppo Brethren Church (82)
Mrs. Myrl Ullom, R. R. 1, New
Freeport, Pa.
- ALEXANDRIA, VA. (Robert W.
Markley)
Commonwealth Avenue Brethren
Church (132)
Corner of Commonwealth and Lu-
ray Aves.
Willis Wood (until Jan. 1), 406
Groveton St.
- ALLENTOWN, PA. (No pastor)
First Brethren Church (93)
632-34 N. 5th St.
LeRoy Seigfried, 519 Green St.
- ALTO, MICH. (Irvin B. Miller)
Calvary Brethren Church (70)
2 miles east of M-50 on 84th St.,
Kent County, R. R. 2
Mrs. Kenneth Stahl, R. R. 1,
Clarksville, Mich.
- ALTOONA, PA. (No pastor)
First Brethren Church (142)
Maple Ave. and 30th St.
Richard Beach, 223 E. 1st Ave.
- ALTOONA, PA. (J. Ward Tressler)
Grace Brethren Church (160)
Broadway and 15th Ave. (Juniata)
(Tel. 2-8861)
Mrs. William Dively, R. R. 2, Dun-
cansville, Pa.
- ANKENYTOWN, OHIO (Neil L.
Beery)
First Brethren Church (88)
R. R. 1, Bellville, Ohio
Mrs. Florence Cook, Frederick-
town, Ohio
- ARROYO HONDO, N. MEX. (Jake
Maestas)
Arroyo Hondo Brethren Church
(37)
3 blocks north of Highway 3
Pascuala Medina, Arroyo Hondo
- ARTESIA, CALIF. (Adam H. Rager)
Carson Avenue Brethren Church
(90)
12138 E. Carson Ave. (corner of
Norwalk Blvd. and Carson Ave.)
(Tel. L. B. 5-4808)
Mrs. Alice Akers, 22310 S. Devlin
St.
- ASHLAND, OHIO (Miles Taber)
West Tenth Street Brethren
Church (365)
West Tenth, between Myers and
Wick Aves. (Tel. 26374)
Mrs. William Warrick, 1031 Wick
Ave.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. (Gene Farrell)

Cherry Valley Brethren Church (65)

R. R. 1, Box 543 (church at Vine-land and Beaumont Aves.

Three miles north of Highway 60 and 70 (Tel. 2096)

Mrs. Emil Rasmussen, R. R. 1, Box 285, Beaumont

BEAVER CITY, NEBR. (Dayton F. Cundiff)

Grace Brethren Church (55)

Mrs. Myrtle Little, Beaver City

BELL, CALIF. (Harry Sturz)

Bell Brethren Church (46)

6830 Wilcox Ave. (halfway between Gage and Florence on Wilcox)

Mrs. Bernice Millar, 10222 Panghorn, Downey, Calif.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF. (Curtis Mitchell)

First Brethren Church (152)

9405 E. Flower St. (Clark and Flower Sts.) (mailing address, Box 306) (Tel. Torrey 7-6132)

Mrs. M. T. Bergen, 9717 Glandon St.

BERNE, IND. (Ord Gehman)

Bethel Brethren Church (174)

R. R. 2 (6½ miles east on Ind. 118 and ½ mile south) (Tel. 2-8723)

Mrs. J. Robert Myers, R. R. 2

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH. (Gilbert Hawkins)

Grace Brethren Church (26)

424 S. Mechanic St.

Mrs. Loyd Hathcock, R. R. 1, Box 19

BUENA VISTA, VA. (Edward Lewis)

First Brethren Church (339)

100 E. 29th St. (Tel. 4882)

Mrs. George Smals.

CAMDEN, OHIO (Randall L. Rossman)

First Brethren Church (83)

West Central Ave. at Lafayette St. (1 block west of traffic light on Route 725)

Mrs. Imogene Craig, 35 N. 2d St.

CANTON, OHIO (John R. Dilling)

First Brethren Church (232)
Second and Hartford (1900 2d St.), zone 4 (1 block north of Routh 30) (Tel. 5-6526)

Miss Margaret Sutek, 2121 Third St. SE.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA (Richard Grant)

Grace Brethren Church (61)

2905 D Ave. NE. (Tel. 3-4983)

Mrs. Charles Allen, 3832 B Ave. NE.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA. (William Wiles)

Grace Brethren Church (66)

R. R. 1, Pond Bank, Chambersburg
Merne Bakner, R. R. 2, Waynesboro, Pa.

CHERRY VALLEY—See Beaumont, Calif.

CHEYENNE, WYO. (Russell L. Williams)

First Brethren Church (54)

1613 E. 22d St., corner of Logan Ave.

Miss Sally Gravelle, 1639 Western Ave., F. E. Warren Air Base

CHICO, CALIF. (Phillip Simmons)

Grace Brethren Church (67)
1505 Arbutus Ave. (Arbutus and E. 5th Ave.) (Tel. FI-2-8642)

Mrs. Elvira Boyd, R. R. 3, Box 225

CLAY CITY, IND. (Ralph S. Burns)

First Brethren Church (79)

10th and Cook Sts. (Tel. 3S-47)

Miss Lois K. Long, 466 S. Main St.

CLAYHOLE, KY. (Sewell S. Landrum)

Clayhole Brethren Church (122)
14 miles southeast of Jackson on Highway 15

E. Paul Landrum, Lost Creek, Ky.

- CLAYTON, OHIO (Clair E. Brickel)
First Brethren Church (148)
Highway 49 and Kimmell Rd.
Mrs. Lewis Requarth, R. R. 1,
Brookville, Ohio
- CLEARBROOK—See Roanoke, Va.
- CLEVELAND, OHIO (No pastor).
First Brethren Church (72)
5564 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst, zone
24 (Mayfield Rd. at Ford [Bish-
op]) (Tel. Hillcrest 2-5353)
Mrs. W. C. Lechlitner, 1630 E. 86th
St., Cleveland 6
- COMPTON, CALIF. (Dennis I. Hol-
liday)
First Brethren Church (222)
1005 Rose St. (Cor. Rose and Rose-
crans Aves) (Tel. NEwmark 1-
1898)
Mrs. Elda Powell, 801 N. Wilming-
ton
- CONEMAUGH, PA. (Stanley F.
Hauser)
Conemaugh Brethren Church (150)
Second and Oak Sts. (Tel. 9-2011)
Mrs. Raymond Anthony, 226 Main
St.
- CONEMAUGH, PA. (Clair Gart-
land)
Pike Brethren Church (235)
R. R. 1, Conemaugh (on Rt. 22,
William Penn Highway, 7 miles
west of Ebensburg, at Mundy's
Corner) (Tel. Nanty-Glo 5727)
Mrs. Faye Cunningham, R. R. 1
- CONEMAUGH, PA. (Kenneth E.
Wilt)
Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church
(148)
R. R. 1 (Rt. 219, 2 miles south of
Mundy's Corner, or 9 miles north
of Johnstown)
Mrs. John Stennett, R. R. 1, Box
534
- COVINA, CALIF. (Marvin Good-
man)
West Covina Brethren Church
No report.
- COVINGTON, OHIO (James Young)
First Brethren Church (83)
Spring and Pearl Sts.
Mrs. Wannetta Vulgainore, St.
Paris, Ohio
- COVINGTON, VA. (Paul L. Mohler)
First Brethren Church (276)
R. R. 6, Parrish Court (Tel. 9154)
Mrs. Jack Westerman, R. R. 6,
Parrish Court
- CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO (Rich-
ard L. Burch)
Grace Brethren Church (58)
Third St. and Chestnut Blvd.; after
Jan. 1, Bailey Rd. at Treash Dr.
(Tel. SWandale 4-1840)
Mrs. Earle R. Cole, 2753 Elmwood
St.
- DALLAS CENTER, IOWA (No pas-
tor)
First Brethren Church (152)
Mrs. Margaret Webster, Dallas
Center
- DANVILLE, OHIO (William E.
Johnson)
Danville Brethren Church (74)
Ross Street (east side)
Miss Wilma Magers, R. R. 2, How-
ard, Ohio
- DAVENPORT, IOWA (True L.
Hunt)
Grace Brethren Church (5)
Lend-a-Hand Bldg., Main and
River Sts.
Mrs. George Taylor, 2908 Cody St.,
Bettendorf, Iowa
- DAYTON, OHIO (Charles Gantt)
Bethany Brethren Church (102)
5100 Hoover Ave., zone 6 (Tel.
pastor's res., Oregon 0748)
Mrs. Donald Tolbert, 919 Tyson
Ave.
- DAYTON, OHIO (William A. Stef-
fler)
First Brethren Church (661)
1900 W. Third St., zone 7 (Tel. ME.
7861)
Mrs. Rachel Wolfe, 1900 W. 3d St.

- DAYTON, OHIO** (Russell M. Ward)
North Riverdale Brethren Church
(281)
4101 N. Main St., zone 5 (Tel. RA-4332)
Mrs. Howard McElwee, Box 184,
Wolfe Ave., Englewood, Ohio
- DAYTON, OHIO** (C. S. Zimmerman)
Patterson Park Brethren Church
(38)
708 Shadowlawn Ave. (mailing address, 2942 Dwight Ave., zone 10) (Tel. Madison 2884)
E. C. Burns, 342 Bungalow Rd., zone 7
- DENVER, COLO.** (F. Thomas Inman)
Grace Brethren Church (32)
700 S. Federal (Tel. Westwood 4-7793)
Mrs. Dorothy Hall, 3675 S. Pearl, Englewood, Colo.
- EAST LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**
(No pastor)
Community Brethren Church
5839 Whittier Blvd., zone 22 (Tel. Union 1-5972)
Mrs. Myrtle Andrews, 224 S. Kingsley Dr.
- ELLET**—See Akron, Ohio
- ELKHART, IND.** (Lowell Hoyt)
Grace Brethren Church (64)
3515 S. Main
Mrs. Joy Christiansen, R. R. (Clayton St.)
- ELYRIA, OHIO** (Galen M. Lingenfelter)
Grace Brethren Church (34)
Lake Ave. and Griswold Rd. (temporary)
(Mailing address, 338 Tenth St.)
Mahlon H. Bowser, 436 W. Tenth St.
- EVERETT, PA.** (Homer Lingenfelter)
Everett Grace Brethren Church (46)
Main and East Sts. (Tel. 295W)
Fred Bucher, Everett
- FILLMORE, CALIF.** (Maxwell Brenneman)
First Brethren Church (75)
422 Central Ave. (Tel. 532-J)
Harold Robinson, 630 Saratoga Ave.
- FINDLAY, OHIO** (Forest F. Lance)
Findlay Brethren Church (49)
209 Lexington Ave.
Mrs. Betty Farmer, c/o church
- FLORA, IND.** (Charles Turner)
Grace Brethren Church (129)
Main and Willow Sts. (Tel. 17203)
Mrs. Homer Hanna, Bringhurst, Ind.
- FORT WAYNE, IND.** (Mark Malles)
First Brethren Church (232)
3326 S. Calhoun St., zone 6 (Tel. Harrison 1065)
Mrs. Richard David, c/o church
- FREMONT, OHIO** (Gordon Bracker)
Grace Brethren Church (225)
300 S. Collinwood Blvd. (Tel. Federal 8672)
(All mail to parsonage address; no delivery to the church)
Mrs. Robert Gahris, 1235 5th St.
- GARWIN, IOWA** (R. Paul Miller, Jr.)
Carlton Brethren Church (105)
6½ miles southwest of Garwin or 9 miles east of Marshalltown (Tel. Garwin 06F8)
Mrs. Raymond Cooper, Garwin
- GLENDALE, CALIF.** (J. Keith Altig)
First Brethren Church (150)
632 W. Stocker St., zone 2 (1 block south of Hoover High School) (Tel. Citrus 2-1808)
James C. Martin, 809 Burchett St., zone 2
- GOSHEN, IND.** (Herman H. Hein, Jr.)
Grace Brethren Church (27)
Three mi. west on Kercher's Rd. (R. R. 5) (off S. R. 15 at Sunrise Orchard's Stand)
Miss Phyllis Swihart, Goshen

GRAFTON, W. VA. (Lee Crist)
First Brethren Church (138)
45 W. St. Charles St. (U. S. Rt. 50
and St. Charles St.)
Mrs. Helen Dennis, 335 W. Francis
St.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. (Russell H.
Weber)
Grace Brethren Church (340)
First and Spruce Sts. (Tel. 1726)
Marvin R. Munch, 17 Greenberry
Rd.

HARRAH, WASH. (Donald Farner)
Harrah Brethren Church (218)
Box 203 (1 block west of P. O.)
(Tel. 2132)
Mrs. Alice L. Kopp, R. R. 7, Box
184, Yakima, Wash.

HARRISBURG, PA. (Conard Sandy)
Melrose Gardens Brethren Church
(106)
22d and Swatara Sts.
Mrs. A. Rollin Sandy, Box 22, Pal-
myra, Pa.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA. (Dean I.
Walter)
Vicksburg Brethren Church (105)
R. R. 1 (4 miles south of Hollidays-
burg, off Route 36)
R. C. Dick, 222 Bedford St., Hol-
lidaysburg

HOLLINS, VA. (Edward Bowman)
Mountain View Brethren Church
(175)
R. R. 1 (State Route 115, near Hol-
lins railroad station) (Tel. Roa-
noke 3-6983)
Miss Barbara Stanley, R. R. 1,
Roanoke, Va.

HOMERVILLE, OHIO (Robert
Holmes)
West Homer Brethren Church
(117)
R. R. 1, Homerville (2 miles west,
1 mile north of Homerville)
Mrs. Roy Hopkins, Howe St., Lodi,
Ohio

HOPEWELL, PA. (Sheldon W. Sny-
der)
Grace Brethren Church (80)
R. R. 1 (1½ miles southeast of the
village of Yellow Creek) (Tel.
Altoona 8385)

Miss Delores Reed, R. R. 1
INGLEWOOD, CALIF. (Glenn
O'Neal)

First Brethren Church (385)
2400 W. 85th St. (Manchester at
Van Ness) (Tel. PL 1-2505)
Jack McKeever, 2156 Van Wick,
Los Angeles 47

JENNERS, PA. (Victor S. Rogers)
Jenners Brethren Church (95)
(Opposite grade school)

Mrs. Dolores Flanigan, Jenners
JOHNSON CITY, TENN. (Dean Ris-
ser)

Johnson City Brethren Church
(52)

801 W. Watauga Ave. (Watauga
Ave. and Lamont St.)

Mrs. Dorsey Sproles, 1208 N. Bax-
ter St.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. (W. A. Ogden)
First Brethren Church (577)
Napoleon and Dibert Sts. (Tel. 9-
7815)

Don C. Rasbach, 726 Oak St.
JOHNSTOWN, PA. (Ralph C. Hall)
Riverside Brethren Church (52)
721 Liberty Ave.

Mrs. David Butler, 515 Michigan
Ave.

JUNIATA—See Altoona, Pa.
KITTANNING, PA. (William H.
Schaffer)

First Brethren Church (261)
215 Arthur St. (West Kittanning)
(Tel. 43-8731)

Mrs. Dean Bennett, R. R. 4
KITTANNING, PA. (Donald W.
Rossman)

North Buffalo Brethren Church
(42)

R. R. 4, Kittanning, Pa. (Tel. Ford
City 62-6866)

Mrs. Odell Bowser, R. R. 4

- LA CRESCENTA, CALIF. (David Morsey)
Mountain Brethren Church (21)
2723 Orange Ave.
Mrs. C. W. Rowe, 4828 Sunset Ave.
- LAKE ODESSA, MICH. (Robert Griffith)
Grace Brethren Church (120)
R. R. 2, Clarksville, Mich. (6 miles west of Lake Odessa on Vedder Rd.)
Mrs. Berwin Stadel, R. R. 1, Lake Odessa
- LA VERNE, CALIF. (Victor Meyers)
First Brethren Church (158)
Corner of 3d and E Sts. (mailing address P. O. Box 217) (Tel. Lycoming 4-3142)
Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, 2235 5th St.
- LEAMERSVILLE, PA. (Robert D. Crees)
Leamersville Brethren Church (260)
R. R. 2, Duncansville, Pa. (1 mile south of Newry, Pa., on Highway 220) (Tel. Hollidaysburg 50333)
Mrs. Grace Echard, R. R. 2, Duncansville
- LEESBURG, IND. (Nathan M. Meyer)
Leesburg Brethren Church (105)
Across from the high school
Mrs. Voyle Osborn, R. R. 1
- LEON, IOWA (No pastor)
Leon Brethren Church (140)
108 W. Fourth St. (on Route 69 opposite the high school)
Mrs. Ray Andrew, Leon (all correspondence)
- LIMESTONE, TENN. (A. Harold Arrington)
Vernon Brethren Church (107)
R. R. 1 (on Washington College Station and Oakland Rd.)
Miss Lelia Arnold, Washington College, Tenn.
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Listie Brethren Church (225)
Box 65
Miss Vera Jean Fye, P. O. Box 46
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First Brethren Church (1,520)
1925 E. Fifth (Fifth and Cherry), zone 12 (Tel. 67-5484)
Miss Geraldine Judd, c/o church
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North Long Beach Brethren Church (467)
60th and Orange (Tel. 2-3605)
Clifford Yocky, 6068 Lemon Ave.
- LONG BEACH, CALIF. (Charles Underwood)
Stearns Street Brethren Church (74)
6565 Stearns St., zone 15 (Tel. 34-5814)
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- LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—See East Los Angeles; see Inglewood
- MANSFIELD, OHIO (Bernard N. Schneider; asst., James Cook)
Grace Brethren Church (350)
Marion Ave. and Forest St. (Tel. 6800-6)
Mrs. Ann Lehnhart, 1020 Briarwood Rd.
- MANSFIELD, OHIO (Gene E. Witzky)
Second Grace Brethren Church (25)
580 Woodville Rd. (southeastern side of Mansfield)
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First Brethren Church (221)
Corner of Wall and Woodlawn (Tel. 229)
Miss Sannie Klepser, Martinsburg
- MARTINSBURG, W. VA. (Earle E. Peer)
Rosemont Brethren Church (142)
Illinois Ave. and W. King St. (Tel. 6330)
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MASSILLON, OHIO (Milo D. Williams)

Grace Brethren Church (17)

Corner of 8th and State Sts.

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Meyersdale Brethren Church (194)

112 Beachley St. (on U. S. 219)
(Tel. 372-W)

Irene Siegner, R. R. 3

MEYERSDALE, PA. (H. Leslie Moore)

Summit Mills Brethren Church (146)

R. R. 1 (4 miles southwest of Meyersdale) (Tel. Meyersdale 372-W)

Mrs. Elwood Firl, 323 Front St., Meyersdale

MIDDLEBRANCH, OHIO (Wesley Haller)

First Brethren Church (176)

38 William St. (2 blocks from P. O.)

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Brethren Christian Center (69)

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MODESTO, CALIF. (J. Paul Miller)

La Loma Grace Brethren Church (160)

1315 La Loma Dr. (Tel. 3-3738)

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MUNDY'S CORNER—See Cone-
maugh, Pa.

NEW TROY, MICH. (Richard Jack-
son, Jr.)

New Troy Brethren Church (137)

Box 67 (Tel. HARRISON 6-3121)

Edward Mensinger, New Troy

NORTH BUFFALO—See Kittan-
ning, Pa.

NORTH ENGLISH, IOWA (Clar-
ence H. Lackey)

Pleasant Grove Brethren Church
(70)

R. R. 2, North English, Iowa (2
miles east of Millersburg) (Tel.
North English 2070)

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Norwalk Brethren Church (131)

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(Tel. TORREY 3-7322)

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OSCEOLA, IND. (Scott Weaver)

Bethel Brethren Church (146)

Lincoln Way at Oregon Ave. (Tel.
749)

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burg)

Grace Brethren Church (17)

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Grace Brethren Church (12)

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W. Va.

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Peru Brethren Church (165)

South Broadway

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 Ella and Tioga Sts., zone 34 (Tel. GA 3-8047)
 Mrs. Lorraine Clark, 2339 Fuller St.
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 First Brethren Church (62)
 30th Ave. and W. Bethany Home Rd.
 Mrs. C. L. Ballinger, c/o 2727 W. Rovey Ave.
- POND BANK**—See Chambersburg, Pa.
- PORTIS, KANS.** (Raymond H. Kettell)
 First Brethren Church (168)
 On Highway 281 (Tel. 2681)
 Mrs. Charles Booz, Portis
- PORTLAND, OREG.** (Vernon J. Harris)
 Grace Brethren Church (45)
 7015 NE. 23d Ave., zone 11 (1 block south of U. S. 30 By-Pass) (Tel. WE-2965)
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- RADFORD, VA.** (K. E. Richardson)
 Fairlawn Brethren Church (125)
 Pepper and Lee Sts., Fairlawn (U. S. Route 114)
 Miss Jo Ann Handy, R. R. 1, Cambria, Va.
- RANCHOS DE TAOS, N. MEX.** (Tony Luna, Jr.)
 Cordillera Brethren Church (18)
 Box 711, Taos, N. Mex. (1 mile west of Highway 3 at Ranchos de Taos, or 8 miles south of Taos near Ranchos de Taos)
 Miss Bertha Gutierrez, Ranchos de Taos
- RINER, VA.** (Thomas J. Craghead)
 Grace Brethren Church
 No report
- RITTMAN, OHIO** (Charles Ashman, Jr.)
 First Brethren Church (177)
 44 S. First St. (Tel. 411)
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- ROANOKE, VA.** (William E. Howard)
 Clearbrook Brethren Church (140)
 R. R. 5, Box 380
 7 miles south of Roanoke on U. S. 220-S (Tel. 2-3041)
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 Wasena Ave. and Maiden Lane SW., zone 15 (Tel. 2-2625)
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 Washington Heights Brethren Church (54)
 Michigan Ave. and Westside Blvd. NW., Roanoke 17
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 Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church (110)
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 First Brethren Church (89)
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Trinity Brethren Church (73)
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Grace Brethren Church (37)
Mrs. Olas Edmonds, Box 238

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Sidney Brethren Church (83)
12 miles SE. of Winona Lake, Ind.
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Sunnymede Brethren Church (47)
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First Brethren Church (110)
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First Brethren Church (139)
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STOYSTOWN, PA. (John J. Burns)

Reading Brethren Church (26)
R. R. 3
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SUMMIT MILLS—See Meyersdale, Pa.**SUNNYSIDE, WASH. (Harold D. Painter)**

First Brethren Church (392)
7th and Franklin Sts. (1 block south of P. O.) (Tel. 7-4763)
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TAOS, N. MEX. (Sam Horney)

Cañon Brethren Church (167)
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Temple City Brethren Church (75)
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TRACY, CALIF. (William H. Clough)

First Brethren Church (115)
Parker and Beverly
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VICKSBURG — See Hollidaysburg, Pa.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (James G. Dixon, Jr.)

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Pennsylvania Ave. at 12th and E SE., zone 3 (Tel. Lincoln 4-6142)
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Laboratory Grace Brethren Church (30)

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Philadelphia Ave. and Fourth St.
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WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO (C. A. Flowers; S. L. Lowman, asst.)

Sampleville Brethren Mission (50)
R. R. 1 (2½ miles west of West Alexandria on Route 35)

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First Brethren Church (224)
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First Brethren Church (337)
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Grace Brethren Church (85)
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YELLOW CREEK—See Hopewell, Pa.

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Thanksgiving—

Always first we would say, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15). The grace of God and the God of grace must always have first place in our praise. We are also thankful for the privilege of getting the Gospel out to the ends of the earth, and that we still have liberty in the preaching of the Gospel in all six of our mission fields. Just to state this implies the great and grave responsibility that is upon us. Are we really willing to "spend and be spent" in this greatest of all ministries—preaching Jesus Christ to the nations? What have we actually been doing about it this past year? What are we doing about it *this week*?

Thanksgiving Speaks of Home Missions—

I said the same thing last year. Yes; I began saying it 33 years ago when I first became pastor of a Brethren church. It really isn't trite; it is essential! The Brethren Church moves ahead chiefly as our home missions program is blessed of the Lord. We have complete confidence in THE BRETHREN HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL and in those who administer it; therefore without reservation we can urge you to give and give generously and cheerfully in this Thanksgiving home-missions season. Give nickels and dimes—that is fine—but it will take dollars, dollars, dollars, and more dollars to meet the challenge of our present opportunities in home missions.

"Globility"—

Someone has said, "We need 'globility.'" So many would like to build three tabernacles and settle down to a life of spiritual enjoyment. Settle down—we want to institutionalize everything. We build churches, then say to a lost world, "Come and get it." There is a tendency to go into buildings rather than into the "bush" for evangelization, to trust in equipment rather than in the living God. Now, we so well know the value of church buildings and equipment, but we need to always keep before us the spirit of the pioneers who went everywhere preaching the Gospel. We need "globility."

Missionary Travels—

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder sailed on October 29 aboard the S. S. *United States* for France. From there they will go to Africa by plane to begin their second term of service. The general secretary, though not a missionary, traveled to France on the same ship. Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver and family, Miss Mary Cripe, Rev. and Mrs. George Cone, Jr., and Kim, and Miss Rosella Cochran have passage on the same ship for November 12.

The Cones and Miss Cochran will be remaining in Lyon, France, for a period of language study, but the Beavers and Miss Cripe will fly immediately to Africa. Be praying for all of our personnel who take these long journeys for Christ.

Mexico Plans Revised—

Permission was not granted by our U. S. Immigration Department for Mexican students to cross the border for study in the proposed Bible institute at Calexico. Hence, on October 2 at San Ysidro, the Haags, Howards, Miss Robinson, and the Brethren from the Foreign Board—Mayes, O'Neal, and Ward Miller—met in a session of prayer and planning. We believe resultant plans will have greater possibilities than if the proposed school had opened.

The Howards in Calexico will immediately open a Sunday school and some Bible classes on each side of the border, thus reaching many Mexican people through personal contacts. Classes will be in operation in Tijuana at the invitation of some fine believers living there, and these classes will be of a character to prepare Mexican believers for full-time Christian service. Sunday-school and children's class activities will continue in this area as well. The Haags and Miss Dorothy Robinson will teach these groups. Miss Robinson will care for an increasing program of Bible lessons by mail, sending such to all who have been contacted and express any interest in the gospel testimony. The Edmistons, because of the long distance involved, did not attend this meeting. They are very busy with classes for young and old in the Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, area.

Revival in Argentina—

Many have asked about the great revival reported in Buenos Aires, Argentina. There are many evidences of genuine revival in that land, and our missionaries are in the thick of it. They have cooperated, at least so far as attendance and announcements are concerned, in a program by the Latin American Mission, featuring Bro. Phil Saint, whom so many of you readers know. There had been some 500 clear-cut decisions for Christ at the time one of our missionaries reported to us. However, our missionaries did not feel free to cooperate in the so-called citywide revival in Buenos Aires when some 160,000 people are reported to have attended. Our missionaries say that the crowds were as reported, and that in itself was a most commendable thing. However, that meeting was announced as, and in actuality proved to be to an alarming extent, a "healing campaign" in which the Gospel was preached in the first part of the service

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We Go Again!

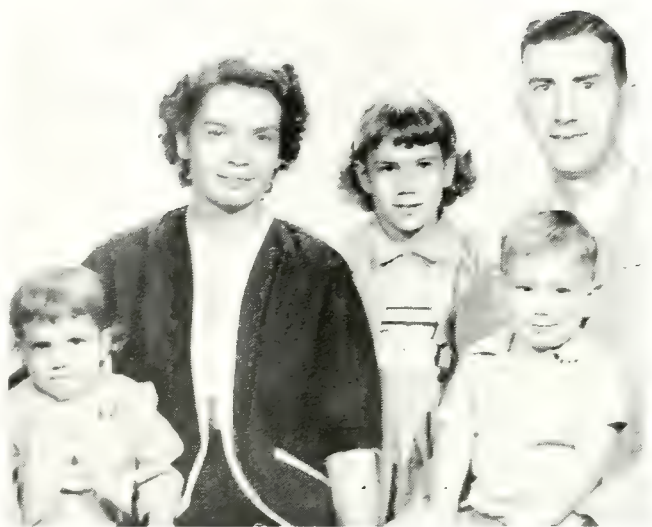
By Rev. and Mrs. Edward Miller, Macapa, Brazil

(Editor's Note—The Miller family arrived in Belem, Brazil, by plane on October 6. Because of the urgency of the need on the field they volunteered to return after only about five months of furlough. Reports since their arrival testify to the fine work done by the national Brazilian believers in Macapa during the weeks when no missionary has been at the station.)

Once again it is time to say farewell to those friends and loved ones in the homeland as we look toward Brazil. We are rejoicing that we are privileged to have a part in this great work of preaching the Gospel to those in the far corners of the earth. Having spent one term on the field, we are even more eager to return when we think of those who yet need to hear the Gospel and those who, having heard, are waiting and eager to hear more of the Word. Truly the field here in Brazil is white unto harvest.

Needless to say, we have enjoyed these past few months in the homeland, visiting the churches and fellowshiping with those who have an interest in seeing souls saved. One of the things that we appreciated most was the meeting of many new friends. How it encouraged our hearts to have many tell us that they were following the work in Brazil by reading the Herald and were remembering us in prayer. We can testify today that many victories which have been won and which will be won in the future are a direct result of the prayers of our faithful prayer warriors throughout the world.

We trust that those in our churches will have a better understanding of the work that is being done in Brazil because of our visits and fellowship among the churches. Certainly we have been strengthened, and our prayer is that we might be of greater service to Him in the days that lie ahead.



Jeanette

Eileen

Carol Ann

Edward
"Eddie Boy"

In Acts 15:36 the Apostle Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do." In a certain sense, that is what we are doing as well. We are returning to that land where the Lord has called us, in order to strengthen and encourage the brethren in the faith. We most certainly need your prayers in our behalf as we face this great task of evangelizing and training men and women in the Word of God.

DRUMBEATS!

By Mrs. William (Ruth) Samarin, Bellevue, Africa

They beat, they throb through sultry night;
They deny, they curse the God of right.
They fill the ear with Satan's song;
The soul they fill with desire for wrong.

Drumbeats!

Hark now, they sing a man is dead.
Hark now, they say his soul has fled.
They shout, he's lost, he's lost, he's lost!
He loved their sound—lo, what a cost!

Drumbeats!

Again they call, but now to dance and sway;
To turn, to writhe, to submit to pleasure's way.
"Come near to the firelight, little one,
To the evils of my beat succumb!"

Drumbeats!

They hear, they heed, my black ones all;
They come, drawn by the ancient call.
Free them, these slaves, chained body and soul.
Free from the beat, the throb, the final toll.

Drumbeats!

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Evangelizing Adventures in Baja California---

DURING JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST

WITH THE WALTER HAAG FAMILY, MISS DOROTHY ROBINSON, AND MISS AMELIA HERNANDEZ

We crossed the border into Mexico at Tijuana. We didn't get far the first night. We ate supper at a Chinese restaurant in Ensenada, a fair-sized city catering to American tourists, then made camp in the hills a good ways on the other side. The next day we camped at Punto Colnett, a small place where most of the families are Protestants. One of the local ranchers is building a chapel in connection with his house, and in the meantime the people are meeting in his living room. Our luggage rack was breaking down, so Brother Haag left us there, camped in the unfinished chapel, and went back to San Ysidro to make repairs. We spent the time in holding a DVBS for the children.

After a few days, Brother Haag returned with the rack reinforced and, after reloading, we were on our way again. At first we were traveling over graded roads, but soon they gave way to ungraded roads. The first night we camped at a beach place called Socoro, where there were a few buildings. A man sold us two boiled lobsters. How nice, we thought, to have supper all ready. We couldn't see well as we opened one and cleaned it and then ate it for supper in the dim light. We ate most of it, but didn't enjoy it very much. The next day we cleaned the other one and a liquid ran out of it which we discovered was full of wigglers. We found out afterwards that lobsters are not supposed to be that way—they were overripe!

We stopped this same day at El Rosario, a little town in a lovely valley. Leaving El Rosario, we plowed through a half mile of very deep dust. After traveling through hills and valleys the rest of the day, we made camp at Aguajito, where a woman and a little boy live

all alone. The truckers stop there for coffee, and that is her only means of livelihood. Several believers had talked to her before and left literature. She says she lives only by trusting God.

The next morning we continued our journey, having gone east since we left El Rosario, and now we had some high mountains to cross. The country was thick with a strange weird sort of vegetation, and all stickery. There were century plants and large candelabra-type cacti called "cardones," and strangest of all were the *cirios* (candles). There were thousands of them. They are taper-shaped plants about 15 to 20 feet high, with a brush of bloom on the top which makes them look like a candle which is lighted.

The grades here are very steep and so rocky that you can't take a run at them without the danger of breaking something. Mrs. Haag said that last year they had to try several times to get up the steep places, but since then Brother Haag has had a four-gear transmission put in like trucks have, so we ground up and over the grades at three miles per hour without any trouble. We had to be very careful not to hit rocks sticking up in the centers, and many times we just grazed them.

When we arrived at the top, we met a car stalled in the middle of the one-lane road. If the driver had gone on, or pushed his car a little ways farther, he could have gotten it off the road, but he just jacked it up right there where it would stop any cars coming along. Maybe that was his idea. There was a pickup truck behind the car and one of the men was a mechanic, but hadn't the tools necessary. Brother Haag had everything needed, so that gave him a chance to talk to the men and give out

literature. After a little while, four more trucks were lined up behind us. I don't know how to account for all the traffic, for usually only one to three cars will pass in a day. Finally the mechanic got things fixed and we all started off. Most of us camped that night at Rancho Aguila, on the other side of the mountains. When it was dark, Brother Haag invited the people at the ranch, including the truck drivers, to see the pictures. He showed slides of Baja California and others of the United States first; then asked if they would like to see some religious pictures also. They said they would be glad to see them, so he gave them the Life of Christ set, and the Gospel along with it.

We once again turned south and in the afternoon we passed El Marmol, where there is an onyx mine. This town has the only onyx school-house in the world. We camped out



DVBS Group in El Cañon

this night, and the gray-white clouds which had followed us all day and shaded us, as they had the Israelites in the desert, dripped a few drops on us as we slept. On our way the next day, we had a chance to witness at several ranches and at one we gave flannelgraph lessons. We arrived at Rancho Ignacito and were welcomed by the proprietor. Brother Haag was trying to think of a way to offer to show the slides when the man himself said he was so glad to see us; he had been expecting us and wanted to see the pictures. He knew all about us, apparently from the truck drivers we had met on the ridge. It is impossible to do anything secretly in Baja California! When Brother Haag showed pictures that night, he asked as usual if they wanted to see the religious pictures. The man said, "Yes." They especially wanted to see those. Thus we found many hearts open to the Gospel and anxious to hear.

We found water standing in many places on the road as a result of recent rains, and saw where trucks had battled their way through deep mud a day or two before. We also passed a truck going north to market, loaded with giant sea turtles. It seems strange to see them in the middle of this desert.

At Punta Prieta, a mining town, we passed out literature as usual and one of the men who received a Gospel of Luke followed us. He said he was the *delegado* (mayor) and wanted to know what "religion" we belonged to. We thought he was going to arrest us, so were cautious in our answers, but it turned out he was a Baptist and was just curious to know what group we belonged to. He said about 30 children were in this town and our hearts yearned to stay to teach them, but obligations caused us to continue on our way.

At night we were with believers at Rancho Rosarito. They are the only believers in the town, and the young man in the family is having a battle with the world, as his only companions outside his family are unsaved. He says he wants to come to our Bible institute next year.

At El Cañon the people are sympathetic to the Gospel. In the evening Brother Haag showed pictures, and when he finished, five trucks, with two men each, taking cattle north to Ensenada, stopped because the drivers saw the pictures on the screen and wished to see them, so the program was repeated for their benefit. Next day we had two flannelgraph classes supposedly for the children of two different age groups, but young people and old people attended both classes. When it came time for the handwork, even the grandpas and grandmas colored their tree and stuck on their fruit sticker.

El Arco is the dividing line between northern and southern Baja California. There the *delegado* is sympathetic to the Gospel and asked us for literature to distribute. Toward evening we passed Rancho de Los Martires (Ranch of the Martyrs), and since the road gets so rocky here one of Brother Haag's companions on another trip suggested that the road should be called the "Road of the Martyrs."

We arrived at San Ignacio about 9 o'clock at night, and the believers were waiting for us. There was much running and shouting of children and adults as we drove up. They are old friends. The Haags had stopped there a number of times before. San Ignacio was formerly very fanatical, but Haags had left a record player and religious records with a believer by the name of Cruz Espinosa, and every night he faithfully played the records and taught the young people to use the New Testaments which had also been left with them, so that when we arrived on this trip, they had made considerable growth

in the knowledge of the Word, and many more were ready to accept the Lord.

San Ignacio is a town of about 2,000 population. It is the first date oasis as you travel south. It looks like a part of Arabia transplanted to the Western Hemisphere. There are thousands of date palms scattered thickly up and down the arroyo. The people also grow mission grapes, figs, guavas, pomegranates, and a little corn and other miscellaneous vegetables.

We slept in a palm-thatched storehouse Señor Espinoza had waiting for us. Next day we went to see the *delegado* who is sympathetic to the Gospel. We spent several days here teaching the children in the afternoons and having services on Cruz Espinoza's front porch in the evenings. The local priest passed twice nightly in his jeep, going and coming from the little chapel near where we held our services. The second night he had his jeep full of little boys singing a song composed especially in our dishonor. It goes like this, translated into English:

"Let not the Protestants come to California land,
For here reigns supreme the virgin of Guadalupe.

The books that they hand out are works of Satan,
And we will burn them all, and we don't ever want them.

Luther, who is founder of the Protestant sect,
Rebelled against Christ, and dying, burst asunder.

He was fat as a balloon, coarse in his speech,
More impure in his life, and died hopeless.

The virgin of Guadalupe has mercy upon us
Because she is sovereign of Baja California."

When the priest first began to go past, some of the people turned their backs so he could not recognize them, and some went and hid, but as the days passed, they gained courage and didn't pay any attention to him and, best of all, many held up their hands when the invitation was given. The priest asked a boy in my class for the New Testament which had been given him, and tore it up. Some of the people who were given Gospels of John at an evening service tore them up, but most of the people kept them.

When we went to town the children sang their song and shouted "Aleluia" after us as we left. ("Halleluja" is what they call the Protestants.) But when the time came to leave San Ignacio on our way south, the children from the suburb of San Lino, where we had been working, shouted after us, "God bless you," and "Adios." What a contrast, and what a joy it was to our hearts!

—Reported by Miss Dorothy Robinson.

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GOD'S DYNAMITE!

Some time ago, a man took his worn New Testament to a bookbinder to bind it with a fine Morocco leather cover, and to print "The New Testament" on the edge in gold-leaf letters. At the appointed time he returned to find his New Testament beautifully bound. The bookbinder had one apology, however: "I did not have small enough type in my shop to print out fully the words on the edge, so I abbreviated them." What is the abbreviation of "The New Testament"? Looking on the edge of his Book, the man saw—"T. N. T." This is true! It is God's dynamite. The Bible says: "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation."—*The Evangel*.

YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

How Missionaries Are Selected

There are three reasons why prayerful and careful consideration must be given in the selection of those who are to serve in our Brethren mission fields. *First*, a wrong decision may send the candidate into or keep him out of the field contrary to the will of God. *Second*, if the Board makes mistakes in the selection of those to serve, it must attempt to correct those mistakes. *Third*, the church would urge this care since it furnishes the gifts to support those whom the Board selects and the Society appoints.

Part I

Steps in the Selection

1. *Approach to the Board*—A letter to the general secretary or to some member of the Board, from the person who desires to be a candidate, or from his pastor, or from some mutual friend, usually introduces the subject. Personal interviews follow these first contacts.

2. *Preliminary application blank*—Upon request, the general secretary sends to the inquirer a preliminary application blank to be filled out and returned. This contains a brief list of questions intended to supply the Board with general information. The filling out of this blank does not necessarily constitute an application, but is a basis for further correspondence and interview. It involves no obligation either on the part of the Board or the one who files it.

The information on the blank is brought before the Board and carefully studied. If there is any serious obstacle, the candidate may be advised not to consider further the matter of foreign missionary service. If there is a health problem, medical examination may be suggested. If education is inadequate, further training may be advised. When no insurmountable problem appears, the candidate is placed on the Board's list of applicants favorably considered, and the applicant is so advised.

3. *Observation of candidate*—The Board purposes to very carefully observe the candidate, sometimes over a period of years, to be sure of the candidate's constancy of purpose and fitness for the work under consideration. Teachers, pastors, and mutual friends are consulted. The applications are reviewed and sometimes candidates are interviewed year after year. Matters under observation are as follows: spiritual fitness, temperament, health, educational progress, ability to acquire a language, family responsibilities, attitudes, financial obligations, adaptability, cooperation, personality, and so forth. The Board has no absolute hard and fast rule with respect to these things but feels that the candidate should have at least a very high rating with respect to the items being considered. One very outstanding reason why the Board is very happy when candidates plan to attend Grace College or Grace Theological Seminary is that there is thus an excellent opportunity to observe them in their study habits, in their application to the responsibilities at hand,

and in their general attitude toward their associates and teachers.

4. *Final application*—When the candidate is within about a year of the completion of his training as outlined and recommended by the Board, the Board will probably ask for the final application blank to be filed by the missionary candidate. This final blank is not filed until the Board requests it. It should not be filed under any consideration unless the candidate is thoroughly convinced in his own mind that it is the will of God for him to serve in the foreign-mission field under the Brethren Society. This is a most serious step, since the approval of this final application actually means that the candidate is now on the way to the mission field.

5. *References*—All references given on either of the application blanks are very carefully checked, and many times those mentioned are personally interviewed. The Board will feel at liberty to check with friends, associates, and employers of the candidate, even though such references may not be mentioned in either of the blanks.

6. *Medical examinations*—Medical examinations are required at the hands of a physician selected by the Board. Usually the Board will pay for but one complete physical examination. It is recommended that the report of this examination be filed with the final application blank. The candidate will certainly want to be sure in the years prior to the filing of these final papers that he has no known hindering physical difficulties. Such general reports as he may have from prior medical examinations would give assurance of this. If the physician's report reveals any liabilities, another physician may be called in to interpret and evaluate the report. The Board will depend very largely on the report of the examining physician or the examining committee with respect to the fitness of the missionary for the service contemplated. It is very possible that many of the minor defects may be completely corrected by treatment.

7. *The Board approval*—When the candidate has completed the training which has been requested by the Board and has completed and filed the papers that are desired, he will be brought before the Board for consideration and personal interview. All available information is carefully studied and discussed without haste. Occasionally the approval may be withheld for a year or more, pending further investigation. Final votes are delayed until it is evident that there is general agreement. When there is this general agreement that the candidate is suitable for appointment and the field in question needs the service of such a missionary, the Board will by vote approve the missionary candidate.

8. *Society appointment*—When the Board has approved and recommended the candidate, it is for The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church to take the final action appointing the candidate for such foreign missionary service. Usually this appointment is

made at the annual meeting of the Society, although the appointment may be made through a vote by mail, when all members of the Society are contacted. Before there can be the final approval by the Board and the appointment by the Society, the candidate must have been a member of a Brethren church for at least one year.

9. *Missionary outfit*—The missionary outfit consists of those things which are necessary for the missionary in establishing housekeeping arrangements in a foreign field. Usually most of such material is purchased in the United States and shipped to the mission field, although in some fields of service it is possible and advisable to make a large amount of the purchases within the field. The missionary candidate and the Board will look definitely to the Lord to supply the funds for such outfit needs, believing that the final approval of the Lord upon the anticipated service of the missionary will be indicated by the supplying of this outfit need. Missionary Outfit Clubs have been organized in many, and we trust soon in all, of our Brethren churches. These consist of a fellowship of people who purpose to give at least one dollar toward the outfit needs of each new missionary family. The Board has established a minimum amount which it believes a missionary must have to live successfully in the foreign field. There is also a maximum amount, and the Board believes the missionary should not spend in excess of that amount in the purchase and preparation of his outfit.

10. *Sailing plans and date*—The Board arranges for the transportation of the missionary candidate, of course consulting with the candidate as to the time which is satisfactory for sailing. The candidate is always consulted as to his desires with respect to the type of transportation to be arranged. It has been found advisable for new missionary candidates to go to the field by ship, or at least part of the way by ship, since this provides a time of rest and also a more gradual adjustment to mission field conditions.

(Editor's Note—The material presented above, together with Part II, which will be printed in the next Foreign Mission Number, states the procedure of our Board and Society in dealing with candidates for foreign missionary service. In the very near future the entire treatise will be published in booklet form.)

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

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and the healing service followed. It was participated in almost altogether by those groups of people who use the same program in the United States.

Staggering Financial Demands—

The missionary magazine, *The Mexican Indian*, relates that the Mexican government has gradually increased the amount of deposit which foreigners must place in a Mexican bank before they will be permitted to live in the country. At first it was 10,000 Mexican pesos, then 20,000, and now 120,000 (\$9,600 U. S.). They further report 15 missionaries waiting to enter the country, but who cannot in the face of such staggering financial demands. Pray for this other society, that the problem may be solved. Representing our own society and plan for work among the Mexican people, we are very happy that we have chosen the "border" approach to evangelization in Mexico.

BEGIN BROADCASTS FROM NORTH AFRICA

An international Protestant radio station has begun broadcasting nondenominational Christian programs to Europe from Tangier, North Africa, it was announced in Washington, D. C., by the Rev. Paul E. Freed, of Greensboro, N. C., president of the sponsoring organization, International Evangelism, Inc. Regular broadcasting on a full-time basis was started late in March, he said, after a test broadcast brought favorable reaction from listeners in France, England, Spain, Denmark, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, and the Canary Islands.

Early this year the organization leased a privately operated 2,500-watt station housed in two buildings on a 14-acre tract in the Tangier International Zone, just 23 miles across the Straits of Gibraltar from Spain. The group is seeking to raise \$15,000 for outright purchase of the property. Programs are being broadcast in Spanish, Portuguese, French, German, and English, Freed said, but others in Russian, Swedish, and the Slavic languages are to be added shortly. He said the station, WTAN, is powerful enough to reach virtually any point in Europe and North Africa.—*The Alliance Weekly*.

BURKS HAPPY IN BRAZIL

A letter from the Bill Burk family, dated October 4, just bubbles with happiness. The Burks are living in their own home, just about two blocks from the mission in Icoraci. They are busy with the study of Portuguese from 8 to 10 a. m. each day except Sunday and Friday.

Illness, aside from some friendly words, has been only a "hungry headache" which Brother Burk gets every time he goes to Belem and misses a meal. (Mrs. Burk is now sending along a sandwich.) They testify concerning the weather, in a way not experienced by your general secretary when he was in the Icoraci-Belem area: "The weather has been fine and thus far my song is that Belem, and especially Icoraci, is the most comfortable place on earth. I have been in many uncomfortable tropical places, but this is not one of them."

GERMAN CHURCH PAPERS MAKE BIG GAINS

Religious publications in Germany have increased nearly sixfold in total circulation during the past seven years and now rank second only to general newspapers and magazines, according to a report issued in Berlin. The report said there now are 524 church papers with a total circulation of 12,800,000, as compared to 87 with a circulation of 2,300,000 in 1947. Included in the totals are 263 Protestant publications with a circulation of 4,300,000; 198 Roman Catholic papers with a circulation of 7,400,000, and 63 others with a circulation of 1,100,000.—*The Alliance Weekly*.

A little tree stood in an orchard, says the fable. He decided that before he started to bear he would concentrate on growing a trunk thick enough to hold much fruit. That tree died. Another one beside it just went ahead and started to bear fruit. As the sap went up the branches, the trunk grew larger and larger and the branches bore more and more fruit until it became a great and fruitful tree.

A little church decided it should concentrate on building the work at home so it could later support a great missionary campaign. That church died. Another one beside it . . . but you know the rest of the story.—*The Missionary Broadcaster*.

"Pray . . . that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

By Miss Marian Thurston, Bekoro, Africa

Let us consider some of the truths in Matthew 9:35-38. In verse 35 we find three things in the ministry of Jesus while He was on earth. These three things have been continued down through the centuries. Let us look at these three in Africa. They are teaching, preaching, and treating the diseased.

First, we will look at the teaching program. His method of teaching was to interpret the Scriptures. We do that also, but there is much to do at first. The "la," "ba," "da," etc., of reading must be taught. What if you were saved at the age of 30, and you knew not how to read? How long would it take you to read if you had no other book but the Bible, and you had no trained teacher to help you? Much has been done in the last few years to prepare *syllabaires* and readers to help them learn, but much remains to be done. Even after they learn to read words it takes time before they really learn to study for themselves. These natives are skillful with their spears and arrows, but pray that we can teach them to become just as skillful with another weapon—"the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17). Pray . . . that he will send forth teachers.

Secondly, we will look at the preaching program. This is not part of my work, but it is my job to pray for preachers. They proclaim the message as at home, but their programs are different. They are not pastors of one church, or two, or even three, but of 20 or 30. But, you say, one pastor can't preach in all these places, take care of the station and all business relationships of the government besides. That's right, but we're not asking for 20 pastors for each district—we're asking for two, so they can pastor the sheep and also teach and train our native pastors to become shepherds of the sheep. Pray . . . that He will send forth pastors.

Thirdly, we will look at the medical program. We have a large medical work in Africa. This was one of the works assigned to me at Field Council—to take care of the Bekoro medical work. We have treated over 600 lepers and turned away others because I couldn't take them all. In the medical work we had 8,309 patients with 66,961 treatments, but as I look at the large number treated, I am "moved with compassion," because most of them are not saved. They have all heard, but have not believed. Many can see no farther than their physical bodies. Are you looking beyond the physical, or are you living just for this life? Pray . . . that He will send forth medical workers with a compassion for those that are lost.

As we turn to verses 36-38 we find Jesus uses two figures. The first is the figure of the shepherd and the sheep, and the second is the figure of the harvest and laborers. In the sheep and the shepherd we see man's need met by God, but in the harvest and laborers we see God's need met by man.

Jesus was moved with compassion—why? They were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. When I

was a girl on my father's farm in Iowa, we had sheep. We had no shepherd, but they had plenty of food, water, and fences to keep them at home. But one summer day several dogs got into the herd. The dogs were having what they would call "fun." But what happened to the sheep? When we found them, one by one, they were truly scattered. They were faint—some had their heads caught in fences, some were stuck in bushes, some stuck in the mud along the banks of the creek, some badly cut, and some dead. We spent many days trying to help the wounded and comfort those that had been frightened. Brethren, I could have gathered the sheep by myself any other day, but after the dogs got in, it took about six of us and a truck to bring them in. The "dogs" are commencing to come into our natives of Africa—nationalism, false cults, and false teachers. After the



"Prayer Sticks"—A Most Primitive Chapel

damage has been done, not even a shepherd can help—those sheep that were killed we couldn't help. We need helpers to keep the "dogs" out. But, you say, we just sent a dozen missionaries to Africa last year. Yes; I was one of them. But the herd—the 65,000 natives left to us, four Bekoro missionaries, is too large. Other fields have more people and less missionaries; for example, M'Baiki has 80,000 natives and only one missionary couple, and unless more pastors are on the way when furlough time comes, those 80,000 will be without a pastor. Pray . . . that he will send forth laborers.

Another picture from farm life is in verse 37. Oh, how I loved those golden-ripe oat fields in July! As the wind was blowing through the heads of the dead-ripe grain, it was just golden waves that flowed from one end of the field to the other. A waving field of golden grain invites and demands haste. If it isn't harvested today, it is too late. The African field is golden—it is ready to be harvested now. Can you come? Can you help?

Let not the African say as in Jeremiah 8:20: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." "Pray . . . that he will send labourers into his harvest."

What Say the Bells?

By James B. Marshall, Corral de Bustos, Argentina

I had not been in Argentina very long when I became aware of the fact that the sound of the church bells is very definitely an established part of the life of the people. Like so many customs, this is one that few folks understand but that all accept. The people do not consciously think about the sound (I cannot say peal nor chime, because it is neither. It is more like the dead clank of a hammer on untempered iron), but if the bells did not toll each day, everyone would sense their silence. Their noise is like the noise of a certain factory town in the United States. The citizens of the town slept peacefully each night until one night the noise stopped, and



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BONG!

fourth century A. D." (I. S. B. E., p. 432, vol. I). By "Christian institution" I interpret that they were introduced into churches called Christian, but that they in no way are a part of the evangelical Christian faith. "The Hebrews did not employ bells to summon people to worship, although Aaron, the high priest, had them fastened to the hem of his garment" (I. S. B. E., *ibid.*).

According to tradition, the bell is the symbol of the preacher. The hardness of the bell represents the inflexibility and the value of the one charged with the teaching of the Gospel. The hammer (in Spanish they say "tongue") that strikes the two sides of the bell represents the tongue of the preacher who preaches with equal emphasis the Old and the New Testament. The frame that supports the bell represents the image of "The Crucified One." Would that the reality of this symbolism were true today in the churches of Argentina! Unfortunately it is not.

The bells ring; the people go to the mass, but the true preaching of the Word of God is absent. There is no emphasis on either the Old or the New Testament. Salvation by faith, eternal security, the grace of God are themes unknown here. They know not Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of their lives. The priest is still inflexible and hard, but only to impose the traditions of men, and not the teaching of the Word of God, on the people. "The Crucified One" has been replaced by His mother, the Virgin Mary, although the dead crucifix is still prominent.

Oh, how much they need to know that Christ was crucified *once for all* (Heb. 10:12), and that to crucify Him afresh (as they do in the mass) is to put Him to open shame (Heb. 6:6)!

The bells send out their sound of death and hopelessness—eternal death to those who hear the church and heed its teachings. Hopelessness because they cannot know to where or to whom they will go. The bells sound out that one has died and, because he had no hope in this life (or in the life to come), they have nothing to offer to his loved ones but the empty clang of iron on iron.

The other day a lady died, and she was carried to the church in the horse-drawn hearse. The owner of the hearse is a man who has come to hear the Gospel on several occasions. When he approached the church he began to ring the bell on the hearse as is the custom, but the priest gave orders to stop at once. He could not ring the bell because he had sinned by going to hear the Gospel. The children walking at their dead mother's side wept and said: "Mother, you loved the little bells in life and now you can't hear them sound for you."

What hopelessness! Is this Christianity? Do we worship the same God as they? As the Apostle Paul would say, "God forbid!" Our God is the God of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in whom we have eternal life and hope (Titus 2:13-14).

The bell rings once more—bong! bong! bong! Twelve o'clock—midnight! Yes; it is late; it is later than we think and our salvation is at hand (Rom. 13:11-14). But what of the thousands in Argentina that do not know that Christ is "the blessed hope"? Let us go to them and tell them; if we cannot go, let us send others.

the whole town woke up. Yes; the bells go on ringing, and folks go on living completely unconscious or indifferent to what they say.

What do they say? According to an old Latin phrase they "praise God, through the voice of the people and of the clergy; toll the death of the faithful; warn of pests and fire; call to 'fiesta'; and maintain order." This significance has largely been lost in modern times, but the bells are still used to call people to worship, announce the funeral of a faithful member, mark the hour, and to declare certain other occasions. Actually, the symbolism of the bells has its source in the pagan religions of Babylon ("Two Babylons"—Hyslop), but of this we are not to speak now.

"The church bell is a peculiarly Christian institution, said to have been introduced by Bishop Paulinus of Nola in Campania, who lived about the end of the



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RADFORD, VA. The Southeast District overnight rally was held here Oct. 15-16. Rev. K. E. Richardson was host pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. Attendance records at the First Brethren Church reveal that 22 had a perfect attendance at Sunday school, 18 missed one Sunday, and 14 missed only two Sundays for the entire year.

WATERLOO, IOWA. A Christian Workers Training Conference was held at the Grace Brethren Church Oct. 18-22. Rev. Richard DeArmye is pastor.

CLAYTON, OHIO. The new educational building of the First Brethren Church was dedicated on Oct. 17. Rev. Harold Etling was guest speaker. Rev. Clair Brickel is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Rev. Ivan Sisk, director of Dayton Youth for Christ, was evangelist at the First Brethren Church Oct. 17-31. Rev. Wm. Steffler is pastor.

SAMPLEVILLE, OHIO. The Sampleville Brethren Mission had a mortgage-burning service on Oct. 17. A full report will appear in the Nov. 13 issue of the Herald. Rev. C. A. Flowers is pastor.

BELL, CALIF. Rev. Lewis Hohenstein, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif., conducted a two-weeks meeting at the Bell Brethren Church Sept. 26-Oct. 10. Rev. Harry Sturz is pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C. J. Edgar Hoover has warned that unless the present crime wave is halted, 1954 will prove to be a new all-time record year for lawlessness in the United States. During the first half of 1954 statistics showed an increase of 8.4 percent, as compared with the first six months of 1953.

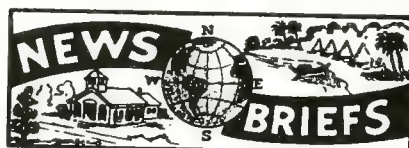
ROANOKE, VA. The Roanoke Bible Institute has registered 70 students this fall, and of this number 16 students are from the Brethren churches of this area. The Rock-

bridge extension has registered 12 from the Buena Vista, Va., church. The following Brethren pastors are teachers this year: Rev. Wm. E. Howard, Rev. Edward Lewis, and Rev. Robert E. A. Miller. Five members of the board of the institute are from Brethren churches.

RADFORD, VA. Rev. Paul Dick, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Winchester, Va., conducted meetings at the Fairlawn Brethren Church Oct. 25-Nov. 7. Rev. K. E. Richardson is pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL. Dr. Clarence H. Benson, known nationally for his contributions to Christian education, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 16.

GOSHEN, IND. Dean Fetterhoff, student in Grace Seminary, was evangelist at the Grace Brethren Church Oct. 3-17. There were nine first-time decisions. There were 95 in Sunday school and 106 in the morning service on Oct. 10. Herman Hein is pastor.



HARRISBURG, PA. Al Zahlout, widely known Christian violinist, presented two musical programs in the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church Oct. 10. Rev. Conard Sandy is pastor.

LA VERNE, CALIF. There were 13 first-time confessions and 6 rededications during the evangelistic services recently held in the First Brethren Church. Henry Harms was the evangelist. Rev. Victor Meyers is pastor.

SPECIAL. Rev. R. I. Humbert will speak at Bob Jones University Nov. 22-23; Atlanta Bible Institute, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 29; and at Bryan University Nov. 30.

SOUTH GATE, CALIF. The 25th anniversary services were conducted on Oct. 31 at the First Brethren Church. Rev. Alfred Dodds is pastor.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Rev. Norman Nelson conducted a special series of meetings at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church Nov. 1-7. Rev. Gene Farrell is pastor.

DANVILLE, OHIO. Rev. Reginald White, from Great Britain, was guest speaker Sept. 26. He showed pictures of the missionary activity

NOTICE: Lest someone think he missed last week's issue of the Missionary Herald, we reprint this notice. There was no regular Missionary Herald last week; instead you received your *Brethren Annual*. Keep this book alongside your telephone book. It will prove to be very valuable.

in Germany. William Johnson is pastor. Oct. 17 was homecoming day, with Rev. George Cone, Jr., as the speaker.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Dr. Percy Crawford and Rev. Ralph Keiper were guest speakers on rally day at the First Brethren Church Oct. 10. Rev. John Aeby is pastor.

SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF. The California District WMC rally was held at the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church on Oct. 21. Dr. Charles Ashman was host pastor.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. A vibraharp was donated to the Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church on Oct. 3. Rev. Lyle Marvin is pastor.

SPECIAL. A great number of our churches are in "full swing" in the Sunday-school contest. Pep rallies, kick-off banquets, special Sundays, and even the dividing of the auditoriums into sections with captains and cocaptains assigned to fill the section. All this and more—from airplane rides to superintendents sitting in trees to build up the Sunday school. We wish we could report each and every school, but space does not permit. All goals are high, and we hope all of you win!

SPECIAL. Dr. Sam Morris will have a coast-to-coast NBC broadcast Nov. 7, World Temperance Sunday. The program will go on the air at 7 p. m. (EST), 6 p. m. (CST), 5 p. m. (MST), 4 p. m. (PST).

WINONA LAKE, IND. Dr. R. D. Barnard sailed Oct. 29 for France on the S. S. *United States*. While there he will consult with Rev. Fred Fogle regarding the work there which shows real signs of God's blessing upon it.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Dr. J. Vernon McGee will continue as the head of the English Bible Department at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, in spite of the fact that he will be barred from the Los Angeles Presbytery.

The Meal Offering

The Old Testament sacrificial system is fascinating in its study and filled with deep spiritual meaning to the present-day child of God. In such a study it can be readily seen that the many offerings of the Jewish system are divided into two classes: (1) the blood sacrifices, which include burnt offerings, peace offerings, sin offerings, and trespass offerings; (2) the bloodless sacrifices, which consist of the so-called meat offering, the tithes, and the first fruits.

It is my purpose to examine carefully the offering referred to in the King James Version as the meat offering. The meat offerings were so called in the Authorized Version because meat was the staple food of the 16th century. Times and customs have now changed, and the word "meat" refers to animal rather than vegetable food. It is now more advisable to speak of this offering as the meal offering than meat offering.

In approaching this subject, we find it best to do so from three viewpoints:

I. The Importance of the Meal Offering.

The importance of the meal offering is seen in the fact that it always accompanied the morning and evening burnt offering. It was a perpetual order that this offering be made at the opening of the new day, and at its close, "both morning and evening." In addition to this fact, the meal offerings accompanied the other offerings on all important occasions, such as the consecration of Aaron (Lev. 9:4-17), the feast of first fruits (Lev. 23:13), Pentecost (Lev. 23:16), and many others.

2. The Ritual of the Meal Offering (Lev. 2:1-16).

The ritual concerning this offering was very simple. It was to be an offering of fine flour. The offerer was to pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereupon, and then bring it to the priest. There could be certain variations in that it could be fine flour (vs. 1), or cakes baked in an oven (vs. 4), or baked in a pan (vs. 5), or green ears of corn (vs. 14), but it must contain no leaven, nor

honey, and it must be seasoned with salt. The priest would then take a handful and burn it as a memorial to the Lord; the rest of the offering belonged to Aaron and his sons (vs. 3). It was an offering most holy to the Lord.

3. The Spiritual Emphasis of the Meal Offering.

Since the meal offering accompanied the burnt offering morning and evening, it can quickly be seen that there is a distinct relationship and connection between these two offerings. The sacrifice of the animal in the burnt offering represented the entire surrender of the offerer's will and life to God. The presentation of the fruits and products of the earth in the meal offering represents man's gift of homage, whereby he acknowledges God's sovereignty over all things, and submits to that sovereign power. In the meal offering we find the further and supplementary idea of *consecrated life*

service. For the fine flour presented was the product of labor, and is thus a beautiful representative of that whole lifework which results from a person consciously consecrated to God.

If time and space would permit, we could draw many helpful lessons from the text on consecrated service for God. We must content ourselves with only a few.

1. Work done for God should be *the very best of its kind*. The meal offering consisted of "fine flour"; that is, flour separated from the bran and the chaff. It represented the very best. Beloved Christians, regardless of our station in life, our work for God should be of the highest we can possibly offer. Especially should it be free from the chaff of insincerity and self-seeking.

2. Work done for God should be *permeated by His Spirit and grace*. The fine flour, be it ever so pure, would not be accepted dry; it required oil to make it bakeable. Our service, however beautiful to man, is abominable to God if it lacks the oil of the precious Spirit of the living God.

3. Work done for God *must be accompanied with much prayer*. Frankincense, the symbol of prayer and devotion, had to accompany the meal offering (Lev. 2:1). Beloved Christian, prayer and devotion are two absolute necessities in our service for God.

4. Work done for God *must be divorced from malice, passion, and evil motives*. Most of the world's work has malice and passion as its chief motives. These can be symbolized by the leaven and the honey, which were forbidden as elements in the meal offering—the offering of service and devotion. God, who tries the hearts of all men, knows our every motive. May we, in the great day of His appearing, be able to surrender to Him a life that has been devoted; a life that is free from leaven and honey, malice and passion, and may we not be ashamed in His presence but hear Him say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."



The Reasons for Unanswered Prayers

Sometimes people complain and say: "I am going to stop praying. It is no use anyway. I pray and pray and God never answers. Nothing ever happens." It is true that some

people get discouraged because they do not get what they want immediately from God. However, there are logical reasons for unanswered prayers.

1. The Prayers of Some People Are Not Answered Because They Do Not Observe God's Rules for Prayer.

Sometimes the petitioner is not even a child of God. Now prayer is talking to our heavenly Father. The Lord's Prayer begins, "Our Father, which art in heaven." But God is not the father of all men. The modernist may speak of the "fatherhood of God and brotherhood of men." God may be the father of all men in the creative sense, but He is not the spiritual father of all men. Jesus said to the scribes and Pharisees, "Ye are of your father, the devil!" To become a child of God one must be born again—be born into the family of God.

We read in Romans 8:14-15: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." It is foolish and useless to ask a perfect stranger for a gift of \$1,000. He is not related to you and you have no claim on him. It is likewise foolish to ask favors of God when we are not His children, but children of the Devil. Become a Christian first; then God will listen to your prayers.

The reason some prayers are never

answered for Christians is because they are never asked in the first place! In James 4:2 we read, "Ye have not, because ye ask not." We read again in Matthew 7:7-8: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." The storehouse of heaven is unlimited. God is willing to give to you. Just ask Him! Try it today! Pray, and God will bless. Just how long has it been since you have really prayed?

Some prayers are not answered because they are not asked in the name of Jesus. In John 14:13-14, our Lord promises: "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." Asking in the name of Christ does not just mean repeating a magical word. It involves trusting in the person who

2. The Prayers of Some People Are Not Answered Because of Sin in Their Lives.

The Jews in the days of Zechariah wondered why their prayers were not answered. Zechariah told them plainly it was because they were sinning against God. False judgment was meted out and no mercy was shown. They oppressed the widows and orphans and took advantage of strangers. They made slaves of the poor, and imagined evil against others. The prophet concludes in Zechariah 7:11-13: "But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law,



bears that name—trusting in Him for salvation, and in faith believing that He will answer.

Some prayers are not answered because people ask amiss. In James 4:3 we are warned: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." If a two-year-old child would ask his mother for matches to play with, his request would not be granted. He asked amiss. To answer would do him more harm than good. God gives us not what we want but what we need. The promise is: "God will supply all our needs." If a man prays in selfishness for God to bless his gambling, and help him to win money, he is asking amiss. If, in anger, a man prays for his neighbor to lose his life in an automobile accident, he is asking amiss. No wonder the answer does not come.

and the words which the Lord of hosts sent in his spirit by the former prophets; therefore came a great wrath from the Lord of hosts. Therefore it is come to pass, that as *he* cried, and *they* would not hear; so *they* cried, and *I* would not hear, saith the Lord of hosts."

This striking passage showed how God turned the tables on sinning Israel. God spoke and *they* turned a deaf ear. Now when *they* had need, and prayed to God, *He would not hear* nor answer. They were getting some of their own medicine. It was their own fault their prayers were not answered. Sin stood in the way!



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What about you, my friend? Are you asking God to bless you, and at the same time you are sinning against God? You cannot expect to lie, gossip, and swear, and then use that same tongue to ask God for a hand-out! You cannot expect to use your money for gambling, drinking alcoholic beverages, and for sinful pleasure, then expect God to grant your prayer for more money. Just as you refuse to give money to the drunken beggar at the door because you know it will be used for drink, so God will not bless us with money if He knows we will waste it on a sinful life! After all, God wants to make a good investment. Perhaps you are a poor risk. No wonder your prayers are not answered!

One common reason for unanswered prayers is an unforgiving spirit. In Matthew 6:14-15 we learn, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." All too often professing Christians will be angry at some brother or sister and will hold a grudge. Some trivial thing has come between them. Tempers have flamed. Unkind and hasty words have been said. Now they refuse to speak to each other. Neither one wants to give in and admit they were wrong. They have an unforgiving spirit. At the same time they say and do things ten times worse than their neighbor ever did, and they want God to for-

give them! Then they wonder why their prayers are not answered. They wonder why they are in such hard straits, and everything goes wrong. It just serves them right. They are reaping what they have sown.



In Matthew 18 is the story of the king who forgave a servant a debt of almost a million dollars; yet that same servant refused to forgive another a debt of \$20. Hearing of it, the king was angry, and refused to grant the man's request, simply because he refused to forgive another. Could it be that men are blind enough today to hold on to \$20 and lose a million dollars because of unforgiveness? No wonder God does not answer some folks' prayers, and friend, you may never know just how much you are *losing* when you shut the door of heaven by your own stubbornness.

3. The Prayers of Some People Are Not Answered Because They Do Not Pray in the Spirit.

The prayers of some believers are cold and formal. There is no life to them. They seem to be mechanical. They are just vain repetition. They seem to be just so many *words* with no heart nor purpose behind them. Perhaps they are not praying in the Spirit. Then they wonder why their

prayers are not answered. Oh, yes; they said the proper words, but was it from the heart? Did they mean it? Paul teaches us in Ephesians 6:18: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication *in the Spirit*." Believer, do you know the Spirit of God who dwells in you wants to pray *with*

you, as well as *for* you. The Spirit himself maketh intercession for us, with groanings which cannot be uttered. However, when the Holy Spirit has been *quenched* and grieved, He does not help us in prayer, and we cannot pray in the Spirit.

Have you ever seen a cold, prayerless Christian face a crisis? His only son may be lying at the point of death. Does he pray mechanically and listlessly? I should say not! He really means it this time. He sobs and cries as he pleads with God to save his son. There is *life* now. He *means* his prayer. Friend, that is the way *all* of our prayers should be. Too many times we do not pray in the spirit until some crisis arrives.

There are some people who get furiously angry at God because their prayers are not immediately answered and their requests granted. It is wrong to be angry with God. We can pray in faith believing, but we cannot force the hand of God. Two things we must remember. First, the answers to all our prayers must be subject to the will of God. We must pray, "Lord, not my will, but thine be done." After all, God knows what is best for us. In the second place, we must be content to leave the time element in the hands of God. The prayer we want answered in a week may not be answered till 20 years have gone by. We must leave the timing with God and trust Him.

Above all, we must not give up. We must exercise patience and persistence in prayer. Don't give up so easily. Keep on praying in faith believing, and if it is God's will, in due time He may give you the desire of your heart. Above all, do not hinder the answers to your own prayers. Have faith, pray to God, live right, and then watch God perform a miracle.

THE LORD IS AT HAND

To the flagging saint, heavy and slothful in his walk, I can say: "Up, for the Lord is at hand; work while it is day; look at the dying world, all unready for its Judge; cast off your selfishness and love of ease." To the covetous saint I can say: "The Lord is coming—it is no time for hoarding now—heap not up treasure for the last days."—*Horatius Bonar*.

The Devil is never too busy to rock the cradle of a sleeping saint.—*Fifth and Cherry Light*.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Evangelist
Summit Mills, Pa.	Oct. 31-Nov. 12.	Leslie Moore.....	Wm. Schaffer.
Findlay, Ohio....	Oct. 31-Nov. 14.	Forest Lance.....	Miles Taber.
Covington, Va....	Nov. 1-14.....	Paul Mohler.....	James Dixon.
Limestone, Tenn.	Nov. 1-14.....	Harold Arrington.	Edward Lewis.
Clayton, Ohio....	Nov. 7-21.....	Clair Brickel.....	Bill Smith.
Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale)	Nov. 7-21.....	Russell Ward.....	A. R. Kriegbaum.
Harrisburg, Pa...	Nov. 17-28.....	Conard Sandy....	Harold Etling.
Inglewood, Calif..	Nov. 22-28.....	Glenn O'Neal....	Jim Vaus.
Camden, Ohio....	Nov. 28-Dec. 12.	R. L. Rossman....	Bill Smith.

What the Bible Teaches About Satan

One of the strategies in warfare is to deceive and confuse. Satan is a past master at this art of deception. The Apostle Paul recognized the subtle workings of Satan when he had to deal with a very difficult problem in the Corinthian church; thus he wrote: "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (II Cor. 2:11). To know his devices is one step toward his defeat. Let us now consider some of his trickery.

He would have men deny his reality and consider him but a myth. One who is merely a figment of the imagination can do no harm. To have men think that he does not have power to think, act, and deceive, will naturally throw many off their guard concerning his power. He is doubtless back of the conception of many that he is a hideous red creature with horns and a tail, and a pitchfork in his hand for the purpose of torturing men. Such a description of the Devil is but a camouflage to hide his real identity. No advancing army ever conceived of a better camouflage to cover its advance than this one by Satan. He would also have us think of him as the ruler over hell and not the one loose today to tempt and destroy.

The Bible unmasks this deceiver and shows him in his true light. He is a personal being, not a myth. The Lord Jesus used personal pronouns when speaking of him. He attributed to him the power to kill in John 8:44. In this same verse he recognized him as having the power to make decisions. He "abode not in the truth." He is called a liar and the father of the lie. The entire Word of God confirms what Christ tells us here about Satan as a personal being. He is the archdeceiver in the universe. People would flee from him if he were an ugly red-horned creature, but they are drawn to him when he transforms himself into an angel of light (II Cor. 11:13-14). He is like the chameleon that changes its color to suit its surroundings. He is not in hell now, but is the prince of the power of the air and the god of this world (Eph. 2:2; II Cor. 4:4). This makes him to be the most feared foe in all the universe unless we have accepted God's complete protection through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now we shall consider this deceiver's supreme effort toward those who have been born again and are the children of God. It is his plan to nullify, in so far as possible, all of the value of the work of God in them. But there is one thing he cannot do; that is, take away from true believers their salvation and obtain them again as his subjects and slaves. This fact is made plain in such passages as John 10:27-29, Romans 8:28-29, and John 5:24.

On the other hand, Satan has many ways of working against the Christians to make ineffective their service for their God. Here again we have the Bible to reveal some of these efforts. The Apostle Paul longed to visit the church at Thessalonica, but Satan hindered him (I Thess. 2:18). Satan persecutes the saints of God. Revelation 2:10 states: "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried." In I Corinthians 7:5 it is shown that Satan will incite the believer to immoral conduct. He will try to intimidate weak Christians by acting like a roaring lion (I Pet. 5:8). To other Christians he uses the more subtle means of transforming himself into an angel of light (II Cor. 11:14). In all of this it is his purpose to make Christians doubt the promises of God and so become weak in the faith, ineffectual in prayer, and indifferent and careless in their service.

When it comes to the unsaved, it appears that his supreme work is to keep them from coming under the saving ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the parable of the four kinds of soil we have some of the

good seed falling upon ground that was trodden down. Before this seed had a chance to take root, Luke 8:12 states that "then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved." He blinds the minds of unbelievers so that the Gospel of Christ might not shine upon them (II Cor. 4:3-4). In the place of the true Gospel, which is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (I Cor. 15:1-4), he presents many substitutes.

He urges men to accept Jesus as the greatest of all teachers, but not the Son of God who died upon the cross for the sins of a lost world. He would have false teachers mix grace and works as a means of salvation to draw men from the work of Christ in their behalf and trust instead in part or in full in their own merit. If possible he would have men deny the reality of sin and hell, and in so doing take away from them the sense of their need of being saved at all. These are but a few of the common substitutes for the true Gospel to keep men from Christ and salvation through Him.

What is the only safeguard against Satan? To the unsaved the answer is to be found in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He will deliver from the kingdom of Satan all who put their trust in Him. That was His purpose in coming (Luke 19:10). None who desire to be delivered will be excluded (Rom. 10:13). In Christ there is complete deliverance (Heb. 2:14-15).

To the redeemed the answer of the Word of God to combat the Devil is "faith" also. The Old Testament saints conquered by faith (Heb. 11). Satan as a roaring lion is to be resisted "in the faith" (I Pet. 5:9). In Ephesians 6:10-18, we have the armor that a Christian should wear to defeat his unseen foe. In verse 16 we are told to take the shield of faith. It is by the use of this shield that we are able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked (evil one). Knowing that the child of God could never resist the Devil by his own power, God provided the answer in Christ. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Eph. 6:10). In the strength of the Lord we resist the Devil, and he will flee from us (Jas. 4:7).



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PSALM 38: *The Psalm of Anguish*

In Psalm 38 we find the outpourings of the most anguished being whose thoughts have ever been recorded. It is as if the suffering Saviour of Isaiah 53 were speaking and revealing His innermost thoughts. So acute is the speaker's suffering that his thoughts are almost wholly concerned with himself. There is a brief picture of his friends and kinsmen standing afar off; there is a reference to his enemies who have caused his condition, and there is a remembrance of God and an expression of faith in Him; but the bulk of the psalm is taken up with the lamentations of the speaker about his terrible suffering.

The book, "Two Thousand Hours in the Psalms," by Dr. Hull, gives an interesting and profitable outline and meditation on this psalm which will be used as the basis for this study.

In verses 1 to 8, the psalmist cries out to God using the name "Jehovah," indicating that he thinks of God as the Supreme Being and Great Ruler and Judge. He pleads that God would not rebuke him in His bursting wrath, burning displeasure, and foaming rage. It is sin which makes the psalmist afraid, and which brings out this cry. He is deeply conscious of God's judgment

upon his sin and of the fact that he is suffering for it

In verses 9 to 14, the sufferer generally uses the term "Lord." David, the psalmist, realizes now that God



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is more than the Supreme Being. God is his Lord and Master. He is the stricken man's only desire and source of strength. This thought causes his heart to flutter and "travel all around." He loses consciousness and faints.

Upon awakening, the afflicted one finds that even those who were supposed to be his friends and lovers were standing afar off because of his

wounds and the corruption of his body. They speak against him and deny any interest or concern for him.

In the third section, verses 15 to 22, the suffering one uses still another term in his cry to God. This is the word which came from the lips of our Lord as He hung on the cross of Calvary. It is the word *Elohai*. This causes us to think of God the heavenly Father, the One who will not forsake us.

The psalmist realizes now that it was because he was following God that his enemies were persecuting him, and his friends had deserted him. He is learning by bitter experience that they who will live godly must suffer persecution. It is not his sin which is the cause of his suffering; it is not because God is angry at him that he is suffering, but it is because he has been trying to do the things which please God. This brings down on his defenseless head the wrath and displeasure of enemy and friend alike.

In the closing verses of the psalm, the writer, calling God by all of the names he has used before, finds that the God who appears at first to be angry with him, whose arrows hurt him, was none other than the God of his salvation.

PROGRESS

Until I learned to trust
I never learned to pray,
And I didn't fully learn
'Til sorrows came my way.

Until I felt my weakness,
His strength I never knew;
Nor dreamed 'til I was stricken,
That He could see me through.

Who deepest drinks of sorrow
Drinks deepest too of grace;
He sends the storm so He himself
Can be our hiding place.

His heart that seeks our highest good
Knows well that things annoy;
We would not long for heaven,
If earth held only joy.

—Selected.

No one is useless in the world who lightens the burden of someone else.
—*Fifth and Cherry Light*.

CALLING SIN, SIN

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman told of a distinguished Methodist minister who preached on sin. He did not beat around the bush. He called sin "this abominable thing which God hates." One of his church officers afterward came to see and talk with him in his study. He said to the minister: "Mr. Howard, we don't want you to talk as plainly as you do about sin, because if our boys and girls hear you talking so much about sin, they will more easily become sinners. Call it a mistake if you will, but do not speak so plainly about sin."

The minister took down a small bottle and showed it to the visitor. It was a bottle of strychnine and was marked "Poison." He said: "I see what you want me to do. You want me to change the label. Suppose I take off this label of 'Poison' and put on some mild label, such as 'Essence of Peppermint,' don't you see what

happens? The milder you make the label, the more dangerous you make the poison"—*Fifth and Cherry Light*.

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HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray for a number of Christian people who are considering coming into the Cheyenne church, that the Lord will lead them in their decision.
2. Pray for several Jewish people who know the plan of salvation and who attend the Wednesday-evening Bible class, that they will accept Christ as their Messiah.
3. Pray for the young married people's Sunday-school class at Phoenix, Ariz., that more couples remain for the worship service.
4. Pray for the completion of the upper auditorium at Denver, which is urgently needed, and that the funds will be available. Praise God for the faithful workers who are giving their time to get the job done.
5. Pray for the unemployed of the South Bend, Ind., church and the effect it is having on the church financially.
6. Pray for the home-missions offering in this final month of the period, that it might be sufficient to buy up every opportunity for new Brethren churches and meet every financial need of the Brethren Home Missions Council for the year 1955.

GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the fine student body He has given us this year, and pray that those who need work will be able to find it so that none may need to leave.
2. Praise God for the gifts of our alumni that have made possible the surfacing of the road around the building and the parking lot area.
3. Pray for the financial needs of the school and especially that more people will realize the necessity of supporting the MONTHLY OFFERING PLAN.
4. Pray for the administrative committee as they plan to meet the needs and problems of a growing school.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

Pray for—

1. Africa—the group of native teachers soon to graduate from the French school; the one or two children's schools to be opened; the Jobsons and the Balzers, as they engage in building operations in the city of Bangui; complete recovery for Miss Elizabeth Tyson, Mrs. Charles Summey, and Miss Clara Schwartz; and good health for all of our missionaries on all fields.
2. Argentina—the Argentine believers engaged in the building of churches at Rio Tercero, Corral de Bustos, and Rio Cuarto; lots for similar buildings in Don Bosco and Jose Marmol, both in the Buenos Aires area; revival in all of our churches—Argentina now seems ripe for revival.
3. Brazil—the Zielaskos in their intensive teaching and preaching program at Icoraci; the Burks engaged in language study and assisting the Zielaskos; the Edward Millers now back in their home at Macapa.
4. France—the many new people contacted in the tent meeting; Dr. Barnard and Brother Fogle as they counsel together during the first weeks of November.
5. Hawaii—the spiritual growth of those recently baptized; for public decisions on the part of others interested in the Gospel.
6. Mexico—the Haags and Miss Robinson as they begin intensive Bible-training classes for Mexican believers; the Howards as they begin a Sunday school and other Bible classes at Calxico; the special requests mentioned by the Edmistons at Laredo, Tex.—a young married man who says he wants to trust the Lord, a very antagonistic husband who is trying to keep his wife from teaching in the Sunday school, a young man about 19 from a very rebellious family who is interested in the Gospel.
7. General—those traveling: Dr. Barnard, Roy Snyders, Wayne Beavers, George Cones, Jr., Misses Mary Cripe and Rosella Cochran, who are all going to France; the Snyders, Beavers, and Miss Cripe as they go on to Africa; the Cones and Miss

Cochran as they remain in Lyon, France, for language study; the Klievers as they return to the States from Africa on furlough late this month; all those traveling in deputation work; sufficient funds to meet unprecedented opportunities.

WMC (Southern Ohio District)—

1. Pray that all our churches engaged in a building program may have the joy of the Lord in seeing Him supply the workers, the materials, and the new people.
2. Pray daily for your pastor as he goes calling, that the results may be fruitful, effective, and for His glory.
3. Give thanks for the fellowship of other Christians in our churches, and for this fellowship of prayer with Brethren both here and abroad.

SMM (East District)—

1. Pray for SMM in the East District, its officers, programs, and projects for the year.
2. Pray for a greater emphasis in our SMM's for personal witnessing.
3. Pray for newly organized Sisterhoods and their leaders.
4. Pray for the new "Patroness Training" program.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—

1. Thank the Lord for the evident favor He has bestowed upon the program of the Brethren Youth Council.
2. Pray for the large number of Brethren young people in their school activities. Pray definitely that the Brethren Church shall see her own youth returning to her own fields of service.
3. Ask the Lord for wisdom for hundreds of our young men who must face the matter of military service. Pray that these young men will have courage and conviction to always stand out for Christ.
4. Pray for the plans for our 1955 camps. District and national camps are being planned right now. Let us ask the Lord to make these more spiritual than ever before.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE—

1. Pray for Team Two in a meeting in Yakima November 2-14.
2. Pray definitely for finances, that the Crusade may care for all financial obligations.
3. Pray for those who have made decisions in the meetings that they may grow in the Lord.
4. Pray that the Lord will definitely lead in choosing personnel for the teams from time to time.

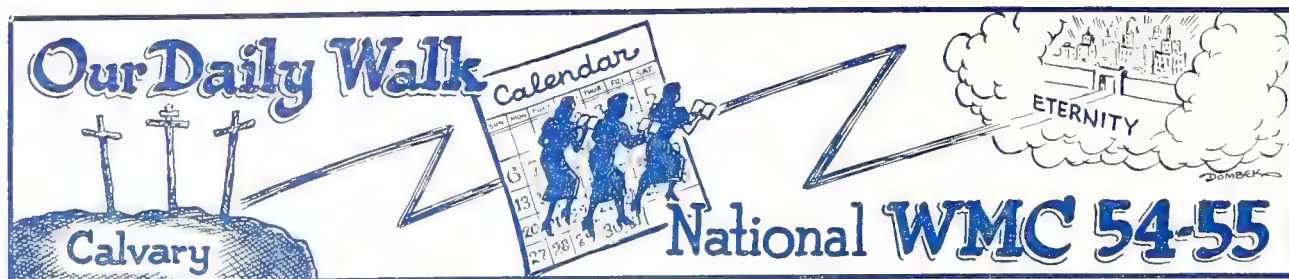
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THANKSGIVING AND YOU

By Althea S. Miller

Children of God through faith in Jesus Christ have an especial relationship to Thanksgiving. To them it is not alone a particular season of the year which this great nation sets apart commemorating God's provision in the early days of her history; Thanksgiving is part and parcel of Christians' lives because it comes from the heart.

The Word of God commands: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). Nothing reveals the real character of man more than a spirit of thanksgiving, or lack of it. True thanksgiving comes from the heart and is evident though the tears run down like rain or the face is as radiant as the sun. But perhaps you have asked your own heart: Just what does it mean to be thankful in the Bible sense of the word? What part does or should thanksgiving play in my life?

Thanksgiving is *counting blessings* rather than complaining. Have you ever read Ephesians 5:20 with an understanding heart? It reads: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Isn't it true that most of us live as though that verse said: "Complaining about all unpleasant experiences and trials unto God, but giving Him thanks for life's experiences which you enjoy"? That three-letter word "all," when applied to your life and mine, will make it impossible for us to misunderstand this passage and be complainers.

Biblical thanksgiving will not be a Pollyanna type of smiling or acquiescence. Everything will not necessarily turn out according to our likes or plans. But though the very light of our lives goes out, or our daily path be ablaze with the glory of accomplishment or acquisition, our hearts will sing songs of thanksgiving for the "all" things. Such victory does not come without struggle because sin has made man a chronic grumbler. But victory is available to all who will heed the admonition: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:21). Many a trial and heartache has ultimately turned out to be a blessing in disguise. What joy we'll afford our Father God if we thank Him for these trials before we see the blessing which they hide for a time.

Consistent testimony for Jesus Christ in face of all ridicule and mockery will further mark the thankful believer. What if you do taste the bitterness of lost love or friendship for the sake of Christ? Did not He drain sin's dregs for you? David said: "... mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread,

hath lifted up his heel against me" (Psa. 41:9). Perhaps an experience akin to David's has been your lot even recently and the bitterness of disappointment has dimmed and dulled your witness for Christ. Will you not with the Apostle Paul remember: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, *abounding therein with thanksgiving*" (Col. 2:6-7). You dare not allow the failure of loved ones or friends to dull your day-by-day consistent testimony for the Lord who bought you at so great a cost.

Are you a restless, disappointed Christian? One whose heart abounds with songs of thanksgiving will find *contentment in God's will*. Who are we to grumble because God's path for us is a bit rugged or thorny? Too many there are of us in God's army who say: "Lord, Lord, I want Thy will done in my life," only to refuse to do that will when He reveals it to us. Paul told young Timothy: "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (I Tim. 6:6-7). You will notice that nothing in this passage says we are to be content with our sins or in them. But a life ordered in the steps of the Lord will be contented, though the path be stormy and beset with trial upon trial.

You have passed the "thanksgiving test" so far? Good. Then *calling upon God* for greater victories personally, in your home and in your church, will be the natural next step. The Lord God told Jeremiah to "call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not" (33:3). God has given you great personal victories in the past. But there are yet greater victories to be won if God is to use you to the utmost. Perhaps your thought-life should be brought into complete subjection to Him who knows what is best for you, or those moments of closet retreat lengthened so that He can speak to you more of himself.

There may be those in your home either unsaved or saved, but spiritually immature. Upon your heart God has placed the burden to pray and call upon Him for great victories in this particular field. Why not let Him "show you great and mighty things"? Then there is the church which you attend. Things are not just what they ought to be in this particular portion of God's family. Perhaps you've blamed others among the membership for the low spiritual state of affairs. It's altogether likely

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that the pastor has come in for his share of the blame and criticism. But have you lately examined your own spiritual condition on your knees in the light of God's Word? Such an examination could be most painful but very enlightening. Your confession, and obedience to His Word and will, could very well be the turning point in getting those victories which your church and pastor need and want. Why not call upon God *now*?

The thankful heart will not stop with calling upon God. It will conclude that *He will be faithful* to His promises which you have claimed. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13-14). Don't question or doubt, just rest in the certainty of God's faithfulness to His Word. When you see Him work in answer to your faith, you will never come to the end of thanking the Lord for the privileges and responsibilities He has put at your disposal.

Thanksgiving should bubble from your heart as spontaneously as the stars glitter on a cloudless night. Does it? God grant you this blessed realization. "Speaking to yourselves [one to another] in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:19-20).

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MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

Africa—

Mrs. Albert Balzer.....January 1
Dr. Harold Mason.....January 1
Ramona Marie Samarin.....January 8, 1953
Mrs. Martin Garber.....January 22
Mrs. Minnie Kennedy.....January 28

Argentina—

Lynn Arthur Hoyt.....January 3, 1948
Mrs. Carson Rottler.....January 10
Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy.....January 27

Brazil—

Arthur Allen Burk.....January 10, 1954
Jeanette Elizabeth Miller.....January 22, 1951

Mexico—

Leandra Marie Edmiston.....January 15, 1947

In the United States—

Charles Loren Churchill.....January 8, 1951

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT REPORT

The WMC of the Michigan District was organized during the Central District Conference held at Winona Lake, Ind., in July 1953. In September 1953 the district president met with the local WMC presidents of the district at Lake Odessa to outline plans for the year. At this time the ladies took as a project the purchase of a clock and a cash offering, both to be sent to the church at Ozark, Mich. The money was to be used for the wiring of the church.

On October 8, 1953, the first Michigan District WMC rally was held at New Troy, with 46 ladies present. Mrs. Rose Foster was the guest speaker. The ladies more than met the goal of \$50 set to cover the project by giving an offering of \$63.50. A love offering was also given to Mrs. Foster. During the winter the district president met individually with each of the councils of the district.

The spring rally was held in April at Lake Odessa. There were 74 ladies present. At this rally the ladies set \$65 as a goal to purchase songbooks for the church at Berrien Springs. They exceeded that goal by giving \$75.72. In addition, \$20 was sent from the district treasury to the national treasurer for the Missionary Residence maintenance offering. Program material for this rally was provided within the district. The theme was "The Family Altar," and several families started family altars as a direct result of the rally.

When the councils met at district conference, held in Alto, Mich., in July 1954, each council presented a display of their activities during the year. From reports submitted by the five churches and one mission point, the following was learned: there are four councils, with a total membership of 91 and an average attendance of 49. There were 24 members gained during the year and only one lost. The councils brought with them to conference a *tithe* of their canned goods, to be used at the district youth camp. In response to a need presented, \$40 was sent to Evelyn Fuqua to be used in sending two girls to Camp Bethany.

At the end of September the district president will be going to Ozark to assist the ladies there in forming their council. It is also hoped that a council will be started in Lansing, Mich., this year.—Mrs. Richard Jackson, Jr.

THANKSGIVING

By Corde Hawkins Gatewood

Ev'ry good gift is from above,
Constant reminders of God's love.
For ev'ry good and perfect gift,
My heart in gratitude I lift.
I would pour forth my soul in praise,
And give my life through endless days

These gifts are very dear, you see,
Because they each reveal to me,
(Something that oftentimes is dim),
The love and grace and thought of Him
Who marks the little sparrow's fall
And hears His children when they call.

As He His gifts each day bestows
My heart with joy and praise o'erflows:
But things of earth grow faint and dim,
When I compare these things with Him;
For far above all gifts, is He,
The Giver of the gifts to me.

—Songs of Praise and Victory.

Projects

WHAT WE HAVE DONE WHAT WE ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN DO

As WOMEN MANIFESTING CHRIST we find one important avenue for manifesting Him in the many and varied projects we sponsor in our local councils, in our districts, and on a national scale. Perhaps it would do us all good to stop and remind ourselves of the goals we have set for ourselves for this year.

As a national WMC we have certain goals which we are all expected to sponsor and bring to a successful climax. November marks the third and final month for our first major offering; namely, the balance due on our Navaho school building. It should be a matter of rejoicing for every WMC member to know that this badly needed school building will soon be ready for use. The walls and roof are in place, the windows are being put in, and little by little the missionaries are doing the work that remains to be finished that the schoolchildren may be able to move out of their cramped quarters into this new building supplied by our WMC gifts. Let us get this offering in promptly to our financial secretary so that the final work on the building will not be delayed for lack of funds.

Our next quarterly offering just ahead of us will be for Christian education and will be for Grace Seminary and for office equipment for our Sunday school and youth work. Since this goal has been set at \$3,000, we must all do our very best so that the pressing needs may be met. The part of the offering intended for Grace Seminary will be used for the furnishing of the back of the chapel. The last half of the year will bring us into that period when we give our offering for foreign missions and for the promotion of our own WMC work.

In addition to these quarterly offerings we have several other special offerings to be taken during the year: the "penny a day" thank offering for Jewish evangelism, the missionary birthday offering, and the Missionary Residence upkeep offering. The thank offering should be set aside by each member week by week—a penny a day, if possible. The other two offerings are to be taken by any method your local council may desire. Perhaps you would like to know that the money raised last year for the Missionary Residence is being invested in needed equipment and that our missionaries in the residence are already enjoying a new clothes dryer, an air-conditioner for the third floor, one new breakfast set, and two new sets of dishes. Other needed items will soon be on hand.

The varied gifts and activities of our women do not end with these nationally sponsored projects, but each district has undertaken certain projects and these are carried out in different ways in different districts. Your district officers will keep you posted.

And then we come to the projects of each local council. These are many and varied. Perhaps some of your councils have not yet chosen your local projects. Either your district project chairman or the national project chairman will be glad to give helpful suggestions. We are publishing with this article a list of some of the local projects of the past year.

Let us not forget that we are—

WOMEN MANIFESTING CHRIST in daily life and devotion.

WOMEN MANIFESTING CHRIST in cheerful giving.

WOMEN MANIFESTING CHRIST in consecrated service.

TYPES OF CLOTHING NEEDED AT NAVAHO MISSION

Mrs. Joan Adams gave us the following list of clothing that is acceptable for use among the Navaho Indians. She impressed upon us the necessity of choosing with care the articles we send to the mission in order that our money may not be wasted by sending unsuitable articles of clothing. In preparing clothing for the mission: please observe the following suggestions:

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING—all sizes, all kinds. There is special need for both boys' and girls' clothing in sizes 6-8 for the children starting school this year. Skirts and blouses for the teen-age girls are also needed.

BABY CLOTHING—All kinds, blankets, diapers.

MEN'S CLOTHING—Shirts, winter topcoats, heavy jackets, blue jeans and cotton trousers, socks (small sizes) and shoes (sizes 7, 8, 9 only, as they have small feet). Do not send woolen suits.

WOMEN'S CLOTHING—Cotton dresses (no rayon or silk), blouses, scarfs, heavy coats, small-size shoes with low heels.

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES—Old tablecloths, towels, sheets, quilts, etc. *Homemade soap. Socks, socks, socks.*

LOCAL PROJECTS IN 1953-54

Your national project chairman presents the following list of projects sponsored during the past year by local councils with the hope that it may prove helpful in giving suggestions to some councils who have not yet been able to decide upon their local projects for the present year.

FOR LOCAL CHURCHES—Pianos, songbooks, chairs, dishes, silverware, kitchen cupboards, communion sets, offering plates, church signs, clocks, typewriters and mimeographs, cement blocks for new church, vacation Bible school materials, projector screens, money gifts for church needs, payment of note due on home-mission church, nursery equipment.

FOR MISSIONARIES—Vibraharp for Fogles, gifts to help missionaries' children with education, articles for missionary outfits, gifts to Missionary Residence at Winaona Lake, loudspeaker for Taos, N. Mex., electric food mixer for Navaho school, mattress covers, playground equipment, and clothing for Navaho schoolchildren.

MISCELLANEOUS—Refrigeration for young people's

camp, sent needy young people to camp, sent SMM girls to National Conference, helped SMM with bandages, pennants, reading circle books, etc.; furnished additional equipment at Grace Seminary.

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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PROJECT CHAIRMAN

Colossians 1:10—"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

As the Lord looks down upon our WMC I am sure He can say that in many ways it has been a "fruitful" year. With the exception of the General Expense offering the financial goals for national offerings were met each quarter.

We enjoyed hearing from you concerning your projects and tried to answer immediately so you could be working on them. We obtained lists of projects from the Home Missions Council, the Seminary, the Sunday School Board, and the Foreign Board, and sent copies to

each district project chairman to aid the local councils in the choice of their projects.

According to the reports I received, churches were aided by gifts of hymnals, pulpit furniture, chairs, tables, communion sets, projectors and screens, mimeographs, typewriters, pianos, kitchen equipment, silverware, dishes, church signs, and daily vacation Bible school supplies.

Supplies were furnished for young people's camps and the Navaho work received mattress covers, playground equipment, little golden books, linens, towels, and clothing for the schoolchildren.

The work on the foreign fields was aided with missionary chest gifts, bandages, hymnbooks for the missionaries in Africa, a vibraharp for the Fogels in France, baby clothing and help on missionary outfits, educational help to missionary children, and money toward a block schoolhouse for the missionaries' children at Yaloke.

As we look at the past let us not feel satisfied, but with the Apostle Paul say, "I press forward." Much more ought to be done, and can be, during this new WMC year for our wonderful Lord as we look to Him for strength and guidance.—*Mrs. Virden Taber, national vice president and project chairman.*

Lest We Forget

BACK TO SCHOOL IN NAVAHO LAND

By Miss Angie Garber

They had no gay new clothes and shining pencil boxes, no tablets nor scissors when they came for their first day of the school year. These brown children of the desert came as we found them—out in their hogans or caring for the sheep. Bashful and yet merry they climbed into the jeep to return to their studies.

Warm showers washed away the accumulated dust of the summer; then they could dress in the clean clothes provided at the mission. A good meal, pajamas issued, beds assigned and new students initiated into the mysteries of the white man's way to sleep—this necessarily becomes the first day of school.

The next morning finds the idle schoolroom filled with little Navaho faces and dark Navaho eyes. To many of them this is no longer a strange world of unknown words. Now they eagerly choose a favorite book and begin at once to enjoy it. What a privilege and responsibility to guide them in their quest for knowledge and to direct that knowledge toward the wonderful person of the Lord Jesus!

A gift for the teacher? Even that can be found in Navaholand. Not a bright red apple nor a grimy piece of candy, but a colorful ear of blue Indian corn ready to be roasted. Nature kindly provided a protective covering of husks so we were all able to sample that native fare. We were as pleased to receive it as the shy little hands were to proudly present it, and took it as it was given, in love.

As yet we meet in the old schoolroom of the mission, but out the window we can see the progress as the new school goes up. The construction crew worked early and late, faithfully and long, and we appreciated their help. We are looking forward to the time when we will be able to move down into our new quarters.

And so school begins. Day by day there are meals to prepare and serve, requiring hours of faithful kitchen work. There is washing and mending week after week. Every night little Navahos must be tucked into bed following devotions, while hour by hour they are taught the art of living together with a minimum of difficulty.

Is it worthwhile? Go out to a lonely hogan and step into its darkened interior; see the poverty, lack of sanitation, and heathenism; see the wasted mother dying from the dreaded tuberculosis, the tiny baby with scant chance to see two summers; look upon the drunken father who desires nothing better, the children sitting in dirt and rags with no future before them but to follow their parent's footsteps; see the ignorance, the darkness, the evil, and when you leave that scene, ponder on the reason for such hopelessness—sin. Could you walk away from a drowning child and not seek to save him? Could you watch a sleeping family burn in their flaming house without giving a warning? How much greater the need of saving these dying souls from a hopeless eternity. The American Indian has been too long neglected, left in superstition and fear.

But it isn't the need of the Navaho alone which impels us. It is the insistent appeal of the risen Saviour, "Ye shall be witnesses . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth." The command is for all. Obedience brings blessing, and such blessing few experience. There shall be Navahos in glory. He has willed it and by His Spirit is working to bring His plan to completion. Only the Lord knows those believers who are answering His call. Prayer is powerful, consecrated giving needed, Christians must be yielded, and the Lord will be victorious. What is your part in His work?

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Who's Who for November

MARGARET WILLIAMS

Margaret Eikenberry Williams was born on May 1 at Canton, Ohio, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Eikenberry. Rev. Eikenberry was a minister in the Brethren Church for over fifty years. He lived the last 11 years with his daughter and went to be with the Lord in 1953.

Margaret accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour at the early age of nine years while attending a revival meeting being held at the Canton Brethren Church, and was baptized by Rev. Fred Vanator, then pastor of the Canton church. Margaret began her service for the Lord at an early age by teaching a Sunday-school nursery class in the Canton church when she was only 12 years old. Here she had the counsel and help of Mrs. Walter Link, who was department superintendent.

After completing high school, Margaret attended Ashland College, where she graduated in 1935 with an A B. degree. There she also met her life companion and she and Russell L. Williams were married in 1937. They attended Grace Seminary during the first year of its existence in Akron, Ohio.

After the completion of his seminary course, Brother Williams was led into a ministry in Brethren home-mission churches. In the role of pastor's wife, Margaret has been active in serving with her husband in home-mission churches at New Troy, Mich.; Yakima, Wash.; and, at the present time, at Cheyenne, Wyo. In addition to being an accomplished pianist, she is now serving as Sunday-school secretary, president of the local WMC, and secretary-treasurer of the district WMC. She has also taught in the public schools for 12 years, influencing many young lives by her Christian testimony among them. At the present time she is on an indefinite vacation from teaching. She has no children.

Margaret's special interest is to see new Brethren churches built that they may give forth the message of life and hope to the lost, as well as to see older churches revived to do what God has called them to do.

MARY ASHMAN HAMMERS

On August 19, 1911, in the city of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, a daughter, Mary Louise, was born into the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Ashman. Her father was then pastor of the Pleasant Hill Brethren Church. Her next home was in Nappanee, Ind. From there the family moved to Sunnyside, Wash., where she began her school days.

It was in the children's meetings of a citywide evangelistic campaign under the ministry of Rev. Arthur Budgeon that Mary, at the age of nine years, took Christ as her personal Saviour and was later baptized by her father and became a member of the Sunnyside Brethren Church. Soon after that the family moved to Johnstown, Pa., to the pastorate of the First Brethren Church. When a junior in high school, Mary felt the call of the Lord to full-time service and yielded her life to His will the Sunday after Easter.

In 1929 Mary entered Ashland College. Graduation from college was followed two years later by graduation from Ashland Seminary with a Bachelor of Christian Education degree. That same year she became the wife of Rev. Thomas Hammers, who was pioneering a new church in the city of Cleveland, Ohio. For seven years she labored there with her husband in the various duties of a pastor's wife. In 1939 a daughter, Janet Carol, was born into their home.

In 1941 the Hammerses felt the call of the Lord to the Brethren church of Tracy, Calif., where they ministered for five years. It was in Tracy that Daniel Lee was born. Again the Lord called to a new field, and in 1946 they accepted the call to the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church of South Pasadena, Calif. From there they felt called at the close of 1952 to move to Seattle, Wash., to start a new Brethren church. In Seattle life for the Lord has been full of responsibilities, since, with no church building as yet, all services are held in the Hammers' home. Truly it has been her experience that the Lord's blessing comes in measure as her life is yielded to His will. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" (Psa. 37:5).

WORD FROM MISS TYSON IN AFRICA

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

When an accident occurs such as happened to me, it is hard to understand, but it is not for us to ask the Lord why, but to trust Him. I was going down the steps of my house when I tripped and fell, breaking my right wrist badly and my left leg just below the knee. I do not remember how it all happened. Anyway, praise the Lord that there were no worse injuries. I was taken to the Bangui hospital where the bones were set and casts were applied. Miss Mishler and Miss Geske attended me there during my 12-day stay. I am now being cared for in my home on the Yaloke station. It is wonderful to be in my own home while recovering. I am getting good care by Dr. Taber, Miss Geske, and the others on the station. The hospital facilities made possible by the gifts of the national WMC and SMM are a real help and blessing.

The Lord has been gracious in permitting a minimum of pain from the fractures. The leg cast, to above the knee, is very heavy, giving me the most discomfort. It will be a happy day when that cast comes off on October 15. Then there will be the adjustment period of getting my leg to resume its normal activity. The Lord is able and His will be done in my life.

I wish to acknowledge the many letters and cards from so many of you, and to express my appreciation for your kindnesses. They have been a blessing and encouragement to me. I also wish to thank each and every one of you for your prayers in my behalf. "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." I ask for your continued prayers in my behalf for proper healing of the bones, that I might be able to resume my service for the Lord.

Your sister in Christ,

Elizabeth Tyson.



FOOTPRINTS of JESUS

NO VACANCY

By Ava Schnittjer

(Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:1-20)

MARY: How sad it makes us feel to know that Mary and Joseph were not received at the inn that night, but that they had to go out into the stable.

JANE: I can imagine how they felt. When we went on our trip last summer, toward evening we'd start to look for a place to stay. We'd see a nice motel in the distance. But as we drew nearer there was the sign, "No Vacancy." On we'd go, getting tired and tired, sign after sign informing us of "No Vacancy," and finally we'd have to stay some place that didn't look quite so nice as we'd like to have it, and once we even had to sleep in the car.

ESTHER: It seems like a terrible thing that our Lord should be born in a manger with none of the nice things that we plan for our babies. But I've been thinking about it, and I believe it is just as God planned it: that the Lamb of God should be born in the stable. I think it grieves God more when people today who hear the Gospel of Christ turn away and hang up a "No Vacancy" sign on their hearts when Jesus wants to come in.

MISS CHADWELL: How true that is! If any one of you girls has never really invited the Lord to come into your heart, we pray that even tonight you'll hear His voice and receive Him. But many of you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, and our verse tonight is an exhortation to you. Will you read Colossians 2:6, Alice?

ALICE: As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him (Col. 2:6).

MISS CHADWELL: In the first lesson on this book we mentioned how Paul was intensely concerned about the conduct of the churches. His very soul was tortured when Christ was dishonored by those who professed His name.

JANE: Were the Colossians doing things that they shouldn't do?

MISS CHADWELL: Paul was more immediately concerned with what they believed. He was afraid they were getting entangled in false doctrine. And Paul wasn't one who said it didn't matter what you believed as long as you behaved yourself. He knew the importance of sound doctrine—that the Lord takes up His abode in all such as embrace His Gospel. Read his warning to them in verse 4.

ALICE: "And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words" (Col. 2:4).

MISS CHADWELL: Satan beguiled Eve in tempting her not to believe God's Word, and Paul is warning them that through enticing words of men, Satan is still

trying to lead astray God's own. Now read the warning in verse 8.

MARY: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

MISS CHADWELL: There are countless human systems and philosophies which attempt to explain the mystery of the universe and the relations of the Creator and His creatures. You may have heard some of them. But Paul says for them to beware lest someone spoil them through these doctrines. In verse 3 he points out how all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hid in Christ. And if they have received Him, then Paul wants them to enjoy the riches of full assurance of understanding. As they learn to know Christ better and apprehend the truth concerning Him, every question is answered, perplexities are made clear. There is no need to turn to idle speculation because God has spoken in His Son and given His Holy Word to lead us by the Spirit into all truth. It's important to remember that no amount of intellectual culture or human learning can take the place of divine revelation. If we've received Him, we are part of His body and Christ is the head. And so Paul says to the Colossians: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him."

MARY: Jesus said, "I am the way."

MISS CHADWELL: That's right. He is the Path, the Christ Path, the Jesus Road. It isn't the teaching about Him that is the path but He himself. We walk in Him and all our energies are put forth consciously in Him. If you have received Him as Lord, then you ought to go on as you were taught, walking in Him, in His wisdom and understanding. False doctrine will lead to a false life.

JANE: Do you remember the song I read last month—my theme song, "Higher Ground"? I did present my body to the Lord and asked that He would use it for His glory and keep it from sin. Now He has placed me on "a higher plane than I had found" and I want Him to take my mind. I can see that He wants my mind just as much as He wants my body. I can see how important our thoughts are and I'm going to give Him my mind and ask Him to snatch away every wrong thought before it has a chance to sit down and get comfortable.

ESTHER: I'll give you a verse, Jane: Philippians 2:5: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

ALICE: With the mind of Christ, and walking in Him, in His footprints, our sign won't read "No Vacancy" but "The Lord Jesus Dwells Here." And we're on the royal road to heaven, because He is the King's Highway to glory.

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE NATIONAL SISTERHOOD OFFICERS

PRESIDENT—MYRA JOY CONNER

In the world ye shall have tribulation" (John 16:33). No; the Lord has never promised a rosy path here on earth for His children. In fact, He has told us that we will have testings, trials, and tribulations as long as we live in this old sinful world. You might say then that there's nothing to look forward to in being a Christian. However, the verse does not end here, but goes on with this precious promise: "But be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."



Girl's it's not easy to live a clean, Christian life today. Many times you'll feel like compromising with the worldly gang in order to keep the crowd from laughing at you. I learned from personal experience that it doesn't pay. My testimony in high school was far from what it should have been, but how I praise the Lord now for showing me the need of a completely separated life to Him. If we want to be the type of girl that the Lord can really use, we must be following in the "Footprints of Jesus" moment by moment. We pray that this may not only be our Sisterhood theme this year, but that it will also become a real part of your life.

We as your officers appreciate the privilege to serve you and the Lord in this capacity. Along with these responsibilities we also have school studies and work. We are reminded too that an organization will only grow as much spiritually as its leaders grow. So we trust that all of you girls will be remembering us constantly in prayer, and you can be assured that we are doing the same for you.

Remember too, girls, that if your life is yielded to the Lord, He will never permit anything to happen to you which is not helping to mold you into the pattern which He has planned for you.

BANDAGE SECRETARY—MARIE SACKETT

When I was just a small girl, I accepted the Lord into my heart. Even though I was born into a Christian family, I realized my need of knowing Christ as my personal Saviour. Since then, He has grown sweeter to me each day, but one thing I know: that to truly be a happy and victorious Christian one has to give his all over to the Lord and let self die. Only as we walk hand in hand with the Lord and let Him lead each step of the way will our lives be of real service to Him. It is my prayer this year that each Sisterhood girl will truly "walk worthy of the Lord."



GENERAL SECRETARY—NANCY WEBER

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ . . . we have access . . . into this grace . . . and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Rom. 5:1-2). Truly we can be thankful and rejoice in the hope that some day we will be with the Lord forever. I have tried Him and proved Him, and found Him to be all that I could ever want. The world seems to offer a lot to the young people, but it doesn't last. I thank the Lord that He saw fit to save a sinner like me and give a peace and joy that the world cannot give.



As another year of Sisterhood is here, we trust that you girls will take a greater interest in Sisterhood than ever before and, above all, that glory will be brought to the Lord Jesus Christ in that more will come to know Him, whom to know is life eternal.

TREASURER—MARY HOOKS

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" (Psa. 107:8). Words can not express my appreciation to Him for His many wonderful blessings which He has showered upon me this last year. He has again proven himself to be the only true and living God, who takes care of His own.

I have counted it a joy and privilege to work with the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha this past year. My prayer is that I might be more faithful in serving Him who loved me and gave himself for me, and that SMM might be a real blessing to each SMM girl.



PATRONESS—MRS. ARNOLD KRIEGBAUM

"But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins." "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Beyond the scope of finest phrases to describe is the joy I know since Christ is my Saviour. To know the great Creator of heaven and earth took the



THE SIN WHICH DOES SO EASILY BESET US

By Mrs. James Dixon

We are studying the Word of God to find out how we can "walk worthy of the Lord and how to please Him in everything. We have discovered:

1. We must seek the things which are above: to seek to know God, to behold the beauty of the Lord.

2. We must set our affections on eternal things, not on material things that but pass with the using.

3. We must "put to death" in our lives all immorality, impurity, evil passion, and covetousness.

This month let us "increase in the knowledge of God" by continuing to study His Word. Read Colossians 3:8. Here we learn we are to put off still other sins that are unpleasing to God: (1) anger, (2) wrath, (3) malice, (4) blasphemy, (5) filthy communication out of your mouth.

This is a very ugly list. Yet it is amazing how few Christians realize that these are sins. The permitting of these sins in our lives probably does more than anything else to bring shame to the name of Christ. The practice of these things makes our testimony to the world of no effect.

At first glance, anger, wrath, and malice seem to have about the same meaning. However, they are three different words in the Greek.

Anger carries the idea of an evil temper. Sometimes we excuse an evil temper by saying, "I was born with it" or "There is nothing I can do about it." But Christ died to set us free from sin. He can set us free from our evil tempers.

Wrath carries the idea of revenge. When you get angry with someone and begin to plan "to get even," you are harboring wrath. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 1:19-21). Wrath is a state of mind. We might say it is "planning to get even."

Malice is a condition of the heart. It is really the worst of the three—it is an evil desire to injure another. Anger and wrath are involved, but this is actually a state of hatred. I John 4:20 says: "If a man say, I love God, and

death penalty for my sin fills me with gratitude and wonder. To serve Christ and please Him brings me sweet satisfaction. I am so thankful for the Holy Scriptures, for in them I have the perfect guide for my faith in Christ, the perfect pattern for my daily living, and all I need to know regarding the future.

I am further thankful for the high privilege of being associated with the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Their ministers and laity give me full meaning of the depth and the riches of Christ.

In their girls' organization, the Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, I have found a "full circle" of ways to serve Christ. As a high-school girl I spent many happy hours planning Sisterhood gatherings and the missionary activities. I am thankful for our Sisterhood, and I pray we mothers in the faith shall realize the golden opportunities we have to teach and guide the girls who will be the mothers of tomorrow, should the Lord tarry.

Jesus said: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this is the commandment we have from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."

Blasphemy literally means "injurious speaking." It might mean slander. It is used primarily to mean speaking evil of God—cursing and swearing, the taking of God's name in vain. I wonder in this particular incidence if it does not refer to the "damning" that is often done to a person's enemies. Remember, "the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Let us never forget that "the name which is above every name" is Jesus. The word "blasphemy" may also be translated "railing."

Finally, in this verse we are told to put off "filthy communication" or filthy conversation and talking. A Christian should never let his conversation fall to the risqué, or the shameful. Once something like this gets started it takes a lot of character to change to a different subject or to walk away from the group.

Let us determine with all of our hearts to put off all anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and filthy speaking in order that we might walk worthy of the Lord.



1. THANKS—Did your group send in a special offering for the emergency need in the General Fund? We truly appreciate your faithfulness in giving. However, don't forget your regular offering for the General Fund which is due January 15.

2. BANDAGES—This year each girl is responsible for rolling at least 10 bandages. You'd better start now if you haven't already. Don't forget—they must be seven yards long, two inches wide, raveled, and sewed at the end. The report (how many bandages, etc.) is supposed to be sent to the district bandage secretary, but the bandages may be sent any time to the Missionary Residence at Winona Lake, Ind.

3. PERSONAL PROJECT—How far have you gotten in memorizing the Book of Colossians? The entire book must be said at one time to both the pastor and the patroness.

4. SOMETHING NEW—Yes; we have SMM stationery available now. It is beautifully designed in green and white with matching envelopes. It only costs \$1 for a packet of 24 sheets and envelopes. Send your orders to the national literature secretary.

5. PENNANTS—Are you a member of SMM? In order to become a member you must fulfill the seven points of the merit system. (See Article XI under Local Organization in the SMM Constitution.) After you have done this, you are eligible for a pennant. The cost is 65¢ apiece, and they may be ordered from the national literature secretary.

HISTORY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH—IV

By Rev. Gerald Polman

Even though these Tunker families were busy becoming established in the new country of America, they were concerned about their spiritual welfare. Peter Becker settled near Germantown, Pa., on a 20-acre farm. He had been the leader of the first company of emigrants, and was a minister, but had not been active as a preacher, possibly because of the time it was taking to establish himself as a weaver (he was a weaver by trade).

This inactive life was not satisfactory to Peter Becker and several other of his friends. It is also important to note here another name, as it will appear in a later chapter. This name is Conrad Beissel. He was a religious refugee from Germany (not of the Tunker group) whom Becker took into his home as an apprentice at the weaving trade. All of these men had their religious enthusiasm increased by Beissel's experiences in the persecutions in the fatherland (Germany). He told them all about the sufferings of their brethren and friends, and this seemed to arouse a desire for some sort of public worship among their group. Up until this time all they had been doing was meeting in the homes of each other, and now they desired more.

They began a home missionary program—the first—seeking to reach all those in meeting distance of each other. They made a house-to-house canvass of all the families who had been members of the church in Germany. The date of this program was 1722. These men, with Peter Becker, the leader, met with other folks in

their homes, also gathering them together for public worship services. These were the first since coming to America. The first regular services were held alternately in the homes of Peter Becker and another brother, Gomery. When winter set in, these services were discontinued, but started again in the spring, using Peter Becker's home only because it seemed better suited.

Gradually the small groups of these folks began to fellowship and worship together. They enjoyed the ministry of Peter Becker, and several persons were brought under conviction and demanded to be baptized. All felt unworthy to perform the rite, but after some time Peter Becker was authorized to perform the service of baptism—six persons being baptized early in the morning of December 25, 1783.

On this same day, they organized themselves into a congregation, and in the evening of this day the first communion was held. Twenty-three persons (17 men and 6 women) took part in this first communion. Thus three great milestones (first baptism, first organization, and first communion) of the Tunker Church were observed on the same day—Christmas, December 25, 1783.

A real revival seemed to follow for a year or more. Services were so well-attended that space was at a premium. Many of the young people and children accepted the Lord. Several were added to the church membership and new groups were begun in neighboring communities. They were able to send back to the home church in Germany a good report of their work in America.

PROGRAM GUIDE FOR DECEMBER

THEME SONG—Sing the theme song and repeat year's verse, Colossians 1:10.

PRAISE TO HIM—Sing a number of choruses and ask for some testimonies.

PRAYER CIRCLE—Take the requests from the Herald along with any local ones.

LIFE'S ROADMAP—Read the Scripture, Isaiah 53.

HELP FOR OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE—Seniors study "No Vacancy"; Middlers study "The Sin Which Does So Easily Beset Us."

TALENT—Have a special number either from the local group or invite someone to come to the meeting to give a special number.

LEARNING THE PAST—Discuss the article, "History of the Brethren Church."

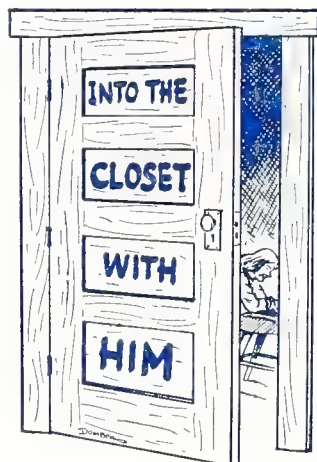
SMM BENEDICTION—Sing another stanza of "Footprints of Jesus" before the benediction.

BUSINESS MEETING.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING!

Here's something you've all been waiting for . . . it's a play on bandage rolling! Not very long; only a single sheet, but can be used very effectively in your meetings, especially with the WMC groups. How do you get it? Simply write to the general secretary for the play, "The Last Bandage."

PRAYER REQUESTS



Pray for the local Sisterhoods everywhere, that they will be able to meet their goals and that other girls will be won for the Lord.

Pray that we will be able to build up our national treasury with the special offering, and also that the project goals will be met.

Pray for Myra Joy Conner and all the national officers as they lead in the work, that they will have the guidance of the Lord in all things.

Pray that the Lord will guide the writers for our topics, not only for this year but for the year to come.

Pray for the missionaries, both home and foreign. Be praying for Miss Gail Jones in Africa, as we are helping her in the national project.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA. Rev. John Aeby has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church and has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Temple City Brethren Church, Temple City, Calif. Rev. Aeby will assume his new duties about Jan. 1.

ROANOKE, VA. The Washington Heights Brethren Church was dedicated Oct. 17, with Rev. Lester Pifer as the dedication speaker. 165 were present. Rev. W. Carl Miller is pastor.

LISTIE, PA. There were 243 present on Oct. 10 at the Listie Brethren Church. Rev. John Burns is pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND. Prof. Herbert Bess, of Grace Seminary, supplied the pulpit at the First Brethren Church during the month of October. Rev. Mark Malles is pastorelect.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Wm. M. Jacobson, superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Brethren Church for over nine years, has retired from his post. A Benrus self-winding watch and an Analytical Bible were presented to Mr. Jacobson for his faithful service. The new superintendent is John Suiter. Dr. C. W. Mayes is pastor.

BEAUMONT, CALIF. Rev. Norman Nelson conducted a week of meetings Nov. 1-7 at the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. The special features were the "Singing Sermons" presented by Rev. Nelson, a lyric tenor. Rev. Gene Farrell is pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO. The Northern Ohio District WMC convened here on Oct. 25.

TROY, OHIO. Rev. Earl Funderburg conducted special meetings at the Grace Brethren Church Oct. 4-17. Francis Brill is pastor.

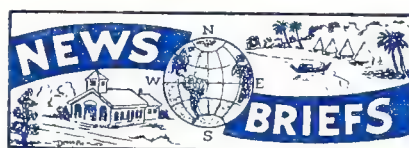
PORTLAND, OREG. The third anniversary of the Grace Brethren Church was celebrated Oct. 10. Rev. Vernon Harris is pastor.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. The Sunday school of the First Brethren Church averaged over 600 during October. Rev. Glenn O'Neal is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. With the Christmas holiday season approaching, all Sunday-school secretaries are urged to send in at once the Jan.-Mar. quarter Sunday-school orders. We cannot guarantee prompt delivery of quarterlies after Dec. 5. This same announcement is being made by all publishers of Sunday-school literature. Send your order today to the Brethren Missionary Herald.

BELL, CALIF. A rededication service will be conducted Nov. 14 for the Bell Brethren Church. Rev. Harry Sturz is pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Rev. Victor Rogers, pastor of Jenners Brethren Church, was guest speaker at a special homecoming service at the First Brethren Church. Rev. Clyde Landrum is pastor.



WINCHESTER, VA. Rev. Paul Dick, pastor of the First Brethren Church, began his 14th year as pastor of this church on Oct. 17.

CLAYTON, OHIO. The First Brethren Church celebrated its 47th annual homecoming on Oct. 17. Rev. Clair Brickel is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. The Southern Ohio District Sunday School Convention was held at the First Brethren Church Nov. 1-3. Rev. Wm. Steffler was host pastor. Special speakers were Rev. Harold Etling and Dr. Bernard Schneider.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Atlantic Fellowship of Brethren Churches joined in an overnight youth rally here Nov. 5-6 at the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Russell Weber was host pastor.

YAKIMA, WASH. The Northwest Fellowship WMC fall rally was held here Oct. 22. Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Sheldon were the guest speakers. Rev. Henry Dalke was host pastor.

SOUTH GATE, CALIF. The First Brethren Church held homecoming and rally day services on Oct. 31, celebrating the 25th anniversary of

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the work. Rev. Alfred Dodds is pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF. Dr. Sam Sutherland was guest speaker at the brotherhood banquet of the First Brethren Church. Rev. Curtis Mitchell is pastor.

SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF. The 10th anniversary of the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church was celebrated on Oct. 17. Dr. C. W. Mayes, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., was the guest speaker. Dr. C. H. Ashman is pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. Rev. Bob Dain, radio preacher from Apollo, Pa., conducted evangelistic meetings at North Buffalo Brethren Church Oct. 18-30. Rev. Donald Rossman is pastor.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. On Oct. 3, 237 were present for Sunday school at the Rosemont Brethren Church. This was 53.8 percent over the 1953 average. Rev. Earle Peer is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. Mrs. Louis S. Bauman is slowly recovering from her recent illness which has confined her for several weeks.

RADFORD, VA. There were 56 registered for the overnight youth rally of the Southeast District held at the Fairlawn Brethren Church Oct. 15-16.

CLAY CITY, IND. The Indiana Fellowship WMC held its fall rally here Oct. 14, with 62 women registered. Rev. Ralph Gilbert was guest speaker at the homecoming service on Oct. 10. Rev. Ralph Burns is pastor of the First Brethren Church.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Attendance for Sunday school for the first three Sundays in October at the North Long Beach Brethren Church was 1,121, 1,181, and 1,361. Rev. George Peek is pastor.

AYANOT, ISRAEL (E/P). Favorable climatic conditions, timely rains, a big expansion of the area under irrigation, and progress made by the new settlers in farm technique combined to make the year 5714 (1953-54) the "most bountiful" on record, declared Mr. A. Amir, deputy director general of the Ministry of Agriculture, at the 14th session of the General Agricultural Council held here recently.



"WE HAVE NO LAYMEN'S ORGANIZATION—NO ONE IS INTERESTED"

By Earle Cole

The title is a comment that you can hear in most any of our districts from some laymen. I know that it grieves our Lord to see grown men, whose names appear on Brethren church rolls, who are too busy in this world's turmoil to take some time each week to work—I mean work!—for *Him* and fellowship with other members—men members—in the body of Christ. I John 2:6—"He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."

Brother, if you are one lone man in your church and there is no men's fellowship, and you really mean business for Jesus, you may be the one the Lord has chosen to organize a monthly men's meeting or even an informal fellowship for men in your church. If you are the only active layman, I know that your pastor can use your sincere cooperation and wholehearted help. He will welcome your interest in doing visitation work with him. Perhaps he will let you go with him until you are thoroughly grounded in the job. If you have never made a call to sell someone the Gospel, by all means go with an experienced soul-winner. If you object on the grounds, "But I have never done this kind of work," please note that personally doing a thing—personally participating in anything—is the only way to really master it. We learn practically nothing by simply watching another do something, nor by merely reading some instructions. We must apply the things immediately or they are lost to us.

Perhaps some of the dads and boys can do work and play together in weekly or bimonthly sessions. Call it a boys club if you like, but remember to get as many dads busy with their boys as you can.

If there is a training class or possibility for organizing a training class for personal visitation, participate in it.

These things we mention in love that you too might look for our

Lord's return with gladness. I John 4:20-21, "If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."

PLEASE SUPPORT NATIONAL LAYMEN'S PROJECTS!

Laymen of the Brethren Church are beginning to realize their responsibility to our Lord. At conference our men talked about doing a greater job this year. We talked about giving systematically each month. We believe that if every layman would give 50c per month minimum to our projects, our projects would be met.

Last laymen's page, a suggestion was made for you to use any envelope for your laymen's offering until the special ones prepared by our treasurer, Walter Hoyt, 409 Leland Ave, Dayton 7, Ohio, reach your church. Please continue to do it. Soon envelopes will be distributed by a layman in your district to your church. If there are no envelopes in your church in the next few weeks, write to your district man. Check his name off on the list below:

Atlantic District—James N. Knepper, 29 W. Ninth Ave., York, Pa.
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 Midwest District—Don Brumbaugh, Portis, Kans.
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 Southern Ohio District—Herbert L. Edwards, 101 S. Union Rd., Dayton 7, Ohio.

A layman from the Michigan and the Northwest Districts willing to assume this responsibility should write to our treasurer, Walter Hoyt.



WHO AM I?

The Apostle John, in his Gospel, referred to himself as "that other disciple." I would prefer to be known as just another layman, but since I have been elected secretary of the National Fellowship of Brethren Laymen, some have asked "Who is that guy, anyway?" First of all, I am a born-again believer who is trying to make my life a witness and testimony for our Lord. I have only been in the Brethren Church about a year and a half, coming out of a church whose testimony has slipped into the ways of modernism. By trade I am a photoengraver. In church life I have served in almost every capacity with the exception of deacon or pastor. At present I am serving my local church in several capacities, one of which is serving on the building committee. The Brethren Construction Company is with us here in Wheaton, Ill., and how I get in their way!

This year was not the first that we were at Winona Lake, but it was the first I had attended the laymen's fellowship. Why they chose me as secretary, I don't know, but I will try to fill the job. To me it was refreshing to see such a group of men get together with a singleness of mind, to get things done for the Lord. Another thing I marvel at, and get great joy from, is the tremendous missionary vision our church has. May she never lose it. As long as she doesn't, and follows the Lord's "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations," then *He* will keep *His* promise, "and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."—Don A. Spangler.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

"Mommie, I sit with you in church dis mawnin'?"

"No, Ardyth," Dorotheann answered for Mother. "Mother will be singing in the choir. You'll sit with me. That will be nice, won't it?"

"You will be in the fire?" the two-year-old questioned Mother further.

"Yes, little missy," Mother replied with a laugh. "I've heard of choirs being called the 'war department' of the church, but this is the first time I've ever heard of them in terms of fire. Can you say, 'choir,' Ardyth?"

"Uh huh; fire."

"There's no use wasting time, Mother. She'll say 'fire' until she's ready to combine the 'c' and 'h' in choir."

"I suppose you're right, Dorotheann. I've never worried too much about the pronunciation of words of the little ones. After all, Ardyth is not yet three years old, and in general she doesn't do too much violence to the King's English. Aunt Betty thinks she has an excellent vocabulary for her age."

"Have many of us children had much trouble in pronouncing words when we were small?"

"No more than the average child has ever had. I think the unusual pronunciation little ones give to words sounds so cute."

"So do I. Anyway, I notice that when we grow up, we don't mispronounce words. Even at the age of five we can't get Althea to say some words the way she did when she was very small."

"You are very observant, Honey. Do you know why Althea and other small children will not go back to

incorrect pronunciation once they have learned to say a word correctly? It is because they *want* to grow up. People are born with the desire inherent in them to grow up. If you could do anything about your age, what age would you choose to be?"

"Oh, I'd like to be in my teens."

"Now do you understand what I mean by wanting to grow up? The only realm where people do not seem to care about growing up is the spiritual. The church in general is literally loaded with stunted, immature Christians. Unless the pastor runs from home to home with a spiritual nursing bottle many believers are disgruntled and troublemakers. And since they cannot stand on their own spiritual feet, they are a constant hindrance to the full growth and development of the church's spiritual life. We'd better get going. It's time for church to start."

At the dinner table, after the services of the Lord's Day morning, the family had a good chuckle over Ardyth saying "fire" for "choir." While the babies napped, Mother sat down for a few moments of study and meditation. She fell to thinking on the matter of "fire" in the church. From all she's ever observed through the years of her Christian walk, she is convinced that the last thing in all this world which the church needs is a fire department because there is very little spiritual fire in her. With an appalling lethargy and agonizing boredom the church of Jesus Christ just sits and lets a lost world go on its awful way to hell. And methinks the Bible-taught Brethren Church as a whole is more



than guilty of this sin. For year after year we have been taught the Word and have absorbed it like the sponge. Like the sponge, too many of us who claim to love Christ with a pure heart have to be squeezed before what we've taken in is let out for use.

Fire in the church? Oh God, send upon us the energizing power of Thy Holy Spirit and set us afire for Christ. Make us *want* to grow up and truly desire to *burn out* with the fire of God for the honor of His Son, our Saviour. Help us to say with the Apostle Paul: "... neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24).

Fire in the church? Yea, Lord; we confess there is a fire among us which is not pleasing unto Thee. That is the fire which must be quenched, and we pray Thou wilt give us the *want* to so that Thou canst cut out this cancerous sin. "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (Jas. 3:6, 8). No man, Lord, can tame the tongue and put out its fire. But Thou art able; give us grace to yield that member to Thee.

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WINONA LAKE, IND.



Accident, Md.

The Lord blessed during our recent revival meeting at Accident, Md., September 5-19. We feel as though this meeting was more far-reaching than any meeting we have ever had. We believe it has had an effect upon the entire community. Scores of unsaved were present at almost every service. Deep conviction and heartsearching was characteristic of every meeting. Two high-school seniors accepted Christ as Saviour and many others made various decisions.—*Evangelist Bill Smith.*

Just recently we of the First Grace Brethren Church had the blessing of having Bro. Bill Smith with us for two weeks of evangelistic meetings. The Lord blessed with excellent attendance and interest throughout the campaign. We are rejoicing especially in the first-time decisions, the renewed interest among our own people, and for the many unsaved who attended and heard the Gospel.

Pray that the church and pastor may be faithful in the follow-up work.—*Rev. Roy E. Kreimes, pastor.*

Uniontown, Pa.

The two-week meeting with Evangelist R. Paul Miller and Songleader John J. Burns has brought blessing to the Uniontown church. This was not a sensational meeting, as far as outward show and number of recorded decisions were concerned. It was a meeting which had good, solid gospel preaching, good music, and a concerted calling ministry. All of this resulted in 21 public decisions, an active and interested group of young people, increased interest in prayer for revival, the presentation of names of many persons to be prayed for, and a fine response at the close of the meeting to organize a Crusaders Band for definite soul-winning.

These results seem to be carrying over into the work after the meeting. Prayer-meeting attendance has increased greatly, the young people are more active than before, and

about 25 two-person teams are active in going out to do soul-winning. Praise God for this fine meeting, and for the wonderful strengthening it has brought to our church.—*Rev. Clyde K. Landrum, pastor, First Brethren Church.*

The First Brethren Church is now seeing the possibilities of its field as never before. Their present location cannot allow them to reach the many in their city who are not in Sunday school or church, and who are very responsive to the approach of our church and its message. Leading members are now looking toward a new location where they can retain their present group and also enter this fast-growing field. Look for good reports from this church soon.

Pastor and people are working together in the finest harmony. During the meeting a fine youth choir was formed, and they were about the most faithful group we have ever had. John Burns, our songleader, did a fine work with them. His singing and songleading were very fine.—*Rev. R. Paul Miller, evangelist.*

Wooster, Ohio

One of those unusual days of great blessing came to the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, Sunday, Oct. 17. The closing messages of a series dealing with the home and family were presented by the pastor. At the conclusion of the morning worship, approximately 85 percent of the congregation indicated that they were either already enjoying a family altar or would start one. It was a blessed service. In the evening worship, following the pastor's message, the film, "Faith of Our Families" was enjoyed. It gave practical instruction on how to meet various problems connected with the daily period of family worship. An added blessing was the rededication of a husband and wife who came for membership in the church. The attendances for the day were: Bible school, 269; morning worship, 253; evening, 178; BYF, 25.

The church continues its daily radio ministry, "Your Morning Devotions," from WWST, Wooster, Ohio. The broadcast for October 17 was No. 2536, without a day being missed since the broadcast was inaugurated in 1947.

Our laymen do not have an organized group but they do serve the Lord. As occasion presents itself, they meet and arrange necessary

procedures for special projects. Recently they sponsored "Cathedral Caravan" at the local county fair. A large tent and site were secured, necessary lighting, platform, and seating arrangements were made. Brother and Sister Ray Brubaker, with their caravan, moved in to present the Gospel in magic, music, and message. Continuous programs were enjoyed from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m. each day during the fair week. In addition to the Brubakers and their unique ministry, the program was supplemented with testimonies, special numbers, and the passing out of tracts and pencils by the laymen and young people. There were 26 public decisions for Christ made; these are being followed up by personal visitation by the pastor. In addition, there was a general goodwill and commendation for the laymen and the church for sponsoring, as one local minister said, "a spiritual oasis in a desert of sin." This is the fourth year of the fair project by the local Brethren men.—*Rev. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.*

Homerville, Ohio

We are thankful to God for the many blessings enjoyed during our week of meetings October 11-17. It was our privilege to have the Emmons Evangelistic Party, of Winona Lake, Ind., for our evangelistic services. Rev. Emmons preached the Word of God with great boldness and the Lord spoke conviction to many hearts. It was the best meeting we have had for several years, with an average attendance of 102 for the seven nights. God blessed us with three first-time decisions, four young people gave their lives for full-time Christian service, and there were a number of rededications. We thank God for these victories. It is our prayer that God will be permitted to keep this spirit of revival burning in our hearts, and that the communities round about may be reached for Christ.—*Rev. Robert Holmes, pastor, West Homer Brethren Church.*

Grafton, W. Va.

Sunday, October 10, marked the close of our evangelistic meeting with Bro. Bill Smith as the evangelist. The Lord was good to us in many ways, giving us excellent weather in the main, with an average attendance of 112. Nine first-time confessions and 21 rededica-

tions indicate that the Lord blessed the good messages. We can truly say we believe that the meetings were a spiritual uplift to us.—*Rev. Lee Crist, pastor, First Brethren Church.*

During the two weeks there were many special features. Various denominations in town were well represented and on one occasion a delegation came 74 miles to attend a service.

The two Saturday nights were devoted to young people. The response was thrilling; after these two services socials were planned.

It was a real joy on my part to work with Bro. Lee Crist again in a meeting. These fine people, with their pastor, are making plans to construct a new church building. Pray for them.—*Evangelist Bill Smith.*

Portland, Oreg.

It was a joy for Crusade Team Two to unite with Pastor Vernon Harris and his people in an effort for revival and soul-winning. Much preparation was made for the meetings, such as prayer bands, a great deal of advertising, and hundreds of visits made from house to house.

The "Happy Hour" under the efficient direction of Ralph Colburn, was featured four afternoons during each campaign. These efforts are greatly used of the Lord.

Rev. Harris is a capable and energetic pastor. He and his precious family are doing a fine job. The Lord greatly blessed our united efforts. To Him be all the praise.—*Rev. Archie L. Lynn, evangelist, Crusade Team Two.*

October 3 we concluded a very fine series of meetings with Evangelist Archie Lynn and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Colburn. All of the Christian people who attended greatly benefited from the straightforward Bible preaching of the evangelist. The Colburns were a boost and inspiration to the meetings with their ministry in music. We will long remember the testimony of these dedicated servants of the Lord in our midst.

The average attendance at all the services was 43. One adult made a decision of accepting Christ and 12 responded for prayer and rededication. A decision service was held for the Sunday school and 29 boys and girls stepped out for salvation and were dealt with by their teachers.

Norwalk, Calif.



The Norwalk Brethren Church reached an all-time high when 150 attended the Sunday school on Sunday, October 24. The picture above shows the group on a recent Sunday when for the first time the church met for all its services on their own premises (for 10 months the church met for all morning services in one of the nearby public schools). The Brethren Chapel is a portable building owned by the California District Mission Board, and has been loaned to the Norwalk group while their building is under construction. It is hoped that the new building will be ready for occupancy sometime near the close of the year.

The church had 53 in attendance when it first opened its doors in the

Norwalk area. Some 23 new members have been received into the church since then. The church is located in a new area of about 2,000 new homes. Most of the occupants are young couples, many of whom are ex-servicemen. Sunday, November 7, was our rally and homecoming day. At the 2:30 p. m. hour the public service consisted of the cornerstone-laying ceremony, in which a number of the pastors of the district participated. Dr. C. H. Ashman, pastor of the South Pasadena Brethren Church, was the speaker for the occasion. The Norwalk Brethren Church was formerly the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles. Rev. Henry G. Rempel is the pastor.

Afternoon "Happy Hour" services were held on four days of the last week with an average attendance of 105. There were 33 boys and girls who responded to the invitation to accept Christ. Invitations were passed out at three of the neighborhood grammar schools. The members of the team and the pastor made 330 calls in the community. Many other calls and invitations were made by the members of the church.—*Rev. Vernon Harris, pastor, Grace Brethren Church.*

West Alexandria, Ohio

A special service Sunday, October 17, marked a "mortgage-burning" at the Sampleville Brethren Mission.

The message at this service was delivered by Dr. Homer A. Kent.

Two ministers have been largely responsible for the founding and growth of the church, Rev. Sylvester Lowman, founder, and Rev. C. A. Flowers, present pastor.

Rev. Lowman, at 80, built and organized the mission in 1949, starting October 14, after seeing the need for a house of worship in the new settlement of Sampleville.

Lowman, a minister for 40 years, paid for the initial construction out of his own meager savings. The church was dedicated December 11, 1949.

Due to failing health, Rev. Low-

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In Memoriam

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NANNIE GORDON MILLER, daughter of J. H. Gordon and Susan Gordon, was born December 30, 1886, near Milan, Summer County, Kans. The Lord called her home June 22, 1954.

She was bedfast since November 15, 1953, suffering from cancer. Her suffering was very severe, often agonizing.

At the age of 10 she gave her heart and life to the Lord and was baptized in the Arkansas River at Nickerson, Kans.

Her life has been full of service for her Lord. Her prayer life was outstanding and very powerful, the results of which are not yet complete.

Her ability to impart knowledge of her Lord, strength of character, and a will and desire to serve the Lord, to the Sunday-school class of young people which she taught in several congregations, was amazing.

She was united in marriage to J. D. Miller September 1, 1907, at Nash, Okla. To this union were born six children, two preceding her to the throne of the heavenly Father.

Her testimony in the hospital was wonderful. She asked each nurse if she was a Christian. Those that were, she gave encouragement, telling them to be faithful in their Christian life, for it was the only life that gave real joy and contentment. To those that were not Christians, she talked about their soul in a manner that let them know she loved her Lord and was much interested in their soul's welfare. Some of them asked her to pray for them. If there was a patient on the floor that was not saved, she was much concerned about their soul. She prayed much for these, for some only had days to live.

Sister Miller was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church in Albany, Oreg.—*Rev. Glen Welborn, pastor.*

DENISE RANKIN, 20-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rankin, prominent and faithful members of the First Brethren Church of

Camden, Ohio, was accidentally killed on September 7, 1954. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor from the church on Friday, September 10.—*Dr. R. L. Rossman, pastor.*

CHARLES ELSWORTH BAKER, 76, was called home to be with Christ September 11, 1954, following a heart attack. Bro. Baker was a deacon of the Peru Brethren Church. He was baptized March 26, 1905, by Rev. C. C. Grisso, of the Roann Brethren Church, and ordained as deacon by Brethren H. H. Stewart and S. M. Whetstone. He also served as Sunday-school superintendent in the Roann church for many years. He was a charter member of the Peru Brethren Church. He was the father-in-law of Bro. John Hood, missionary under the Indiana Rural Bible Crusade.—*Rev. Ronald Robinson, pastor, Peru Brethren Church, Peru, Ind.*

WILLIAM MARSHALL VENTLING, long-time member of the Danville, Ohio, Brethren Church, passed away at his home in Glenn St. Mary, Fla. Brother Ventling was taken to be with the Lord on August 28 at the age of 78 years. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor.—*Rev. William Johnson, pastor.*

ARTHUR LEE BOLING, a 16-year-old member of the Danville (Ohio) Brethren Church, was the victim of a fatal hunting accident on September 18. Rev. Neil Beery assisted at the funeral.—*Rev. William Johnson, pastor.*

MRS. CATHRINE DEETER, member of the First Brethren Church of Clay City, Ind., was taken by death on Oct. 10, 1954.—*Rev. Ralph S. Burns, pastor.*

CHARLES SMITLEY, 75, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 19. He was a faithful member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. His faithfulness to the Lord will long be remembered in our midst.—*Rev. Ord Gehman, pastor.*

man called on the congregation to replace him with another pastor. Rev. Flowers became the new minister in 1951. Under his ministry the church has grown and there are now 50 members.

Glendale, Calif.

The First Brethren Church has won the "A" League championship for the third straight year. Jim Gordon, lanky, red-headed pitcher for First Brethren, struck out 17 Moose batters in a row in the Glendale City "A" League championship playoffs September 8 to lead his team to their third straight Glendale city championship. Brethren batters got hits in each inning for a total of 15 hits and 8 runs. Final score was 8-1, Moose getting their run in the first inning. Gordon struck out 19 batters in all.

Jim Gordon is also president of the young people's society, which has grown from an average of 20 to a high of 56 attending C. E. under his presidency.—*Rev. J. Keith Altig, pastor.*

Alexandria, Va.

Since coming here six weeks ago, we have felt the power of prayer constantly in our work, and the Lord has gone ahead of us and made ready the hearts of people so that when we called, they were interested in the gospel story. One fine young couple were so interested that they accepted Christ as their Saviour upon our first visit. They came forward in open confession of Him the week following in the evening service. They have been regular at all of the services and entered in the prayer time of the midweek prayer meeting.

A previous blessing was our rally day, October 3. Our Sunday-school superintendent, Wilbur Hess, and I set a goal at 130, feeling that it was reasonable. We were thrilled Sunday morning when the count revealed an attendance of 166.—*Rev. R. Wm. Markley, pastor, Commonwealth Avenue Brethren Church.*

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Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



Are You Thankful?

At this season what more appropriate question could we ask? Thanksgiving should be a time of rejoicing in praise to the God of all grace. To enumerate and properly evaluate His blessings is impossible. To praise Him is our privilege and spiritual responsibility.

The source of our manifold blessings as individuals and as a nation is Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Paul cried: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." So matchless, marvelous, and surpassing is this gift from God that the apostle could find no adequate words to describe Him. So should we be crying out in ecstasy of praise to our heavenly Father for Christ and daily benefits.

It is Christ who came to be the source of untold blessing to men. He heals and saves eternally the broken, sinful souls of guilty men. He breaks the power of vile habits and fleshly sins by His grace. He gives peace, joy, and assurance to meet sorrow and death. His mercies are new every morning, and His words fall like heavenly dew into needy souls.

Whether men believe it or not, the whole world and the universes revolve around Jesus Christ. He holds the reins of power and world authority in His own hands. No man or nation can dictate to Him nor can they change the course of human and national events without His permission.

It is Christ who will consummate this Age of Grace by rapturing His saints and then come riding down the heavens with His saints to do battle at Armageddon against the hosts of wickedness. Victory will be ours through Him.

Christ, the King of all the earth, will rule the world through the Millennium and the countless ages of eternity.

Shall we not then lift our voices in paeans of sincere praise to God for the gift of His dear Son?

The *guarantee* for our future blessing is in the revealed truth of the Word of God.

Through His apostles and prophets the Father has unfolded His revelation to men in a book, the words of which are verbally inspired and inerrant in the original writings.

This book not only outlines the plan of salvation simply but explains in detail all that is included in that salvation for eternity. It guarantees by the power of God that all promises will be literally fulfilled. There is no problem of life, no spiritual or physical need, which is not met in this blessed book—the Bible.

A sure word of prophecy, the Bible outlines in great detail the plan of the ages so that none need be in doubt as to the future of the nations or God's dealings with them. In a day of strife and confusion among nations the value of this assurance is incalculable.

The psalmist praised God for His precepts. Shall we

not also lift our hearts in adoration to the Author of this Book of books?

ARE YOU THANKFUL?

True, sincere thankfulness will make itself manifest in a practical way. God was not theoretical in the bestowments of His grace. Calvary was very practical in both method and results. The grave was real. The ascending Christ promised to return in person. True thankfulness must be as real and practical as the intrinsic benefits we receive.

Obedience to God in His Word and plan for our individual lives sums up the most practical thanksgiving we could present. This is as wide and varied as the total of our existence.

However, the heart of all of this is holy living and faithful witnessing. No matter what our lot otherwise, these are the key ways in which we glorify our blessed Lord. Glorifying Him is thanking Him!

America needs nothing more today than these two things!

A surpassing mission field, probably 159,000,000 people here need to see the practical power of Christ at work daily in the lives of Christians. Then they need to hear how to obtain this power for themselves. The latter includes sending the Gospel through Brethren home missions to the ends of our nation.

How can they hear and know without a preacher? The answer is, "They will not know without a preacher!" With probably less than *one true* testimony for Christ for *each 10,000* Americans, the task is almost too staggering and gigantic to contemplate. Yet here we have one of the world's neediest mission fields right at our doorstep. They need witnesses!

Crime-ridden, immoral, sexy, divorce-blighted, spiritually needy, and yet religious, America is not classed as a mission field by our average citizen. This failure to see our dire need is a satanic delusion which effectively throttles the testimony of even the true church in our nation. Millions of church members know nothing of the simple plan of salvation in Christ. Many thousands who actually are born again are doing little or nothing to reach lost America with the message of the cross.

In the face of the general spiritual laxity of the church, the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, through its home-mission arm, the Brethren Home Missions Council, is trying to meet the spiritual need of the nation.

The Thanksgiving season is the time when we gather in funds to establish and develop these churches. With new opportunities arising more rapidly than we can grasp them, we need the help of God's children as never before.

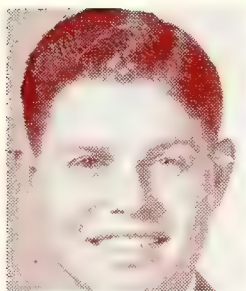
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REV. W. CARL MILLER
Pastor

Washington Heights Church Dedicated in Roanoke, Va.



REV. LESTER PIFER
Dedication Speaker

With all praise to our Lord Jesus Christ, on October 17, 1954, the pastor and people of the Washington Heights Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., were privileged to be the fifth home-mission congregation to dedicate ourselves and our beautiful new church building to God for His glory. We enjoyed an attendance of 165—the largest since the building was occupied last March. The Lord gave us a beautiful autumn day. We were indeed grateful for the presence of some of our Brethren from the surrounding churches at Buena Vista, Clearbrook, Covington, Ghent (Roanoke), Hollins, Radford, and Riner. There was also a fine host of friends from the immediate vicinity.

The stirring and edifying dedicatory message was delivered by Rev. Lester Pifer, assistant field secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council. All of the pastors of the nearby churches were present except the pastor at Hollins, who was away at the time. Rev. and Mrs. Stanley F. Hauser, of Conemaugh, Pa., and Rev. George Donahue, retired minister from Clearbrook, were also in attendance.

It was our privilege to have this building erected in the main by the new Brethren Construction Company. This building is a testimony to the fact that a good structure may be had at much less cost than would be expected from the ordinary contractor. In this company are men and their families who have but one noble mission, and that is to build better churches at less cost to the glory of God and the furtherance of the whole Gospel message as entrusted to us as Brethren. Ours was the first building completed by the full crew of five men. We thank the Lord for the spiritual, numerical, and financial blessings of this fine company of Brethren men and their families while in our midst.

Construction began in September 1953 and terminated in March 1954. The edifice is 40 feet wide and 65 feet long. Seating capacity of the sanctuary is 225, and is very inviting with its lovely beige coat of plaster (gift of a friend) and good lighting. To the right of the vestibule is a lovely nursery with a soundproof window looking into the auditorium. To the left, a stairway leads to the lower auditorium, which is divided into five classrooms, a kitchen, furnace room, restrooms, and a large assembly room now being divided to provide four more classrooms. To the north and east is adequate ground for a future educational unit, 40 by 100 feet, with much area remaining for parking. We thank the Lord that He led in the early purchase of these three good-sized lots.

We specially thank the Brethren Home Missions Council, the Southeast District organizations, such as the missions board, Women's Missionary Council, and

Sisterhood of Mary and Martha, the pastor and people of the Ghent Brethren Church, and all others over the brotherhood who have prayed and given in a monetary way to make this glorious occasion a reality.

Above all, we earnestly desire your continued prayer interest that we shall, by the grace of God, be used to meet the spiritual needs of this growing section. As you read these words, 100 new homes are going up in an undeveloped area within three blocks of the church. Will you help us to claim them for God?

Testimonies of Washington Heights Brethren

GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE

By Mrs. Paul McKee

The Lord has done great things for us. We give Him all the honor and praise. How thankful we are for a Saviour who saves us by His grace and also gives us a desire to see others know Him as their personal Saviour.

What a joy it has been to my heart to share the blessings in this home-mission church, for God has always provided for us through His people. Two verses of Scripture that have been a particular blessing are: "Where there is no vision the people perish," and "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace."

As we labor for Him, we pray that much will be accomplished for our Lord Jesus Christ, for "faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

GOD DIRECTED US TO WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

By Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brookman

We thank and praise God for His directing and leading us to move into the Washington Heights community just a matter of weeks after the Brethren church was organized there. My husband and I were baptized and received into a church at an early age. But we had no Christian background and knew nothing of the purpose for which Christ died. Never before had we heard the plan of salvation so plain that a little child could understand and be saved.

After hearing the Gospel proclaimed for about two months, I discarded the filthy rags of self-righteousness to receive the righteousness of God in Christ. In less

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**PICTORIAL
HISTORY OF
WASHINGTON
HEIGHTS
BRETHREN
CHURCH**

First meeting place.

*Groundbreaking
Service Sept. 6,
1953*

Bldg. Committee—

Mr. Richard Gregg
Mr. J. B. Huffman
Mr. B. H. Conner
Rev. W. Carl Miller
Mr. John Wright
Mr. S. M. Coffey
Mr. O. R. Keith

*Brethren Construc-
tion Crew at work.*

*Cornerstone-Laying
Service Feb. 7, 1954*

*Dedication Day,
Oct. 17, 1954.*

Congregation standing to repeat the Dedication Vows. Pastor W. Carl Miller leads, with Rev. Wm. Howard, Rev. Edward Lewis, Rev. Paul Mohler, Rev. K. E. Richardson, and Rev. Robert E. A. Miller also on the platform.

*Church entrance,
Rev. and Mrs. W.
Carl Miller, and
congregation.*



than a year my husband and two young sons also accepted Christ and have since been baptized and received into the church. This past summer my own parents surrendered to the Lord during our revival and became members here.

The blessings of service for the Lord in this work have filled our hearts and lives to overflowing with joy. That the Lord can use and has used our feeble efforts to lead some unto himself is enough for lives dedicated to His service.

Thank God for a church that puts forth His work in such a way that those who are searching may find rest unto their souls, even in God's Son, Jesus Christ.

WE ARE GLAD FOR THE BRETHREN CHURCH

By Mr. Herman Light

In the spring of this year my wife and I felt led of the Lord to join in the fellowship of the Washington Heights Brethren Church. We had lived in this community for eight years and had driven across the city to church where my wife and I were members.

We had visited the Washington Heights Brethren Church quite frequently for more than a year. Realizing that the Gospel was taught here according to the Word of God, we decided to worship and serve the Lord with these people. We have since been privileged to see two of our young daughters saved and received into this fellowship.

Ours has by all means been a deeper and richer faith. We praise the Lord for having raised up this church in our community, and pray that it might be the blessing to many, many more that it has been to us.

CHURCH IS AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

By B. H. Conner

Although we were enjoying the fellowship and ministry of the Word with the folks at the Ghent Church, several families who lived in the Washington Heights area felt led to pray during the past several years for a Brethren church in this community.

When the church was actually organized in November 1951 there were 16 members that transferred their membership from Ghent, several of whom were children. As new people came into the services and soon became faithful in attendance, our hearts were encouraged. Then as they, one by one, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, or as they renewed their covenant with the Lord, we besought Him that His blessing might be upon us and that we might know His will very definitely concerning the expansion of the work. The Lord has always supplied our every need. We know He will continue to do so. "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

OUR VENTURE AND VISION WAS REWARDED

By Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Keith

We praise the Lord that we heard His voice (Matt. 20:6). We were saved, safe, and satisfied (Rom. 3:24).

In the Ghent Brethren Church with our relatives and friends, after much prayer, we ventured out with God

Second Church in Mansfield

By Gene Witzky

Pastor, Second Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio

With a small group of Bible-believing Christians from other denominations and a few Brethren families from the First Grace Brethren Church, the Second Grace Brethren Church was established in Mansfield, Ohio.



Gene Witzky

It has been a thrill to see how the Lord has led this group, consisting primarily of young married couples. Services are now being held in a house which has been redecorated and converted into a place of worship. The actual church property includes almost four acres of land, as well as the church building. This new work is located between two

new housing areas in the southeastern section of the city of Mansfield within walking distance of the city bus line. The purchase of the church property has put an unusually heavy financial burden upon the church, but the Lord has wonderfully supplied every payment, as well as other needs.

Being a native of this city and a charter member of the first Brethren work in Mansfield, the pastor cannot help comparing the two works.

There was a time when his family made up a great percentage of the attendance in the first church. The joy of seeing this second church grow is surely indescribable. The First Grace Brethren Church has grown from a small home-mission church to a thriving, prosperous church of over 340 members. One can imagine what great things are in store for the Second Church as it comes under the auspices of the Home Missions Council in January.

As the church approaches its first anniversary as a Brethren church, we can see marked spiritual growth in our people, and a gradual increase in number. Realizing the tremendous prospects of the future, we can but pray that God will use and prosper the church, and that nothing may hinder its testimony and far-reaching results.

and a few friends into the Washington Heights Brethren work.

We have seen the glory of the Lord manifested in sending a pastor, in saving many precious souls, and in leading in the erection of our new building by the Brethren Construction Company. We praise His glorious name for these things. The Lord is really doing a wonderful work through our church. For example: Have you ever had a child say, "I have never heard about Jesus before," and then had the privilege of leading him to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? Only then can you begin to realize the joy we are having by having just a little part in the work that has been started here.

We still know that we are saved and safe, but will never be satisfied until our Lord comes to receive His own. *Praise the Lord* (Rev. 22:20).

We still have much to do for our Lord. Please remember us in your prayers.

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GOD'S CHALLENGE TO THE BRETHREN CHURCH IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

By REV. THOMAS HAMMERS

NORTHWEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

Editor's Note—This is a continuation of Rev. Thomas Hammers' Northwest District moderator's address. The first part appeared in the last Home Mission Number (Oct. 16) of the Brethren Missionary Herald. The address should be read in its entirety to get the magnitude of the challenge to the Brethren Church in this growing section of our home-mission field.

But to meet this challenge—

II. GOD HAS ALSO GIVEN US THE MESSAGE.

1. God has but one message for lost men the world over in this or any other generation. That is the glorious Gospel of Christ of which Paul declared: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation unto everyone that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

2. Paul has summarized this Gospel for us in I Corinthians 15: 3-4, where he writes: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

3. The message which God has given to us to deliver to lost men is set forth in the Scriptures as the infallible, revealed written Word of God. It carries with it the authority of "Thus saith the Lord." It is a message with which we dare not tamper. There still rings in my ears the oft-repeated words of the late Dr. L. S. Bauman: "It's in the Book—what are you going to do about it?"

There should be no fear, no hesitation, no wavering on our part in declaring the whole counsel of God—to proclaim the great fundamental truths of our Christian faith as set forth in part in the doctrinal statement of our National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. This must, without compromise, include the ordinances and practices taught in the Word of God and which have through the years been believed, preached, and practiced by the Brethren everywhere. We believe this great body of New Testament truth is largely *neglected truth* by the vast majority of churches in this day. So many times I hear people say: "Let's stick to essentials and quit fussing about so many nonessentials." If the word "essential" is to be interpreted as having reference to those things "essential" to salvation, I believe that we are basically in agreement with many of God's people through many of the various churches of the land. But if I understand the words of Christ at all, then the so-called nonessentials are very essential to a well-rounded Christian life and experience if it is to meet the New Testament standard.

Unless we as Brethren people are willing to reaffirm our stand 100 percent for the position of the Brethren Church as set forth in our doctrinal statement and prac-

tices, then I see no excuse for our continued existence as a Brethren denomination. Then we would do well to do as one minister in Seattle told me he was doing, and his example is being followed by thousands of men today.

We stepped into his relatively new church building. There was the altar, a trend appearing everywhere in present-day church architecture, demonstrating a reversal in Protestant thought to a doctrine that was repudiated by the Reformation. I asked, "Where is the baptism?" "Under the altar," he replied. "But since this is a *community church*, if a Lutheran family desires to have their baby christened, well . . ." We looked farther. Again I asked, "And do you still conduct the threefold communion service?" "Well," he said, "there are still a few of the older folks who want that kind of service and occasionally we have a special service for them, with the footwashing, the love feast, and the bread and the cup, but regularly we just have the bread and the cup."

As we concluded our tour of the church building, he said: "Do you know that I have never been happier in all my ministry than I have been in the last five years? And let me tell you—people of this area just aren't interested in doctrine."

Is this man's church growing? Indeed it is, at least numerically, for I understand that they of necessity must now build a large educational building to care for their growing attendance.

Beloved, is that the *price* we are ready to pay in order to build churches? As for myself, I want you to know that I came to the Northwest with absolutely no intention of compromising the truth as it is revealed in the Word of God and as I understand it and believe it.

In contrast, there was present at our last communion service a retired pastor of another denomination and his wife. They participated in the entire service. His testimony was heartening indeed. He said he had never heard or seen anything like it before and that it was one of the greatest blessings of his experience.

Millions of Christians know nothing of these blessings, being denied them today because those responsible to declare the whole counsel of God have left out some things.

I am reminded of a heading which appeared one time on an issue of War Cry, the Salvation Army's weekly magazine. It read: "This War Cry Is Planned, Not to Please Everybody, but Certainly to Suit Everybody." So it is with the message which God has entrusted to us. It is certain not to please everybody, but be sure it will suit the needs of everybody. God forbid that we should be more concerned with being "men pleasers" than pleasers of God.

Certainly there is nothing wrong with the message which God has given us. I fear the difficulty lies within ourselves. Possibly we need what the First-Century Christians had in their lives. In Acts 4:31 is this statement: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Oh, that we might have that same



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holy boldness and power present in that day, causing men to cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

If our church is to embark on a program of expansion here in the Northwest, as well as in any other part of the country, then we must have a positive message, know what we believe and why we believe it, and cease to be apologetic. The time has come for us to become militant and aggressive with God's message.

Be assured of this—communism makes no apologies for what it believes. Nor does Catholicism or Christian Science or any one of the many isms of our day whose beliefs and practices are not only un-Biblical but sometimes even ridiculous, and yet with every power at their command they herald their beliefs to the ends of the earth. If our message is true to the Word of God, then let's get it out. If it is not right, then we better change it.

III. GOD HAS COMMISSIONED US TO GO!

1. It would seem that by far the great majority of Christians have never taken the Great Commission seriously. They have limited obedience to Christ's command to just a few, whom they have preferred to designate as ministers, pastors, evangelists, and missionaries.

2. When Christ said, "Go ye," He was speaking to every Christian. In Acts 1:8, when Jesus said: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," He was speaking to every born-again child of God.

This command of Christ is not for us to debate. It is a command to be obeyed.

3. The task of evangelizing this generation for Christ can never be done apart from a wholehearted response on the part of every believer.

In spite of the fact that 59 percent of the some 160 million Americans claims some religious affiliation, there remains close to 70 millions of Americans who are utterly untouched with the Gospel.

Close to 45 million homes in our land have no connection with any kind of church. Not more than 20 percent of the population attends any Sunday school.

Be sure of this—we may have God's message for lost souls, and we may build houses of worship, but unless we get out into the homes of our towns and cities and communities, we shall never reach the people for Christ. We must go where the people are.

Clifford Hood, president of the United States Steel Corporation, speaking to 1,500 laymen in Pittsburgh this year, declared: "As a member of the steel industry, I can give it to you on good authority that you may have excellent facilities, and your product may be of superior quality, but, gentlemen, you cannot succeed unless you get out and sell as individuals. You cannot leave the job of evangelizing to the ministry alone."

Proof of his statement is evident in the phenomenal growth of Russellism, or Jehovah's Witnesses, as it is known today. Believe it or not, back about the same time this Northwest District held its first conference, a haberdasher in the city of Pittsburgh, assuming the title of Pastor Russell, set out to concoct a religion that would suit his particular fancy and philosophy of life. At his death, Judge Rutherford took up where Russell left off, until Russellism has now encircled the globe. Last fall some 126,000 members of the Jehovah's Witness group assembled at Yankee Stadium in New York City

for their annual convention. They came from all over the world. How do you account for the tremendous growth of this satanically inspired system? The answer, I believe, is to be found in the fact that it is the responsibility of every member of the Jehovah's Witness group to personally give of their time for the propagation of their faith. That is why you see them going door to door, standing on the street corners, everywhere spreading their heresy. Some give upwards to 40 hours a week to propagation, besides their other jobs and responsibilities.

I fear that we pastors, to say nothing of those within our churches, do not even give a fraction of that amount of time weekly to try and win souls for Christ.

If the human race did not reproduce itself, it would soon become extinct. The same would be true of every other form of life on earth. And unless Christians begin to reproduce at a far greater rate than they are now doing, Christianity will cease to exist as an important factor in the world. And unless we as believers in the Brethren Church begin to take our responsibilities more seriously, we will also cease to exist as Brethren.

Beloved, may God help us to be soul-winners. In that day when we shall stand in His presence, our greatest joy aside from seeing Him will be the joy of seeing those there whom we have had a part in winning.

But another factor in meeting this great challenge is seen in that—

IV. GOD EXPECTS US TO BE FAITHFUL AS STEWARDS.

1. Stewardship involves the right use of our lives, our talents, and our possessions. Basically, as a born-again child of God, all that we are or have, or ever hope to have or to be, belongs to God.

(1) Regarding stewardship of life, Paul reminds us "Ye are not your own for ye are bought with a price." Never has the need for dedicated lives been greater than today. While it is true that many doors are being closed to the Gospel today, nevertheless the population the world over, and even right here at home, is growing by leaps and bounds. The need for dedicated, qualified, trained leadership for the ministry and mission field was never greater than today—both for our home-mission and our foreign-mission work.

How we need to pray earnestly that God may thrust forth laborers from our own churches, that the Lord will call our young people to the greatest business in all the world.

(2) There is the stewardship of talents. Too often, I fear, we have left the impression that unless one is called to go as a missionary or to be a pastor there is no place of service. Instead, I believe one can be called of God to serve Christ as a Christian doctor, teacher, lawyer, dentist, machinist, farmer, banker, grocer, or any one of the many occupations open in this land. A recent Christian Life story tells of a governor who feels that God has definitely called him into politics. Certainly American politics could stand some Christian men in its ranks, men with convictions and boldness for Christ.

(3) Stewardship of possessions is a matter for which we shall all someday give an accounting before the judgment seat of Christ. I am wondering just how well Christ fares in most of our homes today when it comes to giving. As we look about our homes, into our closets, see the new car in the garage, operate all of our gadgets,

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and then each month send in the monthly installments—does Christ really receive that which belongs to Him. In the light of Malachi 3:8, could it be that we are guilty of robbing God? Praise God for the increased per-capita giving among Brethren people. But I am sure we haven't begun to see what could be accomplished if all the people in Brethren churches began to tithe.

However, tithing in itself is not enough. Many Brethren people are tithing, but their tithe is going to many different enterprises, which in themselves are good and may really be used of the Lord, but they are not Brethren. There can be no question but what the work of the Brethren Church would go forward at a pace unheard of if we as Brethren for just one year put all of our tithe into that part of the Lord's work which God has committed to the Brethren Church.

If we as Brethren do not support Brethren work, no one else will do it. Be sure of that. And since God has put me in the Brethren Church, I believe my first responsibility is to support the work of my own church. We pastors appeal to young people to give their lives to the Lord's work, and, praise God, many have done and are doing that very thing, but we are also responsible to help make it possible for them to go.

Brethren, let's be loyal and give Brethren first.

Aside from outright giving, there is still another manner in which we can help, and that is to begin to *invest some of our money in the Lord's work.*

In the past, people with savings have been invited to invest in almost every phase of America's expanding business, except the biggest business of all; namely, the Lord's business. Think what could be done to expand the Brethren testimony in the Northwest if \$100,000 were made available at once as investment funds in new churches—funds which would draw a fair interest rate and which would at the same time help to win souls!

Be not deceived, my friends. Do you realize that by far the greater percentage of congregations do pay their bills; that it is a known fact most churches came through depression days in the past with no higher percentage of failure than was true in secular business?

Doubtless in every one of our churches there are those with funds which could and should be invested for the Lord's work. Let us encourage our people to this end.

CONCLUSION.

1. Surely God has set us in the midst of one of the greatest mission fields in the nation. In addition to the millions of souls now within its borders, hundreds of thousands—yes, several million more—will be here within the next 10 years if Jesus does not come in that time. However, we believe the coming of the Lord draweth nigh and that truly the night cometh—soon—when no man can work. Surely the handwriting of God has appeared and the old world tonight has been weighed in the balances and found wanting. At any moment now, our Saviour may come. So let us go in haste to the task God has given us.

2. Before I close this message I wish to voice a matter of deep concern that has been upon my heart for more than a year now. That concern is well illustrated by the tactics of communism today simply expressed in three words: "divide and conquer." Slowly but surely communism has been spreading across the face of the earth in this manner. And, beloved, the same evil one

BRETHREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FAMILY



Left to right—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lathram, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Circle, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bailey, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rife.

For the first time we have gotten a picture of the entire Construction Company crew and their wives. The crew is now engaged in the construction of the new Grace Brethren Church, Wheaton, Ill. We are thankful for these fine Brethren families who are missionary families in every sense of the word. These are a part of the home-mission family we do not want you to forget. They are helping to make your Thanksgiving home-mission dollars go farther.

behind what goes on in the world is at work within the borders of every organized group of believers in the world today. Think not that our own Brethren Church is without danger.

Unless we humbly seek the face of God, unless there is true heartsearching and repentance of sin, unless fiery tempers are brought under the subjection and control of the Holy Spirit, unless there be less heat and more light in some of the discussions of matters on which we do not all see eye to eye, unless strained feelings and ill-will and resentment give way to a genuine love in our hearts for one another—the day may not be too far distant when the Brethren Church will find itself torn asunder, and brother will be set against brother and churches divided within themselves. and Satan will have scored another victory. Beloved, we Brethren cannot afford the luxury of another division, nor can we indulge the folly of compromise. Rather, ours is the responsibility before God that regardless of the cost we shall seek to maintain the unity of the Spirit. This may at times prove very humbling, even humiliating, to some of us. But I am confident that if Christ be given the preeminence, the blessing of God beyond all our expectations shall be ours until Jesus comes.

God has set before us the challenge. What are we going to do about it?

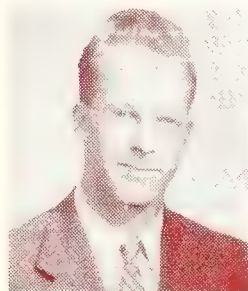
We think we have a unique idea for recording progress in our home-mission offering. A large map of the United States has been made, and we are taking an imaginary trip from New York to Los Angeles, figuring it to be about 3,000 miles. We are letting each \$1 represent 10 miles of progress and when the trip is completed, we will have given \$300, or 40-percent increase over last year.—Tom Inman, pastor, Denver, Colo.

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SUNNYSIDE BRETHREN AID NEW WORK AT GRANDVIEW

By Harold D. Painter
Pastor, First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." So said King Solomon many years ago. How true it is in the life of a church today! We thank God for the vision of the Brethren in the Sunnyside, Wash., church. Looking to the neighboring city of Grandview, the vision was of a "famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11). Grandview, a growing city of over 2,500 souls, a town of many churches, but a town with a very definite need.



Harold D. Painter

The story of the new Brethren church at Grandview, Wash., is a story of the vision and then the sacrifice of many of the Brethren at Sunnyside. On March 9, 1954, the pastor was invited to the apartment home of the Lloyd Woolmans in Grandview, there to meet with 15 people for the first Brethren Bible class to be held in the town. Right away there was talk of establishing a Brethren church. Within a few weeks the Woolmans' apartment was outgrown and the class moved to the home of Mrs. Clara Fuerst.

One day, while "spying out the land," a vacant schoolhouse was noticed which was ideally situated as the location for the church. After much searching, it was found that the owner was a next-door neighbor to the pastor's home in Sunnyside. Soon an agreement was reached to rent the building, then followed many hours of work, with many hands taking part, renovating and remodeling, and finally, on September 12, the first services were held with 54 present for the worship service at 9:30 a. m. That afternoon the building was dedicated to the service of the Lord.

As yet we do not have an evening service on Sunday. The unified morning service, arranged so the pastor can bring the sermon at the Grandview church and then hurry back to Sunnyside in time to start the morning worship service there at 10:50. The service in Sunnyside is broadcast over a local station from 11 to 12. This broadcast has been used of the Lord to help with the starting of the Grandview church.

Rally day was held October 24, with 88 present for the worship service. Following the Sunday-school hour, a fellowship dinner was enjoyed by over 100—many coming from Sunnyside and Harrah Brethren churches. An informal "sing" was held in the afternoon.

Now the challenge at Grandview is threefold: (1) To reach out into the community with the Gospel. One family has accepted our wonderful Lord and was baptized in the Sunnyside church. (2) To get our own building. The building now rented can be bought, but has to be moved. (3) To get a full-time pastor on the field.

The Lord through His people has already supplied cushioned hardwood pews to completely seat the main auditorium, a beautiful carpet to cover the entire platform, a pulpit, songbooks, and a piano for our worship services. The different rooms in the basement have been the projects of Sunday-school classes and individuals

in the Sunnyside church. They have redecorated and remodeled these rooms besides providing an organ, all necessary chairs and tables for the primary department, which meets in the basement.

BRETHREN CHURCH IN LAND OF GOSHEN (IND.)

By Herman H. Hein, Jr.
Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Goshen, Ind.

The question has been asked: "Is there much of a challenge in Goshen since there are so many churches there already?" In answer to such a question, this article is being written.

Yes; there is a great challenge! In spite of the fact that there are many churches in this city of 13,003, there are still vast numbers of unsaved in and around Goshen. We have not touched the fringe of the city proper as yet because of limited time and only a few short months on the field. We have covered the area completely for at least three or four miles around the immediate area of the church, which is located about four miles southwest of Goshen.



Herman H. Hein, Jr.

In a canvass of this area, we found about 50 families out of 300 who are either unsaved or unchurched. We know we will not be able to win all of the families for Christ, but some of them are becoming interested already, and regular contact is being made with about 25 others.

When we get into the city proper to canvass, we know we will find a large percentage of these folks who are unsaved or unchurched. May the Lord bless us as we prepare to do this work, and as we search out the lost.

We have already made many contacts within the city. At least six families have been reached and won for the Lord Jesus Christ, and they in turn are trying to win others. This only adds to the challenge when we realize how many more can be, and should be, won for Him.

Besides those who are unchurched in this area, we find a great number of those who are dissatisfied with the modernism that has crept into their churches. Already several families have been added to our group because of this. The main reason for this unrest is the RSV and the National Council of Churches of Christ of the U. S. A. However, there are other un-Scriptural actions in some other churches that are causing unrest. We welcome these folks who are taking their stand for Christ, and believe the words of Paul in II Corinthians 6:17: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you." When they come out, we will receive them. However, our main burden and effort is for those that are unsaved, that we may reach them for Christ before it is too late. It is my urgent plea to all who read this article that you will heed this request: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:38).

FREMONT, OHIO, INCLUDED IN A GREAT INVITATION

By Granville Tucker

Pastor, Brethren Chapel (Colored), Fremont, Ohio

"Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat" (Isa. 55:1).

The word "come" indicates an invitation to appear. The Prophet Isaiah was making an appeal to the people of Israel to come back to God. They had been lured away by the mercantile habits of Babylon, but the wealth of Babylon would not satisfy the soul's craving.

"Come" is the call to every one that thirsteth. The first word, "ho," is a command to stop. We must first stop and get the attention of the thirsty ones; then they can be pointed to the one who is able to quench their thirst. Jesus started at the age of 12 to be busy about His Father's business (Luke 4:14-15). The field was truly white for harvest (John 4:35); He began to invite all to come unto Him (Matt. 11:28). Yes; we have a great field here in Fremont. They are just as white today as they were in the days when Christ was on earth. God is now giving us a great opportunity to



Granville Tucker

be testifying for Him here even if it is in our home town. The Lord seems to be opening the door to the young people of our city. They seem to heed the call more than their elders. He is beginning to show us that it means hard work and *staying* on your face before Him in humility. The work is the Lord's, and He will work in due time.

"To the waters." Water is used to wash and to cleanse (Ezek. 36:25; Heb. 10:22). Water cannot wash away our sins. Only the blood of Jesus can cleanse us from all sin. We being a home-mission church must and will go forth witnessing by the leading of the Holy Spirit to every son of Adam. I know that God will save to the uttermost.

Our group is on the increase. We have had three new converts during the last two months. Last Sunday was thrilling. We divide our Sunday school into three groups. Our living room is used for our seniors, the dining room for the juniors, and the kitchen for the beginners. You should have seen the beginners around the kitchen table working like busy bees! Yes; the Lord is blessing our group. When our new location is provided for our church, we are trusting that the blessings of God will be greater. We are praying, trusting, and hoping that God's Word will reach many more thirsty souls.

West Covina Harvest Changes From Oranges to Souls

By Marvin L. Goodman, Jr.

Pastor, West Covina (Calif.) Brethren Church

In the immediate vicinity of the lots which have been purchased for the erection of our church building in West Covina, thousands of the finest orange trees in the world have been uprooted and burned just in the past few weeks. One thinks of the fine harvests of oranges which are now lost forever. Yet there is a far more solemn thought. Those orange trees are being replaced by thousands of people as great new tracts of houses are being built, seemingly without end. Here is a greater field of harvest. Truly a harvest of souls will be more wonderful than a harvest of oranges. The West Covina Brethren Church is being entrusted with a place in that harvest. Will the harvest be realized or will souls be lost forever through lack of testimony?



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How are the needs of a vastly increased "spiritual market" being met? There are eight to ten churches either already built or with construction under way. And the heartrending fact is that only a few of these churches are presenting the message of the glorious redemption which is ours in Christ Jesus.

As calls are made from house to house in the new residential areas by the faithful members and the pastor, we find that a majority have not yet established themselves in any church, although many say they expect to do so. An invitation is given to worship with us, but all too often a fleeting smile is the only answer as we explain that we are meeting temporarily in a Boy Scout hall. Our Sunday school is growing, as the children are not so particular as their elders about the niceties of a building. But the challenge for our church is to begin construction on our church building *now*. Within the next six months probably 300 families will be moving into homes within a radius of two blocks from our church location, and another 1,000 families within a radius of a mile or two. (This is in addition to the thousands of homes established in the last three years.) What greater privilege we would have to reach these people with the Gospel if we could invite them to our own church home! We trust that through the prayers and gifts of Brethren people, this challenge will be met.

THE NAVAHO MISSION SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

By Miss Angie Garber

Two months of school have passed in Navaholand and we are rejoicing in the goodness of our Lord and the victories He gives us in our work for Him here. The dorms are filled with brown Navaho faces with dark Navaho eyes. Twenty-six active children keep life interesting here at the mission, to say the least.

How I wish you could each have the privilege of visiting our school! We have eight new pupils and the rest are in grades up through the fourth. Some of the work they do even surprises the teacher. Often we hear the complaint that the work is too hard; yet we know that is not work which does not challenge the intellect. In a year or two these children of the desert can look back and consider the little hills they are now ascending are nothing in comparison to the mountains which lie before them.

Our school hours are from 9 until 4, and still we could use twice that amount of time to teach these children who have been so long neglected. Of course the learning does not stop at 4 o'clock. Twenty-four hours a day these native Americans are under our care, and our responsibility is great, reaching beyond the physical and mental to the spiritual.

Our theme verses for the year are Psalms 25:4-5: "Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day." We then use the little prayer chorus taken from these verses. For one period in the week the older pupils are reading through the Gospel of John, thus learning the language of the Scriptures. We find the old hymns of the church rich in meaning for the children; so we have learned "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Perhaps one reason teaching out here is such a joy is the interest shown by these Indian children. They are eager to see progress and work hard to be approved. They enjoy writing their thoughts, and in this way we get a clearer idea of their ways and outlook on life. "On Friday night I . . ." or "I like school because . . ." are good beginnings for some interesting and revealing

stories. Sometimes the language is expressed more in Navaho style than in English, but that only makes it more realistic.

School is a privilege and blessing to these Navaho children, a place of nourishment and shelter. On Friday nights they go back to their heathen homes, to drunkenness and fear, to evil and sin. They must be strong to



Miss Angie Garber, teacher, and the 1954-55 class of Navaho students.

overcome the evil and tell forth the Gospel of the risen Saviour. Pray for them that they may always live for the Lord and have the victory over heathenism and sin.

Pray for us, too, that we will have the wisdom required to understand and help them, the patience and strength to do the will of the Saviour, and the victory and joy that comes from His Spirit working through us. What a wonderful task we have of being witnesses for Him!

New Housing Developments Need New Brethren Churches

By Charles Underwood

Pastor, Stearns St. Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

The city and surrounding areas known as Lakewood in California is the fastest growing residential area in America!

A few years ago the Carson Park Company, a construction and promotion corporation, offered the huge May Company of Los Angeles a new city of 50,000 population within a given area if the May Company would in turn build a shopping center to adequately take care of the needs of such a city. The deal was made, the homes were built by the thousands, the shopping center—magnificent in every respect—was erected, and almost overnight the village of Lakewood became a large American city.

South of Lakewood proper, and known as Greater Lakewood, is the area known as Los Altos. This is also a city. Mr. L. S. Whaley, an enterprising carpenter, arranged for some land from the Bixby family and the Montana Land Company and, taking advantage of the FHA financing plan, began to build the first residential unit of Los Altos. This firm is now building its 18th unit on the last portion of land available in the area. The newest addition to this area is the \$4,000,000 department store being built at the very heart of the shopping center by the Walker Department Stores, Inc.

East of the Los Altos city and south of Lakewood proper is another subdivision known as Lakewood Plaza.

The Alton Construction Company has the reputation of building the finest tract homes in the world. Most of these homes are three- and four-bedroom types with two baths, and have been sold to veterans with no down payment. South of this section, with the permanent facilities now under construction, is the new Long Beach State College. The college already has an enrollment of over 3,800; it sets on a hill overshadowing the entire area and promises to be one of the outstanding centers of learning in California.

In the very heart of this greater Lakewood area is located the Stearns Street Brethren Church, which has been referred to as the Los Altos project. For the most part, the schoolbuilding in which we have been holding services has been almost inaccessible. The streets have not been finished, bridges have been needed, and the general public has not known of the church. Despite the handicaps the church has grown amazingly fast. This growth has been due to the fact that we have had several other Brethren churches in the area and many of their people having moved into the Lakewood area were glad to join a new church and lend a hand in establishing another testimony for Christ. Others have come from



Architect's Sketch of New Los Altos Church

denominations not having a testimony in the area, while others have come because they like the teachings of the Word of God.

With all the natural advantages and with a population of at least 100,000, the Los Altos church should become one of the strong churches in the denomination. The growth of this church will simply depend on our taking advantage of the opportunity that lies before us. Pray for us, brethren.

The Brethren Church Should Be Growing With Florida

By Ralph J. Colburn

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A lot of people are wondering why a couple who are practically native Californians are going to far-off Florida to start a new church. We have already been jokingly called traitors to the Golden State! Believe us, it is not the lure of the climate! Although I am sure Florida has a lovely climate, we will have much to get used to—humidity, greater summer heat, and lots of rain. Neither is the glamour of the State our reason for going. There is doubtless plenty of that, and no area in the United States equals it as a tourist attraction. Nor could we say that we are going there for lack of anything else to do!

But we are going, Lord willing, and soon. Our first reason is that we have felt strongly that it was the call of the Lord—over and above the call of natural inclination to settle nearer home, or in some more familiar area. But there have been other considerations which have convinced us that it was His call.

Florida is a growing State, and doubtless will continue to grow more rapidly than many other places, industrially, agriculturally, and otherwise. And there are far too few churches there which have a Bible-teaching ministry even approaching that of the Brethren Church.

Florida is thus an open door for the Brethren Church. We have an opportunity to "grow up with the State." The Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." It will not be easy to start Brethren churches in this area, where our name and doctrines are unknown, and where a few large denominations are



Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Colburn

particularly strong. But it can be done. It will not be easy to be the most isolated Brethren church in the States (about 800 miles from the nearest sister church) but perhaps that will spur us to greater zeal in getting others started nearby.

And Florida has a faithful, earnest group of believers who are anxious for a Brethren church in Fort Lauderdale. They have already made real sacrifices in order that they might have a church there. They have already been very patient and persevering to this end. So that is the logical place to begin. Note, I say "begin," for I will be somewhat chagrined if the Lord tarries and we do not have the makings of two or three other churches in the State within a couple more years.

Florida is a challenge which under God we are accepting. "Brethren, pray for us" as we go about the first of the year.

THE BRETHREN CHURCH GROWS WITH HOME MISSIONS

Thanksgiving

By Evan Adams

Thanksgiving time is traditionally a period of heaping up the fruits and harvest bounties of the past growing season and rejoicing in the fullness of the storehouse. The first Thanksgiving celebration in our homeland was an autumn feast attended by the Indians out on the New England wooded hills with their new neighbors, recently arrived from the Old World. From the natives of the new land the American Fathers obtained the corn, squash, and pumpkins and the knowledge of their growth to provide that first Thanksgiving. As the red-skinned visitors came to the small village they learned of the God who had provided the bounty and how to give thanks to the Sustainer of life. Today the same elements symbolize the Thanksgiving period: the harvest native to the American fields blended with the scene of people bowed in prayer of thanksgiving.

In the Past

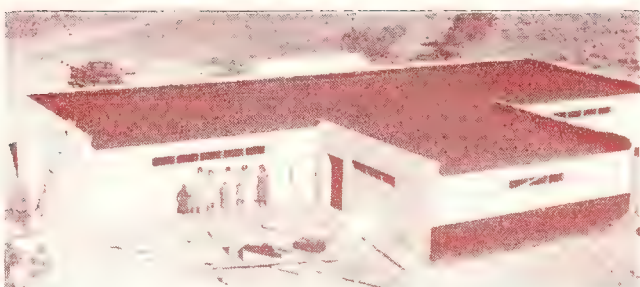
The year 1954 offers much at the Brethren Navaho Mission and Boarding School for which to give thanks at this period of the fall. Five years of struggles and growth has shown a harvest of Navaho Indians brought to the Lord as fruits of the planting of the Word: "So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God giveth the increase." Of the many Navahos confessing their belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the atonement for their sins, 19 have entered the waters of baptism in the act of obedience and testimony to the fact in their lives. Much seed has been planted and watered in the lives of others in whom there is yet no sign of fruit of the Spirit. Here, too, it must be God that will give the increase. Many children have been fed daily on the Word of Life for the four years of the school's operation. There will be a future harvest unto the Lord for future thanksgivings.

Another bounty of the year is the new schoolbuilding which has been needed for so long. It now stands on the site nearly completed, after a summer of disappointments and difficulties in the construction program. It was another lesson to the mission staff that "God giveth the increase" in spite of how much man tries to do in his own strength.

This is a true period of thanksgiving among the Navaho people of northwest New Mexico. It has been one of the wettest summers in their history, providing abundance of grass for the sheep and goats. Horses are fat for the first time in many years. The corn crop from the small plots cleared out of the sagebrush has yielded the largest return ever known to some of the people. The mountainsides are yielding a bumper crop of piñon nuts from the pine trees. Pumpkins, squash, corn, and turnips have been given to the mission by the neighboring people as a token of the bounty.

What About the Future?

Thanksgiving time is always a time also to think of the future. The Indian lays aside the best ears to be used for seed corn for the coming spring. Each squash cut up for roasting first yields its seeds to be dried and



Top—The new schoolbuilding under construction. Bottom—Tom Sala, Jimmy Pinto, Martha Sandoval, Lola Keetso, and Esther Thomas, the last five Navahos baptized, making a total of 19 for the past year.

saved for the next planting season. He cannot be content with one great harvest to sustain him over a period of years. Planting and harvest is a continuous cycle through the years, some lean, some plentiful.

The Lord's work must take its lessons from the earthly examples of our environment. Much work lies ahead for the mission. We cannot be content with the harvest of five years' work when so much yet is undone. Almost daily there are requests for enrollment in the mission school; yet no more beds are available and there is only one teacher to handle the overflowing classroom from non-English-speaking beginners to the fourth grade. Many times we are asked: "Why don't you visit my camp more often?" There are too many daily manual tasks to do to allow for much visitation. Each week presents some new medical needs among the people for which we are not equipped. Each day new-born babes in Christ go unfed because there isn't time to impart the Word at each isolated hogan. Each month some old Navaho is laid to rest in the hard-packed earth of New Mexico without the hope of eternal life.

Plowing of the hard ground, planting of the seed, and watering of that seed requires many helpers, much money, much equipment. As you lay aside in your storehouse this year the abundance with which the Lord has blessed you materially, don't forget that as a recipient of the blessings of eternal life you must aid in the work for the future harvests. Planting and harvest is a continuous cycle through the years, some lean, some plentiful.

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TRACY, CALIF. Rev. William H. Clough went to be with the Lord on November 9. Mrs. Clough, in a telegram to the Missionary Herald, said her husband died from a heart condition. Brother Clough was pastor of the First Brethren Church.

KITTANNING, PA. There were 144 present to establish a new record at the Sunday school of the North Buffalo Brethren Church on Oct. 24. Rev. Donald Rossman is pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Rev. Wayne Baker, of Jenners, Pa., was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Oct. 31. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

NAIROBI, KENYA, AFRICA (E/P). Kikuyu tribesmen are returning to mission stations in growing numbers, giving hope that the churches are making progress in the fight against Mau Mau terrorism. In one recent week, 2,500 Meru tribesmen who had once taken the Mau Mau blood oath came forward with written statements that they had renounced the dread vow and disassociated themselves from the terror organization.

HAGERSTOWN, MD. The Atlantic District overnight youth rally was held at the Grace Brethren Church Nov. 1-2. Rev. Dean Walter was the guest speaker.

CORRECTION. As a result of incorrect copy being sent in, a mistake was made on page 36 of the Brethren Annual. The vice president of the Northern Ohio District WMC is Mrs. Walter Crawford.

CONEMAUGH, PA. Rev. H. W. Nowag was guest minister at the Conemaugh Brethren Church Oct. 17 and 24. Rev. Stanley Hauser is pastor.

EVERETT, PA. There were 200 present at Sunday school on Oct. 3 at Everett Grace Brethren Church. A building committee has been elected, and plans are under way for the erection of a new Sunday-school unit. Rev. Homer Lingenfelter is pastor.

ROANOKE, VA. The Southeast District laymen's rally was held at the Ghent Brethren Church on Nov. 5. Rev. Robert E. A. Miller was host pastor.

LEAMERSVILLE, PA. The old church bell of the Leamersville Brethren Church is to be shipped to Africa to be used in the Bossangoa Brethren Church. Rev. C. B. Sheldon will ship it with his freight when he returns from his furlough. Rev. Robert Crees is pastor here.

DENVER, COLO. (E/P). Charles Murphy, new code administrator for the nation's comic-book industry, promised to rid the newsstands of comic-book "trash." He told a press conference that all horror and terror comic books "have to go," and characters in the books will be dressed in a manner reasonable to society.

RITTMAN, OHIO. Dr. Raymond Gingrich, president of Akron Bible Institute, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Nov. 7. Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., is pastor.



CLAYTON, OHIO. The Palermo Brothers had charge of the morning service at the First Brethren Church on Nov. 7. Rev. Clair Brickel is pastor.

WINONA LAKE, IND. A "special train" to Portland, Oreg., for delegates to our National Fellowship has been suggested by the laymen. The Brethren Missionary Herald has assumed the responsibility to determine how much interest there is in the proposal. To date only four have responded. Unless there is greater interest manifested, the suggestion will be dropped. For details, refer to Oct. 16 issue of Missionary Herald (p. 674).

LEESBURG, IND. The Indiana District youth rally was held at the

This issue of the Missionary Herald has been mailed to 10,577 addresses around the world and will be read by at least 20,000 people.

Leesburg Brethren Church on Nov. 12. Rev. Nathan Meyer is pastor.

TAEGU, KOREA. Capt. Orville Lorenz, one of our Brethren ministers serving as a chaplain in the armed forces, was recently presented with a Bronze Star Medal for his



meritorious service in Korea. The picture shows Lt. Col. Robert L. Whitefield (left), commanding officer of the 25th Station Hospital, congratulating Chaplain Lorenz after the presentation.

OSCEOLA, IND. "Uncle Bob" Pollock conducted a week of evangelistic services at the Bethel Brethren Church Oct. 10-17. Rev. Scott Weaver is pastor.

WHEATON, ILL. Dr. John R. Rice, editor of the Sword of the Lord, has announced the Third Annual Evangelistic Sermon Contest for which \$1,000 in prizes will go to the 13 winners. Any Bible-loving minister is eligible to enter the contest. The deadline is Dec. 1. Detailed rules will be sent by Sword of the Lord, Wheaton, Ill.

LOUISVILLE, KY. (RNS). Radio station WGRC has dropped all beer advertising, and even baseball broadcasts have been sponsored by Southern Baptist churches.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Evangelist
North English, Ia.	Nov. 15-28	Clarence Lackey	Richard DeArmey.
Leamersville, Pa.	Nov. 16-28	Robert Crees	Mickey Walsh.
Harrisburg, Pa.	Nov. 17-28	Conard Sandy	Harold Etling.
Inglewood, Calif.	Nov. 22-28	Glenn O'Neal	Jim Vaus.
Camden, Ohio	Nov. 28-Dec. 12	R. L. Rossman	Bill Smith.
Washington, Pa.	Dec. 14-23	L. E. Rogers	Bill Smith.

Five Minutes With Your Herald Editor

Arnold R. Kriegbaum

What Happened at Evanston?

As the dust settles around Evanston, Ill., one can more clearly see the aims, purposes, and accomplishments of the recently held ecumenical conclave known as the World Council of Churches.

The theme of the assembly was "Christ, the Hope of the World." However, little did the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches (WCC) realize when they selected this theme at Toronto in 1950 that it would divide rather than unite their ranks.

Under the banner, "Christ, the Hope of the World," 160 denominations assembled for the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches August 15-31 at Evanston. Representatives from every continent, even from behind the Iron Curtain, registered for this "momentous" conference. The President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, was a key speaker. The assembly was a conglomeration of theologians, ranging from conservatives to semiconservatives, from liberals to ultraliberals, and from legalists to modernists, the last two groups being in the majority.

The main aim of the Second Assembly was the unification of Christendom. However, the conference had been in session only a short time when there was open debate on the floor on the subject of the second coming of Jesus Christ. Sharp theological differences were evident. The aim was unification, but the result was disunity. The Archbishop of Canterbury, one of the six presidents of the Assembly, voiced the feeling of many when he stated: "We have done absolutely nothing, and done it exceedingly well."

The fact is that while the theme "Christ, the Hope of the World" was the absolute truth, yet the WCC, which is strongly dominated by American liberals, is not agreed on the person and work of Christ himself. For the WCC to display such a theme over their rostrum in Evanston while the delegates wrangled over the person, words, and work of Jesus Christ, reveals a spiritual dilemma characteristic of liberalism.

While this second attempt at the

unification of Protestantism apparently failed, we can be assured that we will see many more attempts. And what is more, it will ultimately succeed. Will this not be the very plan of Antichrist? The Word of God teaches that in a period of absolute world chaos, when all things are upside down politically, socially, economically, and spiritually, the Antichrist will arise as a great world ruler. By sheer power of his dominant personality he will gain support of the political and economic world. Following this, he will gain support of the apostate church, finally setting himself up as the object of universal worship. To accomplish this, there must be a world council of churches which would disagree on the person and work of Christ, but which would agree that Antichrist is their redeemer. "And [he] deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by the sword, and did live" (Rev. 13:14).

Be not deceived! That which was attempted at Evanston will be repeated, and ultimately the satanic scheme and plan will succeed.

All Signs Point in One Direction

Our government has done its part to encourage the "ecumenistic" (one church) spirit of our day. Dr. Elton Trueblood is the representative of the United States on religious matters. As Chief of Religious Information of the United States Information Agency, Dr. Trueblood has appeared before religious bodies all over the United States. His undeniable favoritism to the WCC, and his public statements unquestionably classify him with the ultramodernists of our nation. For our government to support such a representative for religious matters is a breach of the principle of separation of church and state, inasmuch as his statements do not represent the belief nor the attitude of all Protestants. Dr. Trueblood is the type of liberal theologian in America that activates the WCC.

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day is our oldest national holiday. When we gather around the turkey and yams on November 25, we can be assured that this holiday, unlike so many others, has not lost its identity through commercialism.

The first Thanksgiving was held in the autumn of 1621 at Plymouth, Mass. However, it was not until June 20, 1676, that a council held in Charlestown, Mass., declared June 29 as a day of solemn thanksgiving.

On November 7, 1777, the Continental Congress authorized December 18, 1777, as a day of thanksgiving.

The first Presidential proclamation was issued by George Washington, which set aside November 26, 1789 as Thanksgiving Day. However, this proclamation did not legislate a national holiday. Except for James Madison, few Presidents gave attention to the precedent of declaring a national day of thanksgiving.

During the Civil War, Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, an editor from Philadelphia, visited Abraham Lincoln and urged him to declare a national day of thanksgiving. On October 3, 1863, Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation which made Thanksgiving Day a national holiday. Although the fourth Thursday in November is traditionally Thanksgiving Day, officially the date is set each year by Presidential proclamation. Inasmuch as our President has proclaimed a day of thanksgiving for 1954, let us, as never before, thank our blessed Lord for His manifold blessings and grace.

Show Your Thankfulness

Thanksgiving Day to the Brethren Church means home missions! We praise God for the aggressive home-mission program that is being so mightily blessed of the Lord. The least we can do, to show our thankfulness to God, is to give our largest offering to assist the Brethren Home Missions Council in their commendable program of establishing home-mission churches.

GOD'S WILL IN

THANKSGIVING

By REV. RUSSELL H. WEBER

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
Hagerstown, Md.

Most dictionaries define the word "thanksgiving" thus: "The act of rendering thanks, or expressing gratitude for favors or mercies." The world is quick to give thanks for any favors or mercies, but when adversity comes, there is resentment and cursing. When all is well with us and with our friends, it is easy to be thankful; when we have financial reverses, physical pain, mental agony, and other setbacks, we often find it difficult to be thankful.

For the one who would know real blessing in thanksgiving, an understanding of the Scriptural meaning of thanksgiving is essential. Paul, in writing to the Thessalonians, says: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:18). It is certain that none but those who are "in Christ" can rightly give thanks; others give expression to sentimental feelings, and they do not comprehend the spiritual values and blessings in Scriptural thanksgiving. There are three things that need to come to our attention so that we might intelligently give thanks according to God's will.

1. The Meaning of Thanksgiving.

In the passage quoted above (I Thess. 5:18), we find a word in the original that is closely akin to the word "grace"; it is the word *eucharisteo*, and Thayer defines it: "To be grateful, feel thankful, to give thanks." Now this definition may seem close to that of modern dictionaries; however, it is to be observed that "giving thanks, feeling thankful, or being grateful," implies rather a condition of the individual than an expression only. There are times when we express thanks for certain blessings, or definite experiences, but these sporadic expressions only serve to reveal the true character of the child of God.

In Romans 1:21 we read of those who were void of thanksgiving: "Because that, when they knew God,

they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful." The record tells us that "God gave them up." Thanksgiving, therefore, can only be genuinely true in the lives of those who recognize God as the Creator, and who receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Our next consideration is—

2. The Magnitude of Thanksgiving.

It is true with many of God's children that thanksgiving is not always a predominant characteristic. We, like the worldling, so often speak our thanks only when we have recovered from some illness, or when our pay check is unusually large, or when other similar things happen to us that we designate "good." Again, your attention is drawn to the passage before stated (I Thess. 5:18), and we find the words *en panti* are translated in the Authorized Version, "in every thing." This implies that thanksgiving in its magnitude includes the grace God has bestowed upon us, as well as what may seem adverse to us. We are to be thankful in every point, every matter, or situation.

If we would learn that every experience we have is either ordered or permitted by God, we would be able to face every situation in the spirit of thanksgiving. We must learn to thank God for sickness; it draws us closer to himself. We must learn that adversity is a blessing and that it serves to show us that we need always to rely upon our Saviour. "In every thing" means exactly what the words imply. Now, ask yourself the question, "Am I thankful in every situation, or only when things go well?" If you are able to answer in the affirmative only to the last part, you are not realizing God's will for yourself in thanksgiving.

Let me point out another truth in respect to thanksgiving. "In every thing give thanks." Notice, thanksgiving is not a matter of choice. The

passage does not say, "If you feel so inclined, in every thing give thanks," or, "In every thing give thanks if you have time." Thanksgiving for the child of God is to be a constant attitude that expresses gratitude to God for "every thing." This brings us to the concluding thought—

3. The Manner of Thanksgiving.

How shall we thank God acceptably? Does God hear us when we express our thanks to Him? From our passage (I Thess. 5:18), we may learn something of the manner of thanksgiving. If we will note the preceding verse, we will see that we are to "pray without ceasing." Not a few expositors seem to feel that verses 16-18 form the complete thought, and that God's will for us who are "in Christ Jesus" is that we "rejoice evermore," "pray without ceasing," and "in every thing give thanks." Certainly, the child of God is one who *can* rejoice evermore. We can and should rejoice always for the hope that is ours in Christ. "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" (Phil. 4:4).

It is also interesting to note that prayer and thanksgiving form a couplet frequently used in the Scriptures. "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Col. 4:2). "In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving" (Phil. 4:6). These and other passages clearly indicate that the manner of our thanksgiving should be in rejoicing and in prayer. God is pleased with such thanksgiving, and He will hear us.

In conclusion, God's will should always be the first concern of His children. We would have fewer problems about knowing God's will for our lives if we would live in God's will in thanksgiving. What is God's will for me? His will for all His children is that we rejoice, pray, and in everything give thanks. May God help us to see clearly this simple formula for a life that can issue forth in blessing to all men.



IN THE YEAR 1620 our forefathers landed on the shores of America, our beloved country. They desired freedom of worship to God, for they were God-fearing men and women. Their life had been one of persecution, hardship, and trial. But through these experiences they learned to depend upon the Lord and were able to thank Him for all His benefits to them. After the first crop was harvested in the year 1621, a day was set aside for prayer and thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessings. Surely this pleased God.

We are exhorted in the Word of God to thank Him in everything. "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:18). Since the first thanksgiving day was held, many people have forgotten what the Pilgrims believed and practiced.

The Sin of Ingratitude

One of the great sins many Christian people are guilty of is ingratitude. How often we are inclined to receive blessings from the hand of the Lord but fail to praise Him as we ought.

It is the will of God in Christ that we give Him thanks in everything. Many of us are like the lepers in the story recorded in Luke 17. Do you recall how 10 lepers met Jesus as He passed through a certain village? They all cried out for Him to have mercy on them. The Lord heard their cry and healed them of this most dreadful disease. But only one of the ten returned to thank Jesus for what He had done for them.

Jesus said to the one man who had come back to tell him "thanks," "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" Surely our Lord was grieved because of the ingratitude of those men. Is He not grieved today when we fail to thank Him?

In Everything Give Thanks

Can the child of God give Him thanks for everything? Can we thank Him for trials, hardship, adversity, sickness, material losses, and even death in the family? Yes. Regardless of our circumstances, God has instructed us to give Him thanks "in every thing." When we realize the great truth of Romans 8:28-29, we can lift up our faces to the Lord in praise and thanksgiving. No mat-

ter what our circumstances may be, our trials and testings only serve to bring us nearer to our wonderful Saviour. Often God uses adversity to teach us valuable spiritual lessons. Let us learn to praise the Lord for all of our trials and testings.

We read in I Peter 4:12-13: "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

The great men of the Bible were men who always thanked God for everything. David was one who continually expressed his praise to the Lord. Psalm 100:4-5: "Enter into his gates with *thanksgiving*, and into his courts with *praise*: be *thankful* unto him, and bless his name, for the

Lord is good." Daniel seemed to be one who always praised the Lord in every circumstance of life. Daniel 2:23: "I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers." Daniel 6:10: "[Daniel] kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God."

Paul, the beloved apostle, continually praised God and rejoiced in the Lord. He literally praised God for his troubles. For it was through them he was kept humble and usable as a servant of God in reaching precious souls for Christ.

As we approach the thanksgiving season again this year, let us remember these words: "In every thing give thanks." Also let us make every day of our lives a day of praise to God for all He has given us in Christ. Surely every day should be one of thanksgiving, in every Christian's life, until Jesus comes.



The Sin of Ingratitude

By REV. EDWARD BOWMAN

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IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

Hebrews 13:15—"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

It is as much the duty of the Christian to give thanks to God as to pray. If we take the command, "Pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17), we must also obey the command, "In everything give thanks" (see Eph. 5:20; Col. 3:17).

Thanksgiving Day gratitude is good, but everyday gratitude is better! The heart is indeed insensible that does not recognize the blessings that come daily from God. It is possible to count the trials and afflictions that come into one's life, but it is impossible to count the blessings. They come to us so constantly that we often overlook and forget them.

Thanksgiving is not merely lip service but life service as well. Thanksgiving is really *thanksgiving*. We give the best to God when we reveal our thankfulness in our daily life. One day out of the year is not sufficient to thank God for our blessings. It must be a 365-day matter. God expects our thanks. Have you ever expected something and been disappointed because it never came? Let us not disappoint God. Only one leper out of ten returned to thank the Lord for cleansing. Let us not keep company with the nine.

We have so much to be thankful for these days. With the Apostle Paul, let us always find it in our heart to thank our heavenly Father for that great Unspeakable Gift, the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour and

King (II Cor. 9:15). Words failed Paul when he tried to express thanksgiving for Christ, his Saviour. All he could say was, "He is the unspeakable gift."

Let us also thank God for salvation—a threefold salvation: we have been saved from all our sin, we are being saved from the power of sin right now, and some day, by His grace, we will be saved from the very presence of sin.

When we look about us and see chaos and confusion, we should thank God for preservation. Wonderful is the way God preserves His own.

Man is so feeble in comparison with the agents of destruction round and about him. We live amid cold, heat, vapor, storms, electricity, hurricanes, and the like—any one of which is sufficient to destroy our bodies in a moment of time. Then there are manifold diseases ready to take hold of our bodies and to destroy us. How thankful we should be that God has preserved us. God shall preserve us until our appointed time, and even then God preserves His own, for on the resurrection day He shall bring His own back to life again. This mortal shall put on immortality. Then we shall live on for all eternity.

Then, let us constantly thank God for His abundant provision. Turn in your Bible and read with me Psalm 147:7-9: "Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: who covereth the heavens with clouds; who prepareth rain for the earth; who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. He giveth to the beast his food and to the young ravens which cry."

God is constantly working to provide man and beast with provisions for life. God finds a way to care for His creation. He gives not only the necessities but also comforts for this life. God is good to each one of us!

Never partake of food which God has supplied without giving thanks. Do not be ashamed to thank Him in public. Jesus did this (Matt. 15:36). Paul did it also (see Acts 27:35). It is interesting to note that the ship was sinking, it was time to flee, but

Paul paused amid that fearful storm to ask God to bless the food. Food always tastes better and is enjoyed more when we thank God for it.

There are so many things to thank God for constantly: the Bible, the privilege of prayer, the privilege of witnessing, for our loved ones and friends, for our church—just to mention a few.

The question is asked, "How may we express true gratitude to God for all His blessings?" Worship is one of the best avenues of expression. Of old, saints would enter the temple with their instruments of music and songs of praise, and the glory of the Lord came down and filled the house. It has ever been so; when God's people came with their worship, God was able to pour out more blessings.

Service is another way of expressing real gratitude. The psalmist asked the question, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?" (Psa. 116:12). How thankful we should be that God permits us to serve Him! It should never be how much of God's work should I try to get away from doing, but, "Lord, use me more and more." With this thought in mind and heart, let us preach, teach a Sunday-school class, lead devotions when we are asked, give a testimony, and, as the Lord enables us, let us serve Him.

A grateful heart is also a penitent heart. The goodness of God ought to lead us to repentance and a forsaking of a life of sin. His goodness should lead us to holy living.

God's grace is like the loaves and fishes He fed the hungry multitude—it never becomes exhausted; or like the widow's pot of oil—keeps on multiplying.

Our chief work in heaven is going to be praising God. Let us get into the habit of doing it now on the earth.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



By **WILLIAM A. STEFFLER**
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THANKSGIVING

As we approach the Thanksgiving season it is with humble and thankful hearts that we turn once again to Him who has permitted us not only to live to the present time but that we have been privileged to work together with Him.

Consulting once again the history of the founding of our beloved country in which we are privileged to live and work, the place to which our blessed Lord has seen fit to call us, we are reminded that it was for the privilege of "freedom of worship," a blessing of which they had been deprived, that prompted our forefathers to come to this country. Although ours is far from a Christian country today, it is the privilege and blessing for us to still worship as we believe the Word teaches—something that is not allowed in many countries at the present time.

When we see the wickedness, we just marvel at the grace and patience of our God, and wonder how much longer He can put up with the present conditions. Knowing that Satan is the god of this world, we can't expect anything different of the world, but we should take notice when the churches that are supposed to stand up for the right are denying the virgin birth, the atonement, and the personal return of our Lord. Brethren, it is time for us who believe these truths to wake up and take our stand on the Lord's side.

We in this part of God's vineyard are afflicted with almost every kind of false religion, but we are not so much alarmed at these, for our Lord warned that these would come in the last days. It is the departing from the faith of the church founders of our larger denominations that saddens our lives. A Methodist minister said to me recently: "If John Wesley were to come back today and see how far we have departed from the original statements of faith, he would hang his head in shame that he ever started our church." Yet that one is still in and supporting the program of that church.

Although the picture is dark from that point of view, we still have cause for rejoicing. We have One at the helm who understands. Thanks



be to Him, this can't go on forever, and we who know Him have something far better to look forward to.

Paul, writing to the Philippians in chapter 4, verse 4, says: "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice." Yes; there is much cause for rejoicing. It is not given merely as a blessing but a command, and as we read the context it is made plainer to us that we should not waste the time in worrying, but redeem the time in rejoicing. Some long-faced solemn-looking Christians are poor advertisements for Christianity; such as one boy put it: "If that's what Christianity does to a fellow and makes him feel like that fellow looks, I want no part of it."

The Christian should be the happiest person in the world. Since he has not been deprived of any of his former pleasures that were worthwhile, and he now has the peace of God in his heart, he can enjoy life looking forward to something that is far better than anything this world can offer; so why worry?

Let's notice three things in this statement by Paul:

1. The Duty. He commands this twice in this short verse. In addition to above reasons for rejoicing, there is that deep-settled peace in our soul. A peace that the world knows nothing about, yet is striving to bring about by peace conferences, and the like. Real lasting peace comes only in knowing God and serving Him.

2. The Sphere—"In the Lord."

- a. In His atonement (Rom. 5:11). At-one-ment with the Lord Jesus Christ. In His prayer in Gethsemane He mentions the fact that we are

one with Him as He and the Father are one. So few Christians realize today the great privilege that is ours in Christ Jesus. Read again Romans 8:17. Even if we have not come into our inheritance yet, it is awaiting us and some day we shall be with Him and be like Him. The outlook must be pretty dark for those who no longer believe in the efficacy of the shed blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Even God himself could not make it plainer that there is no other way to get into His presence except the blood-stained way.

- b. In His righteousness. No righteousness of our own could ever get us into the presence of a holy God, so there must of necessity be some way other than that. When we believe on Him, He not only takes our sin upon himself, cleansing us, but imparts to us His righteousness. Except our righteousness exceeds that of the Pharisees, we can by no means enter the kingdom of God. What was the righteousness of the Pharisee? His own good deeds. Romans 4 gives us a wonderful lesson on "In His Righteousness."

- c. In His faithfulness (Phil. 1:6). Most of us are unfaithful creatures. If He were only as faithful to us as we are to Him, I'm afraid we would be missing many blessings that we now enjoy. We can be confident that He will keep every promise He has made. Can that be said of you?

Read again Philippians 4:4-7, then turn back to II Corinthians 9:15 and again thank God for the fact of John 3:16.



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GOD'S REASON

for

THANKSGIVING

By REV. SCOTT WEAVER

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America's superstructure was built upon faith in Christ and thankful hearts. However, our great nation has been shifting, and the question now is, "How long can it stand?"

We need again to be established in God's Word and to be thankful for the many material and spiritual blessings that God has given unto us. Perhaps you are asking yourself the question, "What have I to be thankful for?" Let us consider together for a few minutes Psalm 103. The entire psalm is speaking of praise for a merciful God.

The psalm may be divided into two parts: verses 1 and 2, the call for praise, and verses 3-22, the reasons for praise. The psalm begins with the word "bless," which is a strong term speaking of praise, gratitude, and thankfulness that is to be given unto the Lord. We should bless God! It is possible to fail to praise God himself while we praise His Word, works, ways, and gifts. This praise is to be given with the soul, for man's soul was made to praise God and to fellowship with Him. It is sin and ingratitude that sever man's relationship with God. We should praise Him individually. The term "soul" expresses faith and not mere works.

The call to praise includes "all that is within me." The psalmist is calling to all our faculties: heart, will, affections, and emotions. God is worthy of all the praise which the entire man can offer. America may say, "I am thankful," but how does she express it? Our people are neg-

lecting the Lord Jesus for pleasures, excesses, materialism, and commercialism. If we should take the profit out of the Lord's Day, many businesses would completely forget it.

When the psalmist asked that we "forget not all his benefits," he was reminding us to remember especially how God dealt so graciously with our sins through the blood of Jesus Christ, and with Him supplied all our needs.

The second part of the psalm suggests the reasons for praise. Forgiveness of sin is the first reason. This kind of forgiveness is with God alone, for none can forgive sin but God. God's forgiveness for sin is full, free, and everlasting, and was provided by His giving of His only begotten Son.

A second reason for praise is found in the phrase "who healeth all thy diseases." Sin is the disease that is referred to. It is called a disease because it destroys the moral beauty of the creature. It causes pain and sorrow to the human body, soul, and spirit. It disables men for the service of God and, finally, it leads to eternal death. Praise God that provision has been made for its healing!

In verse 4 we are asked to praise God for His redeeming us from destruction. Three curses of man have been removed through the blood of Christ: the guilt of sin is removed, corruption because of sin is cured, and condemnation as a final result of sin is averted. After salvation God no longer sees and treats us accord-

ing to our sin, but sees and treats us with beauty and honor, for we read: "Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies."

Our physical needs are all supplied through Christ Jesus. Verse 5: "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles." This experience is for every child of God. We are told this same thing in I Peter 5:7: "Casting all your care upon him: for he careth for you." Paul also reminds us of this fact in Romans 8:32: "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Praise God that He cares for His own both physically and spiritually! David gives us examples of this precious truth in verses 7-9.

In verse 10 we have a very precious promise and truth that we certainly ought to praise God for. "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities," for we deserved death and eternal punishment, but "He laid on him the iniquity of us all." If we accept this provision, we in turn receive "the gift of God, eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Verses 11-13 tell of the height, length, and depth of divine love for the child of God. How we need to be grateful for this love!

Verses 14-18 reveal the infinite God and finite man, and this in turn directs our attention to verses 19-22, concerning the sovereignty of God.

At this Thanksgiving season, let us remember the plea of the psalmist and go before the throne of grace to "bless the Lord . . . and forget not all his benefits."

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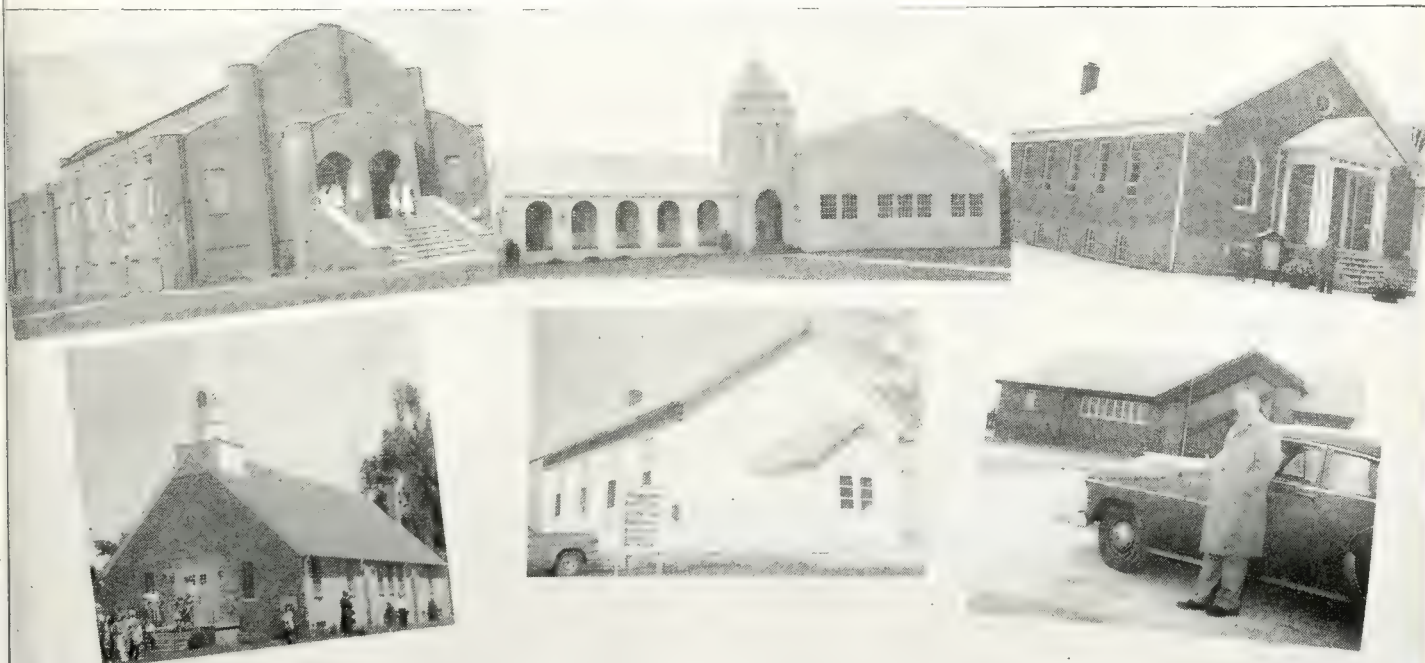


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A few of the many Brethren home-mission churches whose pastors received their training at Grace Theological Seminary



The Real Results of Seminary Training

The educational number of the Herald this month is the first of a series designed to show the work those trained in Grace Theological Seminary are doing in the various branches of the Lord's work in the Brethren Church, and to some extent, outside. Even those of us at the school have been surprised by the results of this bit of research—surprised to see how many of those who are now serving Christ in Brethren pastorates, home and foreign missions, Christian education, and publications have received part or all of their training at Grace Theological Seminary. Let it be distinctly understood that none of us at Winona Lake for one moment believe that training at Grace is a necessary requisite for a place of service in any church or under any board. Your editor has been president of the board of directors for the Brethren Home Missions Council for several years, and although he is also associated with Grace Seminary, he has always insisted strongly that men should be considered primarily on the basis of their ability to do the job regardless of the institution into which the Lord may have directed them for their training. Some of our finest pastors and missionaries have been trained elsewhere. But, Brethren, the fact still remains—and it is certainly verified by statistics—that we cannot depend upon other institutions to fully take over the task of training our young men and women for Christian service. As a matter of fact, they are not doing it. Take from any of the various aspects of our work those who have been trained at Grace Seminary, and our church would be poor indeed. It is with the earnest desire that you may realize something of the vital contribution our school has made to our churches, missions, and educational programs, that the material in the next three educational numbers of the Herald is being prepared. These, we believe, will show something of the real results of seminary training, and the real fruit borne because so many of you have been faithful in giving to make such training possible.

Grace Seminary and Home Missions

Just now, as the period of the special appeal in behalf of home missions merges with that which has been set aside for Grace Theological Seminary and College, we join in saluting home missions and present the alumni and former students who are now engaged in work under the direction of the Brethren Home Missions Council. The two center pages of the magazine this week display the pictures of 42 Grace-trained men and women now in home-mission work. Thus, the school has made a vital contribution to our home-mission program. Your gifts to Grace Seminary and College at this time will continue to equip young people for the tremendously important task of carrying the Gospel to needy cities and towns throughout America, and your gifts to the work of the Home Missions Council will continue to provide places of service for these young people when they have completed their schooling. Grace Seminary

and home missions are one! Continue to support both with your gifts.

The Front Cover

On the front cover of the magazine this week are pictures of just a few of the home-mission churches manned by Grace-trained men and women. It was impossible to include on a single page pictures of all such churches, but those included are sufficient to remind us that the school has played a vital role in the building of our splendid home-mission program.

Articles You Should Read

Most of the contributions in this number come from men and women whose pictures are to be found at the center of the magazine. These have been selected to show how the alumni are working in almost every phase of our home-mission program. Read all these brief articles. You will find them varied and intensely interesting.

Encouraging Letters

An Ohio pastor writes—"Please send us 200 copies of the Heart-to-Heart Letter which we received in the mail from the president of the board. We wish to use them for distribution to the members of our church."

An isolated member in Minnesota writes—"A few days ago I sent in a donation to Grace Seminary, but am glad to add this small amount to it. I would like to have a supply of the monthly envelopes and send at least a dollar a month, for I am greatly interested in the seminary."

A Christian brother, 87 years of age, writes from Trenton, N. J.—"Enclosed you will find \$1 to help with the current expenses of the school. I think it is a good plan to give a little, and nobody will feel it. Please mail me some envelopes as I . . . am too far away from Philadelphia to join the Grace group, being 87 years of age."

A lady in Indiana writes—"Enclosed is my gift of \$20 to you for your monthly gift plan. If you will send me the envelopes, I will send them to Grace Seminary. The growth of the enrollment record each year is very gratifying to see in our fine Missionary Herald. How much more it must be to see the eager young people preparing in their new college and seminary work."

A missionary from Africa writes—"I do praise the Lord for the instruction which I received in Grace Seminary and am sending a small gift. I wish it could be larger. I think that it is wonderful for the young folks to have a school like Grace College to attend."

A lady in Indiana writes—"I'm too old (92 years) to pledge for anything. . . . But on January 10 I sent you \$10, and in August I gave \$25. Now I'll send a check for \$25, and that will make \$60 this year, or \$5 a month for the school. . . . I will help some as long as I live or can. May the Lord bless you in the work, and may you be able to keep on, is my prayer and wish."

Dr. McClain Presents W. H. Griffith Thomas Lectures at Dallas

Editor's Note—The following item was taken from the September-October bulletin of Dallas Theological Seminary, where our president, Dr. Alva J. McClain, had the honor of serving as special lecturer November 9-12. Many will be interested in knowing that the material used by Dr. McClain will be included in one of the volumes on Christian Theology now in process of preparation. Pray for Dr. McClain as this work continues.

Dr. Alva J. McClain, president of Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., will present the W. H. Griffith Thomas Lectureship for 1954, November 9-12. General subject of the lectures will be "The Greatness of the Kingdom."

The lectures will be presented in the Lewis Chafer Chapel at the chapel hour at 10 a. m. each day. The public is welcome to attend these lectures.

Dallas Seminary also will present Dr. McClain in an evening series of public lectures at 8 p. m. November 9-12 in Chafer Chapel. The subjects of these messages are as follows: Tuesday—"The Tragic Blunder of Legalistic Religion"; Wednesday—"The Root and Fruit of Christian Growth"; Thursday—"Why Does God Permit



Dr. McClain

His Children to Suffer?"; Friday—"The Particular Will of God and How to Find It."

Dr. McClain's Thomas Lectureship series on the kingdom will be published in Bibliotheca Sacra, theological quarterly of Dallas Seminary, during 1955. The material also will be included in a forthcoming volume on the kingdom as a part of a series of volumes by Dr. McClain on Christian theology.

Dr. McClain has served as president and professor of theology and apologetics at Grace Seminary since its founding in 1937. Previously he had a wide experience as an educator in Bible institutes, colleges, and seminaries.

A graduate of Occidental College as a Phi Beta Kappa and of Xenia Theological Seminary with the Th.M. degree, Dr. McClain has been honored with the D.D. degree from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and the L.L.D. degree from Bob Jones University.

Dr. McClain is the author of two books, "The Outline and Argument of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans," and "Daniel's Prophecy of the Seventy Weeks," and of many articles, monographs, and pamphlets.

The W. H. Griffith Thomas Memorial Lectureship was begun in 1926 as a memorial to Dr. Thomas, an Anglican scholar associated with Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer in the founding of Dallas Seminary. Dr. Thomas died the summer preceding the opening of Dallas Seminary, in which he was to serve as professor of systematic theology.

Since 1943 the lectureship has been sponsored by the alumni association of Dallas Seminary.

OFF FOR AFRICA!



At Farewell Party for Cones

Three more of the Grace Seminary family are now on their way to French Equatorial Africa as missionaries. They are Rev. and Mrs. George Cone, Jr., and Miss Rosella Cochran, who left New York on November 12 for France. After a period of study there, they will go on to the field. A farewell reception was held for the Cones after church on Sunday evening, November 7, at Winona Lake, where they are members. The church presented them with a set of beautiful plastic dishes.

Shown in the accompanying picture are (left to right): Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adams, of Des Moines, Iowa, parents of Mrs. Cone; Mrs. George Cone, Jr.; Kimberly Joe Cone; George Cone, Jr.; George Cone, Sr., seminary superintendent of grounds; Mrs. George Cone, Sr.

Our best wishes and prayers go with the Cones and Miss Cochran as they enter this new field of service.

CARING FOR DISEASE-SICK BODIES AND SIN-SICK SOULS

By Rosella Cochran ('54)

Soon after I received my degree I began working at a hospital where the R. N. assumed a great deal of responsibility. Many times I have been called to the bedside of one in great distress. With confidence I would observe the symptoms and then proceed to carry out those nursing procedures and doctor's orders which would bring a sense of well-being to the patient. I was able to do this because I had been properly trained, and through experience had learned to administer the proper care.

After the Lord called me for missionary service in Africa, I came to the realization that I was not so adequately prepared to deal with the sin-sick soul, or the new Christian who had spiritual problems. I knew that I must have training in order to properly handle the precious Word of God.

It was at Grace Seminary that I was privileged to sit under the instruction of those who have devoted their lives to the study and teaching of God's Word and other subjects which would fit one for full-time Christian service. It was at Grace Seminary that I had the joy of fellowship with others of like faith. It was at Grace Seminary that I heard the inspiring and challenging messages from noted Bible scholars from various sections of our nation.

It has been good to have been in Grace Seminary. I praise God for the school, and I wish to give a personal "thank you" to each one who has shared in making it possible for me to receive training which is so essential to one who is in the service of the King.

HOME-MISSION LEADERS, WORKERS TELL HOW GRACE

A CLOSER LOOK AT GRACE SEMINARY AND COLLEGE

By Lester E. Pifer

Assistant Secretary of Home Missions

It has been one year since the call into missionary service in the field of home missions brought us back to Winona Lake. Things have changed. God has answered prayer. The progress is greatly evident in the growth of Grace Seminary and College.

It is thrilling to see more and more young people being led into full-time service each year. More and more young people have felt the need for definite, positive Bible teaching along with their secular training. Surely God has directed that this school should meet the increasing need. To see these young folk with eye singled to do the will of God in their lives is certainly encouraging in the face of an expanding need for missionary service at home and abroad.

The fellowship and devotion to Christ is very evident in and about the school. One cannot fail to see and feel a definite spiritual atmosphere radiating from these young lives. The use of the prayer room, the attendance at prayer meetings, or a visit to the classroom or dormitory room certainly brings one to a conclusion that these folk mean business for Christ. Recently a gas-station attendant testified to me about a student that happened to drop in when he was in need of prayer. Recognizing this need, the student boldly offered prayer for the attendant. This is just another incident testifying to the fact that this student body has a definite influence on this community. Brethren people everywhere ought to pray that each student may be used in a greater measure in the future.

One cannot minimize the need for further expansion and development of this school. A gymnasium, dormitories, dining facilities, and other buildings will be needed as God continues to pour out His abundant blessing. Let us pray that Grace Seminary and College will have a greater influence on America and the foreign-mission fields as more and more adequately qualified students go forth to honor and serve Christ. May Satan never succeed in dimming our eyes to the future of this school and its ministry of teaching, molding, and preparing young evangelists of the cross of Christ.

GRACE HELPS ME TEACH

By Angie Garber ('51), Cuba, N. Mex.

I praise the Lord for the precious time of fellowship and study I had at Grace Seminary, and for the teaching I received. I am thankful that the Word was made plain and simple and yet revealed a profoundness which cannot be fathomed this side of eternity. How wonderful it is to be able to teach secular subjects in their spiritual setting, honoring the living Saviour and coming Lord. It takes real wisdom to make the Word so simple that children can see the great doctrines of our faith, but these Navaho children truly grasp the wonderful gospel message, even in their simplicity, and it is thrilling to have them give it back to us in such force and directness. May the plain word of Scripture never be dimmed by the philosophy of the world at Grace Seminary.

FROM HEBREW CLASSES TO HEBREW PEOPLE

By Bruce ('49) and Leanoire (ex '49) Button
Los Angeles, Calif.

Our first impression of Grace Theological Seminary is centered around advice we received from one of the professors. In substance, he said to us: "While you are at Grace, everything except the welfare of your family should be of a secondary nature. You are here to study and fit yourself for your place in the work of the Lord Jesus. We are here to assist you, to instruct you, to place in your hands the necessary tools which will enable you to give forth the Word of God simply and clearly. We will certainly do our part to the best of our ability. Whether or not we are successful will in a great measure depend upon you."

At the time we thought the professor was rather harsh, but as time passed we have realized his advice was the most kind, as well as the most profound, advice we have ever received. As a result we approached our training at Grace with a determination to grasp hold of "the necessary tools" which our professors would give to us. We wanted those tools which would enable us to build upon the foundation laid by Paul. Make no mistake about it, we received those tools in the classrooms at Grace. Not the least of these tools was the Hebrew language and Hebrew exegesis of the Old Testament. These opened to us a deeper understanding of the Old Testament and have enabled us in these last five years to minister to Paul's brethren "according to the flesh." Without that kind assistance; without that able instruction; without those very necessary tools we received at Grace, our task of witnessing to Jewish people here in the Fairfax District of Los Angeles would be a thousand times more difficult than it is now.

Daily we put to practical use the result of the training we received at Grace. It is a constant reminder to us that these Christ-honoring professors and this Christ-centered institution are an absolute necessity to a Christ-believing National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. And daily we thank God for the privilege we had in attending our seminary. We know the Lord will continue to bless this educational arm of the Brethren Church.

A WOMAN'S PLACE IN BUILDING CHURCHES

By Mrs. Don Sellers ('54), Wheaton, Ill.

Using the words of Nehemiah, "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build." Thus came the call to the families of the Brethren Construction Crew.

The Lord has called us to build, not just with the brick and mortar that is going into home-mission churches today, but with "living stones" and Christ as the "Chief Cornerstone."

As a wife of one of the crewmen I find varied opportunities for service. A knowledge of the Word aids in witnessing to and dealing with people we meet in the trailer courts. I praise God for the time of preparation at Grace Seminary and the training for the work among boys and girls in child evangelism. It has prepared me to teach the Word in Brethren Sunday schools, DVBS and BYF groups in the local church as my husband works with the crew.

SEMINARY HAS HELPED TO PREPARE THEM FOR SERVICE

PARTNERS IN WITNESSING

By L. L. Grubb

Secretary, Brethren Home Missions Council

"Workers together" spells a great and effective witness for Jesus Christ through our Brethren family.

Grace Seminary and Brethren home missions are partners in carrying the Word of Life to lost America. This spiritual cooperation produces more glory for Christ through the growth of the church than could otherwise be achieved.

Our seminary trains the workers and as God provides, we help these workers enter the fields which are always white unto harvest.

The part that Grace Seminary has played in the expanding of the Brethren Church at home is not often recognized as it should be. The fact is that a great majority of the home missionaries in the field at almost any time are Grace graduates.

Brethren home missions depends upon the seminary to train and prepare the preachers and missionaries for the church of tomorrow.

I NEEDED MORE THAN ENGINEERING

By Ralph C. Hall ('51), Johnstown, Pa.

Sometimes it is a real asset to a home-mission pastor to have training in fields other than theology. My college training in the field of engineering has proved to be quite valuable. It enabled me to support my family prior to the time when the Home Missions Council was able to help. And now as we plan to build, it is proving valuable in the planning and construction of a new church building.

However, the real preparation for my present ministry was the thorough training received at Grace Theological Seminary. My engineering training, received at one of the best schools of engineering in the United States, didn't prepare me to serve the Lord as a pastor. I needed the rich study of God's Word, the training to preach it and deal with men about their relationship to the Lord which Grace Seminary provided. I am deeply grateful for the invaluable training which I received which has enabled me to preach His Word and win souls to Christ.

A SEMINARY EDUCATION IN NAVAHOLAND

By Evan Adams ('52), Cuba, N. Mex.

The Navahos are typical of heathen people throughout all the world, lacking in a rudimentary knowledge of the three greatest Persons that have entered human history: a Creator, a Saviour, and a Comforter. It would not be possible for us to describe the darkness that comes with such a void in the understanding, having never personally experienced it. We have seen many displays of the result of it in the lives of the people among whom we live—constant fear of the unknown, lives lived almost on the animal level.

The time spent in Grace Seminary gave a thorough Biblical understanding of the work of these Three, par-

ticularly in the redeeming of lost ones out of every tribe and tongue in the world. The greatest single fact learned in the time of study in Grace Seminary was that the Word of God alone is able to bring about a new creation in the life of a hopeless human being. This fact has been recalled to our minds again and again as we see the hopelessness of the lives of the Navaho people. With the knowledge we gained of the Word at Grace Seminary we have been able to impart the "Holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." We have been able to tell the people: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent."

I AM A STUDENT HOME-MISSION PASTOR

By Donald Hocking, Senior in Grace Seminary

One never really appreciates the knowledge he receives until that material is applied in daily living.

This is my third year at Grace Seminary. This year God has seen fit to let me serve Him in the home-mission branch of the Brethren Church at Lansing, Mich. Because of this laboratory experience, I appreciate Grace Seminary more this year than ever before.

The classroom discussions have meant more to me, the importance of many classes has been increased in my thinking, and the practical aspect of the seminary has taken on new meaning. It is true that seminary is no substitute for good hard work in the ministry, but it does supply the methods and stimulus to do the things that will enable one by the grace of God to have a successful ministry.

May God help each graduate to remain true and faithful to the Saviour that someday he may hear those wonderful words from our Lord: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

WE TOOK TIME OUT

By J. C. McKillen ('53), Phoenix, Ariz.

"The Secretary of War regrets to inform you . . . your son . . . in Korea." . . . "He was a good soldier." . . . "Thou, therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." . . . "God so loved . . . he gave his only . . . Son."

We took time out to think. It had been a terrible blow—the loss of our only son in Korea. This was NOT now our call to Christian service. That had come 25 years before. This was God's echo of that first call, and the blow merely disentangled us from the affairs of this life. This time we dared not ignore it. No alibis were left. Provision was made for the parents. Jim now lived in royal fashion—with Christ!

By September a "Gold Star G. I." couple, financed by Jim's life insurance, were again back at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles after an absence of more than two decades. Jim's finger had unwittingly, during his last few days, pointed us and our little independent church into the Brethren ranks. At first that seemed to require

that we stay in California, attending Biola, but as the church strengthened, it became clear that we were being directed to the stiffer training of Grace Seminary. Of course, that was to prepare us better for the Brethren ministry.

But God had planned the way before us, and in this case His plan included not only training, but salvation! For at Winona Lake, Mother came to live with us. It was there that she learned to love the simple ways of Brethren folk, the straightforwardness and unevasiveness of Brethren theology. Mother found Christ as her Saviour, witnessed concerning Him as Lord to many unsaved friends; then went to be with Him and grandson Jim.

We took time out—to learn to teach others about

Christ. We did it years too late, and after the loss of an only child. As a boy we once misquoted Benjamin Franklin as saying, "Experience is the best teacher." Red-faced, we were later shown that Franklin had said: "Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other."

Grace Seminary always has a few older students graduating each year, and Phoenix is not the only jumping-off place for an older graduate! It was worth while to take time out! But, remember: it is possible to get God's point without running into it headlong or being headstrong. Mister, this hurts me more than it does you! Let it be a lesson to you: when God calls, He means business! Are YOU taking time out for God?

BISTRUCTURAL BUILDING

By Tom Bailey (ex '51)

Superintendent, Brethren Construction Company

Erecting church buildings is primarily a physical ministry, and it is secondary to preaching the Word. Many of the problems in a construction program have a spiritual rather than a physical origin. In dealing with salesmen, architects, truck drivers, subcontractors, etc., it becomes very evident that the first need of these is a spiritual awakening. The only recourse for any problem or need is a study of the Word and then prayer that the will of God shall be accomplished.

In the due process of a construction program there are many opportunities—rather responsibilities—for rendering spiritual service. Members of the crew and their wives are called upon to teach, help in WMC, child evangelism, laymen's organizations, and even bring a message with two or three minutes' notice. The greater the knowledge of the Word the more profitable a life can be in the erection of buildings and in building the church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Having attended Grace College and Seminary as a non-Brethren student, I can highly recommend its Christ-centered, Spirit-filled classes to all who "love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity." Now as a Brethren layman it is my conviction that Brethren young people will find no better place to train for service, nor Brethren people a school more worthy of their support.

TRAINING PUT TO THE TEST

By Tom ('53) and Geneva (ex '52) Inman, Denver, Colo.

Training, like our salvation, proves its worth when it is put to the test. We found that the test of our training was to come sooner than we had anticipated. Shortly—more than a month—after graduation from Grace Seminary, we found ourselves pastoring a home-mission church in Denver, Colo., and in the ensuing months a second was added in Cheyenne, Wyo. With the nearest Brethren church some 300 miles away, we were "on our own" from the first. How thankful we were for the training received at Grace Seminary! Especially were we thankful that we had been taught to lean upon the One who knows all the answers, Jesus Christ, and to know the Book which contains all the answers, the Bible. Problems? Yes; but always the peace of knowing that we knew where to find the solution. We are indeed thankful for Grace Seminary and College.

OUT OF THE SEMINARY INTO HOME MISSIONS

By Earle Peer ('54), Martinsburg, W. Va.

May 28, 1954, brought to reality my ambition for many years—"graduation from Grace Seminary." At the same time another ambition became a reality—a call to the pastorate of a Brethren home-mission church. More than once in the summer of 1951 I was asked the question: "Why resign a pastorate to enroll in Grace Seminary?" My answer was: "Since I plan to serve our blessed Lord in the Brethren Church, I want the best our church has to offer in Biblical training; therefore, I am going to Grace."

Having once been a pastor, then a seminary student, then a graduate, then a home-mission pastor, I can honestly say that I consider the theological training which I received at Grace Seminary the most important part—yes, the most indispensable part—of my preparation for the ministry. Grace Seminary has put tools into my hands which will make my ministry for Christ more effective than could have otherwise been possible. Grace Seminary deserves your prayers and your financial support. Praise God for GRACE!

LOUIS S. BAUMAN LECTURESHIP

In accordance with the action of the 1952 National Fellowship, the first series of lectures in the Louis S. Bauman Lectureship will be delivered at Grace Seminary January 18, 19, and 20. Dr. Charles W. Mayes, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., will be the lecturer. These lectures will be presented in the seminary chapel in connection with the Grace Bible Conference, held under the auspices of the Grace Seminary Alumni Association, which begins on the evening of Monday, January 17.



Dr. Bauman

It seems most fitting that the first of these lectures should be delivered by Dr. Mayes, who succeeded Dr. Bauman as pastor of the great church which the latter founded and pastored for so many years. It is hoped that many of our readers will be able to attend these addresses and also the Grace Bible Conference. Dr. Mayes will speak four times, once each on January 18 and 19, and twice on the 20th.—H. A. K.



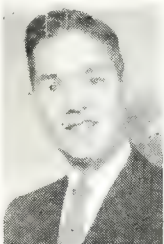
By Norman Rohrer

EVEN WITHOUT CAMPAIGN PROMISES!

In the run-to-lunch exit of the third Student Council session under Nathan Meyer, members paused long enough to hear Prexy state: "You've observed, haven't you, that all our propositions and requests to students and faculty have been granted!"

Alongside other '54 first achievements are the Council's appointment of associate officers: Dick Messner, summer pitcher for the St. Cloud, Minn., team (Northern League), a New York Giants farm team, is athletic director; Glen Lockwood, head of student-body prayer meetings; Ed Cashman, parliamentarian (to "rule out the mistakes and salvage the blunders"); and Dean Fetterhoff, student-body chaplain.

A pretty good record, and even without campaign promises.



Norman Rohrer

WHAT NEXT?

On Monday, November 8, the chapel planning committee lifted its hands off the 45 minutes and let Activities Director Don Hocking launch his once-a-month student program in the auditorium.

After Chaplain Fetterhoff opened the meeting appropriately, and Student Council President Meyer read the announcements, Hocking's "radio station PUBO" took over—"the only station that brings you something new in radio. You not only see and hear us, but you *smell* us, too!"

On his cue, Dick Messner presented the basketball team members who were to play Etna Green that night in the Leesburg gym: George Triandiflou, Ed Blue, Carlton Fuller, Bert Darr, Bill Snell, Don Hocking, John Rathbun, Ken Kreidler, Walt Claeys, and Coach Messner.

And on the station's free time, leaping Ted Franchino taught his cheers with a fellow yell leader Russ Yoder (the girls saving their strength for the real rally).

Next time we'll have to yell louder, because the Ambassadors lost to Etna Green, 51 to 49.

In the wake of the scream solicitors came a subdued "commercial" from PUBO for Callahan's Turkish Baths. They're "M-M-M-M hot!" said the ad, with the warning that Callahan's "not responsible for bodies left over 30 days."

Then Calhoun, the concessions magnate (Sophomore Glenn Byers), advertised his pop and popcorn to be sold at the game to raise money for "a very worthy project—our class gift to the school!" The goodies "will open and close your mouths at the right times!"

TOWARD A THANKFUL THANKSGIVING

By the end of November, students are thankful for two things: seven-weeks' exams are history, and the

critical papers are finished and filed for posterity. But although Librarian Hamilton's "D-Day" for the theses is still future (Nov. 30), the tests have been taken, and the enrollment is still the same!

John Dale Brock, leaving Professor Bess's Hebrew grammar quiz, one of the first on Monday morning, turned to fellow defendants and confided, "Well, at least I know I'm saved!"

Don Locke finished Dr. McClain's grueling theology examination and then sought refuge at Mrs. Byers' snack counter.

"What will you have?" asked Mrs. Byers.

To be left alone in his meditations, Locke ordered, "A glass of onion juice, please."

AFTER TESTS, A TREAT

When freshmen and sophomores closed their final examination blue books on Friday night, their advisors, Profs. Ralph Gilbert and Wayne Snider, sponsored a party for them.

They came after supper, approximately thirty strong, swarming into the seminary auditorium, and preparing to have fun. No "thinking games" were allowed, being replaced with violent action-packed games like "The Flying Dutchman," "Steal the Bacon," and "Three Deep."

Climaxing such exhausting activity was the daring "Scavenger Hunt," listing such requirements as five blades of grass from a courthouse lawn with the signature of a witness; one genuine horsehair; a four-leaf clover; the oldest calendar available, etc.

Five groups left the party and drove off in all directions. When they returned with the spoils, Sophomore Marvin Lowry and his six cohorts outdid the others with an impressive pile of items, and were rewarded with equally valuable bags of candy.

Gorged with barbecues, hot chocolate, and doughnuts, "on the profs," the scholars considered it a "swell evening" and went back to their books.

SAILS FOR SALES

Expert Fuller brushmen have nothing on Brooks Dawson, seminary middler. In his role as business manager for the XAPIS annual, Brooks ransacked his Memory-O-Matic mind and came up with an idea to sell ads. Figuring that merchants should begin profiting from ads now instead of from graduation day, he drew up a contract promising four things: flyers listing advertisers to be placed in the hands of students, bulletin-board lists of sponsors, a special advertisers' issue of "The Sounding Board," campus news sheet, and notices posted in dorms to tell students what and where to buy.

Sanctioning these negotiations, Annual Editor George Triandiflou, and staff, upped the price per page, and predict record back-page sponsors for the new sectionalized yearbook.



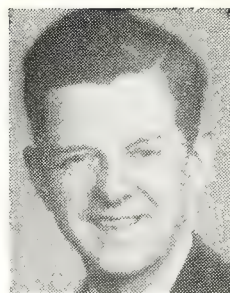
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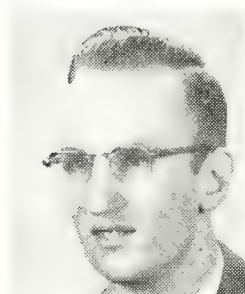
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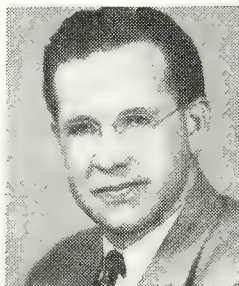
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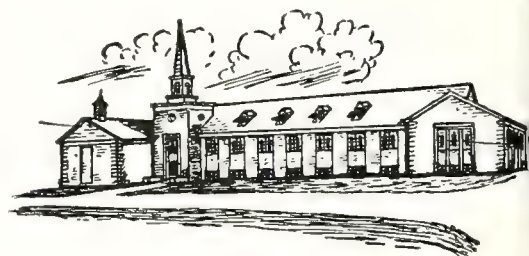
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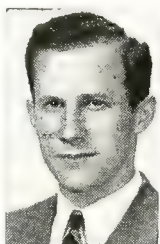
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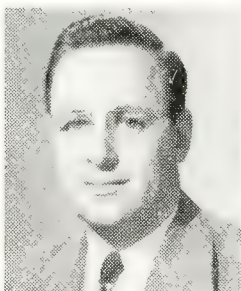
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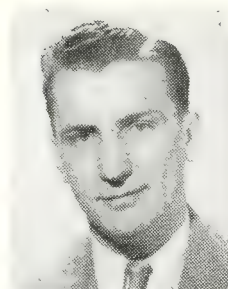
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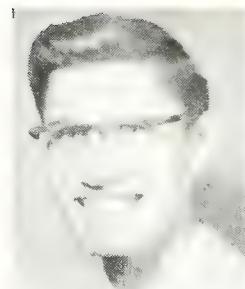
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LONG BEACH, CALIF. Oscar Stern, a Jewish refugee who spent years in a Nazi underground prison, was guest speaker on Nov. 14 at the Stearns Street Brethren Church. Rev. Charles Underwood is pastor.

ST. CLAIR, MICH. The Michigan Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters have unanimously approved a self-regulatory code whereby they purpose to eliminate any dramatization of beer and wine drinking in commercials. Rep. Alvin Bentley (R., Mich.) hailed the action as "precedent setting," and told the delegates that such action may start a trend which would avert legislation.

PERU, IND. Rev. Ronald Robinson has resigned as pastor of the Peru Brethren Church. The resignation will become effective on May 2, 1955.

RITTMAN, OHIO. A record attendance of 130 were present at the last communion service of the First Brethren Church. Rev. Charles Ashman, Jr., is pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA. The East District overnight youth rally was held at the First Brethren Church Nov. 12-13. Marty Walsh was the guest speaker. Rev. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Mrs. Laura Hollway, who recently went to be with her Lord, made provision in her will for a gift of \$8,171.02 to the First Brethren Church. Dr. C. W. Mayes is pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH. The first anniversary of the new church in Seattle was celebrated on Nov. 28. Rev. Thomas Hammers is pastor.

WOOSTER, OHIO. An organ has been installed in the First Brethren Church. Rev. Kenneth Ashman is pastor.

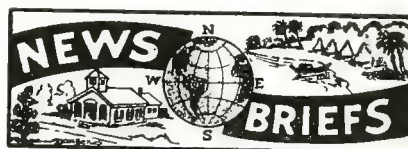
TROY, OHIO. The 10th anniversary of the Grace Brethren Church was observed on Oct. 17. Francis Brill is pastor.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF. Sunday-school attendance at the First Brethren Church averaged over 629 during October, with the record Sunday being 658.

NEW YORK, N. Y. Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver and Miss Mary Cripe sailed from here Nov. 12 to return to French Equatorial Africa.

DAYTON, OHIO. The 12th anniversary of the North Riverdale Brethren Church was observed on Nov. 7. An anniversary dinner was enjoyed at the 5 p. m. hour in the basement of the church, at which time Rev. Russell Ward, new pastor, was formally installed. The charge to the pastor was given by Arnold R. Kriegbaum, and the charge to the congregation by Rev. Wm. Steffler, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Dayton.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dr. Karl Keefer, formerly dean of men at Bob Jones University, and now dean of the Washington Bible Institute, was guest speaker at the First Brethren Church on Nov. 14. Rev. James Dixon is pastor.



ALEXANDRIA, VA. Dr. Karl Keefer was supply minister at the Commonwealth Brethren Church until the arrival of the new pastor, Rev. Robert Markley.

CHICAGO (E/P). Religious and charitable institutions — including most evangelical organizations — stand to benefit from liberalized provisions of the new U. S. internal revenue code signed into law by President Eisenhower. Chief changes allow from 20 to 30-percent deduction for gifts to charitable organizations; and it allows pastors or ordained clergymen who work for denominational institutions who are not provided with a residence or living quarters to deduct the cost of such housing in computing their taxes.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. Attendance records for evangelistic meetings in the State of Louisiana were shattered on Sunday, Oct. 31, when 61,500 persons assembled in the famed "Sugar Bowl" for the final meeting of the Billy Graham evangelistic campaign. Gov. Robert Kennon and

deLesseps Morrison, mayor of New Orleans, were present for the service.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. The ground-breaking service for the new Grace Brethren Church was conducted on Nov. 21. Rev. Ward Miller, pastor of the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., was the guest speaker. The new church is located at the corner of Sterling and Pacific Aves. The name of the church is being changed from the former name, Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church, to the Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Lyle Marvin is pastor.

PARAMOUNT, CALIF. Attendance at the Paramount Brethren Church has gone over the 100 mark. Rev. John Mayes is pastor.

EVERETT, PA. The East District Ministerium prayer retreat was held at the Everett Grace Brethren Church Nov. 15-16. Rev. Homer Lingenfelter is pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. Dr. R. D. Barnard is due back in the United States from France on Nov. 26. He will speak at the First Brethren Church on Nov. 28. Rev. John Aeby is pastor.

ELKHART, IND. Grace Brethren Church has a new radio program, "Tidings of Grace," broadcast Saturday morning at 9:15 over the local station, WTRC.

FORT WAYNE, IND. A committee has been selected by the First Brethren Church to investigate the possibility of purchasing a parsonage. Rev. Mark Malles is pastor-elect.

BANGUI, F. E. AFRICA. Rev. and Mrs. Roy Snyder arrived here on Nov. 7 to resume their missionary service.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Gen. Joseph B. Sweet, who served as commanding general, motor transport service in the Persian Gulf command, was guest speaker at the 17th annual meeting of the Christian Business Men's Committee International, assembled here Oct. 13-17. General Sweet declared that the only way we can meet the Russian threat is: individually, "we must surrender our hearts to the Lord Jesus"; nationally, "we must continue to be strong militarily to tempt the Communists not to become overt aggressors."

This issue of the Missionary Herald has gone into 8,414 homes and offices around the world.

A FAMILY ARGUMENT SETTLED

While we are at a loss to know just which Obadiah the writer of this book might be; nevertheless this small book of only 21 verses has a mighty message for the Christian. This book, which is the vision of Obadiah, spans more than 3,750 years of time and reminds us of the continuing struggle between the Jew (Jacob, or the Israelite) and the Arab (Esau, or the Edomite).

As we read in our newspapers today of the continuous outbreaks between the people of Israeli and the Arab nations, we are mindful of the incidents which took place in Genesis 25-27 as Jacob took from Esau the birthright and blessings which were rightfully his by birth. And here in the little Book of Obadiah we have the final outcome of that *family argument* which has stretched over nearly four millenniums of time.

In the story of these two sons of Isaac we see a picture of the wondrous grace of God. Before the twins were born God made His choice of Jacob, saying, "The elder shall serve the younger." This was pure grace, for according to natural laws the first-born should hold the place of prominence. Then too, according to the worldly viewpoint, Esau would be selected as the greater since he was the "he-man" of the two. He was the hunter, the man of the woods, the one to whom the men (and women) of his day would look; while Jacob was the cowardly, weak son, who always remained at home. But God chose Jacob, and thus manifested His purpose of grace.

Dr. Ironside reminds us that this "was not a question of selecting Jacob for heaven and reprobating Esau to hell. . . . God chose Jacob to inherit the blessing of Abraham, and to be the conservator of the promise. In doing so, He made Esau subject to his brother . . . a principle often mentioned in the Book of Genesis . . . as God sets aside the first man to make the Second Man first." Since the Devil in no way favors the grace of God, he brought hatred between Esau and Jacob which has its culmination prophesied in the Book of Obadiah.

The prophecy of the Book of Obadiah is in the form of two promises—a promise to Esau and to Jacob. The promise to Esau and his ungodly race is one of utter desolation and de-

struction, while the promise to Jacob is for restoration and exaltation.

The first promise of the book is made concerning Esau: "Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom." From Genesis 36:1 we know who Edom is: "Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom." This promise concerning Esau (Edom) is one of utter destruction. It begins in verse 2, where God says, "Thou art greatly despised." Even though the thief would perhaps not take all but leave something behind, and though the grape harvesters might not make a complete harvest, yet God says concerning Edom's destruction that nothing shall be left (vss. 5-6). "The wise men out of Edom, and the understanding out of the mount of Esau" shall be destroyed (vs. 8). The promise is that "everyone of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter" (vs. 9), and they shall drink of the wrath of God until "they shall be as though they had not been" (vs. 16); and "there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau" (vs. 18). In this prophecy God leaves no hope for Edom but speaks only of her destruction which shall come because of her pride, self-exaltation, and hatred.

Edom was a proud nation; so much so that God declares "the pride of thine heart hath deceived thee." Because of her lofty position among the rocks of Petra, she thought herself impregnable, and asked, "Who shall bring me down to the ground?" only to hear God himself declare, "I will bring thee down." "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:18).

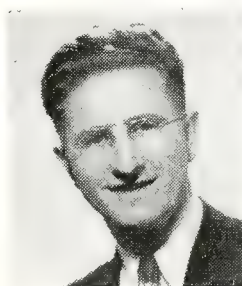
Edom was a self-exalted nation,

which also tended to her destruction. She had exalted herself as the eagle—stretched her pinions and soared into the heights. She had reached such altitudes of self-importance that her nest was among the stars, and yet God said, from "thence will I bring thee down."

Hatred against her brother in the flesh further intensified the desolation promised by God. "For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever" (vs. 10). As Israel asked permission to pass through the land of Edom on their way from Egypt to Canaan (Num. 20:14-21), she was refused passage. When the hour of Jacob's calamity struck and the enemies came upon Israel, Edom stood complacently by and refused to help. Edom joined with the Babylonians in spoiling the land of Jacob, rejoiced in her destruction, and even murdered "those of his that did escape" (vs. 14). And for all this God promised "thy reward shall return upon thine own head . . . in the day of the Lord."

The other promise is to Jacob, who through grace and not merit achieved the place of prominence before God. This is a promise of restoration and exaltation, for in the day of the Lord when Edom shall fall, Israel shall come into her rightful inheritance. "But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions . . . and the kingdom shall be the Lord's" (vss. 17, 21).

While the Book of Obadiah speaks concerning Esau and Jacob and their respective ends, I believe we also have here a picture of the carnal life with its ultimate destruction, and the spiritual life with its final glorification. Though the spiritual mind (which is born of God) came after the carnal mind, yet it is preferred by God and is, therefore, ever the enemy of the carnal mind. Throughout the life of the Christian that old carnal (fleshly) mind is active, defying all that is high and holy, bringing sorrow and anguish by its presence. But soon (as Edom) it shall be cast down never to rise again. And at the coming of Jesus Christ the spiritual mind shall be exalted, sin and flesh shall disappear, and we shall be like Him.



By Rev. John Burns
Pastor, Listie Brethren Church
Listie, Pa.

∴ HOSEA ∴

Introduction to the Book.

Hosea (Jehovah saves) lived and prophesied on the brink of Israel's (10 tribes of the north) disastrous fall and exile. His was a voice crying out against the spiritual, political, and moral sins of the day. His message is a message of love expressed with emotional feeling, and illustrated by graphic and enlightening personal experience.

Politically, Israel (northern kingdom) was a continuous parade of murder and anarchy. Hosea prophesied during the reign of Jeroboam II. There were periods of prosperity, but entangling alliances with foreign powers and corruption at home was spelling out the impending doom of this apostate nation.

Religiously, conditions were still worse. The foreign alliances had brought in the inseparable twins of religious idolatry and moral corruption. Outwardly Israel worshiped Jehovah, but the practice of perversion begun by Jeroboam I, and progressively added to, had degraded and corrupted Israel's spiritual life. Beginning with calf worship (Jeroboam wanted to keep Israel out of Jerusalem) it was degraded to nature worship, then Baal and Ashtaroath were made equal with Jehovah, and then followed child sacrifice and adulterous practices as consecrated worship (cf. Rom. 1:18-32).

Accompanying a perverted and corrupted worship is always moral and social decadence. Falsehood (Hos. 4:1), adultery (Hos. 4:11; 7:4; 9:10), bloodshed (Hos. 5:2; 6:8), luxury supplied by secret and open robbery (Hos. 4:2; 10:13; 11:12; 4:11; 7:5; 6:4-6), oppression (Hos. 7:7), false dealing (Hos. 12:7), and a perversion of justice (Hos. 10:5) characterized Israel. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." America beware!

This prophecy expresses the depth of Israel's sin, the certainty of God's judgment, and the constancy of Jehovah's love. The prophecy divides into two parts. The first three chapters, related by personal experience, show the basic sin of Israel—*spiritual fornication*. These three chapters picturing Israel's anarchy and rebellion in going after other gods be-

comes the basis of the warnings, rebukes, exhortations, and prophecies to Israel in the remaining 11 chapters. The last section of the prophecy is sometimes difficult to follow in any direct connection. It is composed of many sharp warnings and rebukes.

The key verse of the book is chapter 6, verse 6. "For I desired mercy [love], and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings." This same thought is expressed by many of the Old Testament writers (I Sam. 15:22; Isa. 1:11-17; Psa. 40:7-9; 50:8; Mic. 6:8).

Interpretation of the Book.

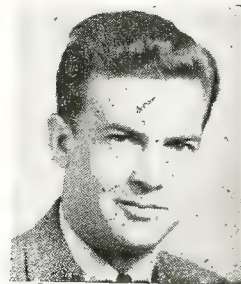
Hosea is a message of judgment and future mercy to Israel. The northern kingdom's history was fraught with political, moral, and spiritual corruption. Hosea, the prophet, was raised up of God to decry this state of affairs.

Hosea's life was an illustration of the message he preached. He goes to seek the one whom he loved, Gomer (perfection), who had sold her body to the vilest sin. Of her was born to the prophet a daughter, Loruhamah (not having obtained mercy), and Lo-ammi (not my people). These children told a prophetic story of Israel's rejection and exile.

Included in this family illustration is the promise of the return of Israel, God's chosen people. "I will betroth thee unto me for ever" (Hos. 2:19).

The chastening hand of the Lord over His own is seen in chapter 2, where the way of the loved one is hedged in with thorns. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" (Heb. 12:3). God not only ordains the end but the means to the end.

Having demonstrated the awful sin of Israel in rejecting God's love, the prophet emphasizes the fact that judgment is the necessary result of sin. The most awful thing that a person can do in the realm of sin is that of doing despite to love. There must be room for ignorance and honest intellectual doubt—they can be enlightened; the weakness of the flesh will cause transgression—it can be forgiven; but the rejection of God's love, now manifest to man by Cal-



By Rev. Lewis Hohenstein
Pastor, First Brethren Church
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vary, must bring the wrath of God in judgment.

How widespread was this rebellion against Jehovah is seen as the last section of the book is begun. "Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you" (Hos. 5:1).

Threaded throughout the expostulation of the nation there runs the golden thread of Jehovah's love. "Over all the failure, heartbreaking and desolating though it be, there still sounds the music of the love of Jehovah. Though Ephraim (Israel) be a cake not turned, flaccid as dough on one side and burned to a cinder on the other, utterly useless and contemptible, we may still hear the great cry out of the heart of God, 'How shall I give thee up, Ephraim?'" (G. Campbell Morgan).

As Hosea brought back sinning Gomer, so God will return Israel to the land. The word "return" occurs 15 times. The most significant and outstanding message of the prophets is that Israel will return to the land under the beneficent and loving leadership of Messiah. "... return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up" (Hos. 6:1). "They shall fear the Lord and his goodness"; "He will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight"; "Till he come and reign righteousness on you"; "I will ransom them from the power of the grave, I will redeem them from death."

Three times as this prophecy closes the sovereign grace of God is seen in His "I will." "I will heal their backsliding"; "I will love them freely"; "I will be as the dew unto Israel" (Hos. 14:4, 5).

The past will be wiped out as God

exhibits mercy, love, and gracious refreshing to the "backslidden heifer," Israel.

Illustration.

The most beautiful picture that we can behold in this world is two people in love, united in marriage, and truly become one flesh. The ugliest, most heinous thing that we can see is the same couple where this love is desecrated by infidelity and fornication, thus leading ultimately to a broken home, fatherless and motherless children, as the divorce courts grind out wrecked human lives in the name of personal liberty.

Hosea was told of Jehovah to take unto him "a wife of whoredom." With bent head and leaden feet this godly prophet wended his way to the temple of a corrupt religion in search of the one whom he loved. Could there be a more graphic picture of love? A man—a godly man—searching through the debris of moral carnage and sin for one who had spurned his love, who had left his home, who had sunk to the depths of defilement!

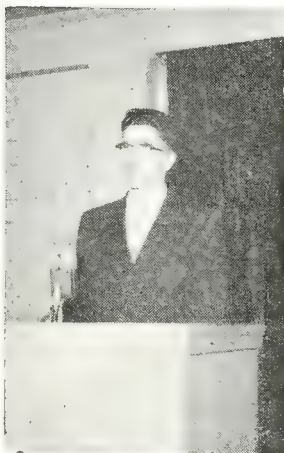
This is not pleasant to read, and we shy away from it; but what Gomer forced Hosea to do in a physical way, those of us born of the travail of Jesus, loved with an everlasting love, often cause Him to do in a spiritual sense. Allow me to carry the application one step further. If Christ so loved us, so ought we to love one another.

Love is the capstone of Christian experience. It begins with faith taking God at His word; it ends in love. "Now the end of the commandment is charity [love] out of a pure [clean] heart, out of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned" (I Tim. 1:5). In I Corinthians 13, the great love chapter, Paul points out that faith is fundamental and first, but love is the greatest and last.

To seek and search through the morass of sinful humanity is why we are here. All our ministerial machinations are vain if they are not producing an exhibition of God's love. What we need is not a greater ability to understand one another but a greater ability to love those we cannot understand and to seek after them with a warmth of godly passion.

May we learn from Hosea that we should never expose sin without exposing the sinner to God's redeeming love.

Gil Dodds Speaks at Winona Lake Church



Gil Dodds

THOUGHTS FOR THOUGHTFUL

"A man may be a blot or a blessing, but a blank he cannot be."

"Let us fail in trying to do something rather than fail sitting still and doing nothing."

"Doing nothing for others is the undoing of one's self."

"Only consistent and cheerful giving keeps the soul from shrinking."

"God will not look you over for medals, degrees, and diplomas, but for scars in likeness to His Son."—*The Brethren Evangelist*.

To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself.—*Fifth and Cherry Light*.

Gil Dodds, holder of the world's record for the mile on the indoor track, and track coach at Wheaton College, was the speaker at the morning service in the Winona Lake Brethren Church on Sunday, November 9. Gil has appeared at the chapel services of Grace Seminary on other occasions. He commented on the growth of the school since his last visit to the campus, and spoke of his school's pleasure in having so many of the Wheaton alumni come to Grace for further training as they anticipate entering Christian service.

Gil is a Brethren young man and son of a Brethren minister. He maintained a rich testimony for Christ on the track through the years of his athletic competition. His present work includes not only the training of men athletically but also using this as an opportunity for a larger ministry as he goes from place to place. We need more men like him!

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

A skeptic once derided a Christian worker by asking, "Say, George, what would you say if, when you die, you found there were no such place as heaven after all?"

The believer smiled as he replied: "I'd say, 'Well, I've had a fine time getting through life, anyway.'" Then he added his own keen retort: "What would you say if, when you die, you found there were such a place as hell after all?"—*Baptist Bulletin Service*.

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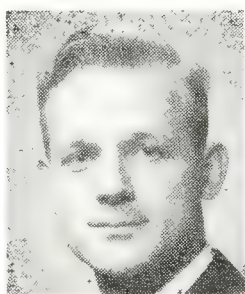
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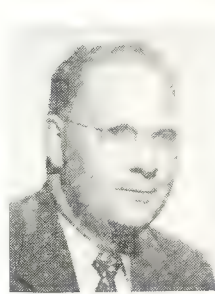
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Rev. Clair E. Brickel

Clair E. Brickel was born in Rittman, Ohio, February 20, 1922. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herl C. Brickel. The early years of his life were spent in Rittman, where he graduated from high school in 1940.

Mr. Brickel accepted Christ as his Lord and Saviour at the approximate age of 10 and was a member of the First Brethren Church of Rittman. It was early in life when he felt called to the gospel ministry.

On August 29, 1942, he was married to Martha Hoover, and to this marriage have been added four children, Ann Cheryl, 6; David Clair, 5; Barbara Lynn, 3; and Jonathan Lee, 1.

In September of 1942 Mr. Brickel and his wife began their preparation for the ministry at William Jennings Bryan University at Dayton, Tenn. In January of 1943 he was called into the service of his country and there served for 33 months. Returning to civilian life, he resumed his preparation for the ministry at Bryan University, graduating in 1949 with the B. A. degree. In 1952 he graduated from Grace Theological Seminary at Winona Lake, Ind., with the B. D. degree.

Mr. Brickel was ordained to the Christian ministry on October 10, 1954, at the First Brethren Church of Clayton, Ohio.

For the past two and one-half years he has been the pastor of the Clayton church. Both he and Mrs. Brickel praise the Lord for the privilege of being called into the gospel ministry. Their prayer is that they may be led daily by the Spirit of God and be found always faithful in preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Rev. George Cone, Jr.

Thursday night, October 7, in an impressive service at the Winona

Lake Brethren Church, George Cone, Jr., a member of that church, was ordained to the Christian ministry. He is a graduate of Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn., with the B. S. degree, and from Grace Theological Seminary with the B. D. and Th.M. degrees. He has been a part-time teacher in the Warsaw city schools, summer-school instructor in the Wycliffe School of Linguistics, Norman, Okla., and an instructor in science and physical education at Grace College.

Reverend Cone is married and has one child, Kimberly Joe. The family resided in Winona Lake until their sailing for France for further study as a final preparation for missionary work in French Equatorial Africa under the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

Dr. Herman Hoyt delivered the ordination sermon, after which the pastor read the authorizations of the district ministerial examining board and the Winona Lake Brethren Church. Rev. John Whitcomb, Jr., read the standards for elders from the Word of God. The questions and vows were read by Dr. Hoyt, and the prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. George Cone, Sr., father of the candidate. The charge was delivered by Pastor Koontz, followed by prayer by Dr. R. D. Barnard. Before the ordination sermon, Russell Konves, a student at Grace Seminary, sang.—*Dr. Herman Koontz, pastor.*

Rev. Irvin B. Miller

The First Brethren Church of Martinsburg, Pa., witnessed its first ordination service on September 19, when one of its members, Irvin B. Miller, achieved the goal toward which he had been working for the past five years. A member since 1948, Mr. Miller had only one year of fellowship in the church prior to

his study at Grace College and Seminary. The service was attended by 250 persons.

Well-arranged floral decorations and an inspiring piano prelude by Mrs. Miriam Beach set the tempo for the beauty and solemnity of the occasion.

A stirring ordination message was delivered by Rev. Robert E. A. Miller, former pastor of the Martinsburg church and now of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. Based on II Timothy 4:1-5, the sermon challenged pastor and people to a greater sense of responsibility toward Christ.

Others participating in the service were Pastors Sheldon Snyder, Homer Lingenfelter, Gerald W. Teeter, and J. E. Dilling, Sr. (deacon).

Following the ordination in the church auditorium, a reception was held in the basement for the newly ordained minister, his family, and friends. Over 200 persons remained for this time of fellowship.

Rev. Irvin Miller has returned to his new pastorate at Alto, Mich.

Rev. James O. Young

James O. Young was born in Shipshewana, Ind., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Young, on May 25, 1912. The first 19 years of his life were spent in that community.

After finishing high school in 1931, Mr. Young attended Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, La. After leaving school he spent eight years in professional music.

On April 21, 1933, he was married to Edith E. Lantz, and to this union were added five children, James B., 20; Kay E., 18; Jerry R., 15; Stephen L., 9; and Edna, 5. All of the children except Edna have received Christ as Saviour, and expect to serve their Lord in some field of service.

In the early spring of 1943, Mr. Young attended an evangelistic serv-

In Memoriam

By the Editor

Rev. William H. Clough, pastor, evangelist, and lover of souls, has answered the upward call of his Lord whom he faithfully served for 24 years.

William Clough was born in the beautiful State of Maryland, and during his boyhood attended the Methodist Church, which he joined, although he professed he knew nothing about salvation by the grace of God. As a result, he had no assurance, and soon lost interest in the church and spiritual things in general.

As a young man he moved to the Philadelphia area, where through God's own miraculous leading, he was constrained by the Holy Spirit to visit the First Brethren Church. It was in this church, under the evangelistic preaching of Rev. R. Paul Miller, that he came to a knowledge of the truth and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour on December 10, 1924, at the age of 26. He was baptized 11 days later.

Soon after his conversion he felt a definite need for a systematic study of the Word of God. His hunger for the Word caused him to take advantage of every opportunity to study the Bible. About two years after his conversion he entered the Philadelphia School of the Bible, where he graduated from a four-year course. In October 1930 he was ordained to the Christian ministry in the same church where he had found Christ as Saviour.

Shortly after his ordination to the ministry he became the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Uniontown, Pa., where he carried on a successful work for the Lord for the next 13 years. In 1938 he was a special student in Grace Theological

ice and there for the first time he heard the true gospel message, even though he had been a church member for 22 years. Realizing his lost condition, he received Christ as his personal Saviour. A short time later he heard his Master's call to full-time service but resisted that call for four years. After surrendering his will to the Lord he attended Moody Bible Institute, where God provided every need and blessed his ministry.

Mr. Young and his family united with the Bethel Brethren Church of

WILLIAM H. CLOUGH



(1898-1954)

Seminary. In 1943 he resigned his pastorate in Uniontown and accepted a call to become the pastor of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif. He served the Lord there from 1943 to 1946. He then resigned this pastorate and went to the Brethren Chapel in Alexandria, Va., where he served for about 18 months. From the work in Alexandria, the Lord directed Brother Clough to the pastorate of the Sunnymede Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind., where he labored from 1948 until 1950. In 1950 he accepted the call from the First Brethren Church of Tracy, Calif., where he was serving as pastor at the time of his departure to be with the Lord Jesus, November 9, 1954. Death was caused by a heart condition.

William and Agnes Clough were united in marriage prior to his conversion, and to the union were born three daughters, Thelma, Alice, and Ruth. Mrs. Clough served the Lord faithfully as a pastor's wife.

During the ministry of William Clough, God mightily used him in conducting some 40 evangelistic campaigns throughout the Brethren Church.

Another soldier of the cross has fought his last battle, and has been summoned home to see his Commander, whom he deeply loved.

Osceola, Ind., December 25, 1949. He conducted a number of evangelistic campaigns. On June 18, 1952, Mr. Young was called to serve as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Covington, Ohio, where the ordination service was held on October 31, 1954.

Dr. Paul Bauman delivered the ordination sermon. Rev. George Kinzie, Rev. Caleb Zimmerman, Rev. Lon Karns, Rev. Harold Etling, Rev. Clair Brickel, and Frank Brill assisted in the service.



Spokane, Wash.

Crusade Team Two spent two delightful weeks at Spokane with Rev. Jesse Hall and his people. Brother Hall had been at Spokane only two months; nevertheless he had done an excellent job in preparation for the meetings.

The pastor and people united with the team in much prayer and many visits in the vicinity. This is a difficult field; however, the Lord greatly blessed. His presence was evident early in the meetings. Tears were seen; many decisions were made. We praise Him for every victory.—*Rev. Archie Lynn, evangelist, Crusade Team Two.*

The First Brethren Church of Spokane is praising the Lord for the two wonderful weeks that we have had with Crusade Team Two. Rev. Archie Lynn and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Colburn went all-out to give us a fine meeting. Eternity alone will reveal all the blessings and victories that we as a church and as individuals have received. The way had been prepared by much prayer, together with a consistent house-to-house visitation program. An invitational contest during the meetings proved to be a real stimulant and the "Happy Hour" under the direction of the Colburns was blessed of the Lord. A fine spirit prevailed and many new contacts were made. The church enjoyed a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord with 75 first-time decisions for Christ among the children. There were seven dedications of life among the children and 24 among the adults. Three new members were added during the meetings. Some real victories over habits have also been reported. We are grateful for this ministry that was made possible through our Board of Evangelism.—*Rev. Jesse Hall, pastor.*

Clayhole, Ky.

Two weeks at Clayhole, Ky., were busy ones, but enjoyable and profitable spiritually. Situated there in the narrow Troublesome Creek Valley is one of the most challenging fields,

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and a field with more varied opportunities than I have seen anywhere. This church and its pastor, Rev. Sewell Landrum, are in contact with a great number of families, as was attested by the average attendance in the meetings of 166, with a high of 265. Besides the meetings in the Clayhole Brethren Church, we were able to speak once over the local radio station, to bring a gospel message at the Lees Junior College chapel service to some 175 students (one of which made a decision for Christ after the service), and in the Consolidated Breathitt County High School to approximately 650 students from all sections of the county. In addition to this, we had access to a one-room school, a two-room school, and to the Caney Consolidated Grade

School, with about 400 pupils. Hence the five first-time decisions, and the 14 rededications registered in the two-week campaign tell only a part of the over-all story.

During this two weeks I came to see the Clayhole work in a different light than ever before, and came to realize some of the unique problems the pastor there faces. By means of the church influence and the influence through the entrance into the schools, the Clayhole work has made a deep impression upon the community and county, and is respected locally therefor. As a result, the pastor at Clayhole has the good will of the school officials, including the teachers; the county officials, including the law-enforcement personnel; and of the local newspaper, radio

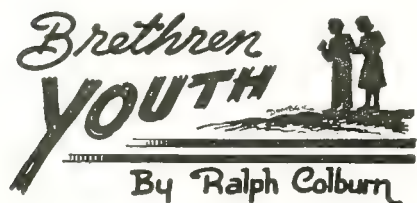
station, and outstanding citizens generally.

One of the great problems of the Clayhole situation is the complete lack of adequate industry to provide sufficient employment for the people. This results in the loss of fine young people to other communities, who, if they could find local employment, would be of real help in carrying on the work. But the church is reaching many of these and winning them to Christ, even though they do go to other States and other communities for employment.

It was a real joy to work with my brother in the flesh, Sewell. Because of a well-organized plan before the meetings started, we were kept busy with speaking or in calling in the homes. I praise the Lord also for the privilege of working with Rev. Ralph Burns, who did an excellent job of directing the music, working with the children, and in the special services in the schools. All in all, it was a blessed experience!—Clyde K. Landrum, evangelist.

Brethren Summer Camps Are Big Business for the Lord!

There may be times when some of us are tempted to wonder if our summer camp program is really accomplishing enough to justify all the work and expense that goes into it. And there is plenty of WORK involved! For the past couple of sum-



mers we have asked each of our nine district camps and our national camp to fill out and send in a report which will give us some idea of the scope of our camp program. I have before me the reports of each camp except one—and the totals are significant.

The Brethren Church conducted 17 weeks of summer camp this year, and a total of over 1,925 campers attended, plus 366 staff members. Campers were almost equally divided between the 9-12 age group and the teen-agers.

California camp was largest, with 547 campers in three weeks of camp. Atlantic-Southeast's Camp Grace

was next with 240 in two weeks. Northern Ohio was about the same, with about the same number in one week, plus a week-end retreat attended by some of the seniors who could not stay the week. Pennsylvania was close behind, with 227 in two weeks, National Camp Bethany had 204 in one week, Indiana-Southern Ohio had 123 in two weeks, Northwest had 105 in three weeks, Michigan had 83 in one week, Iowa had 75 in one week, and Midwest (from whom we did not receive a report) had about 50 or 60 in one week.

Approximately 50 percent of all campers who attended a Brethren camp made some decision for Christ during their week. Many recorded more than one decision. The use of somewhat uniform decision cards by most of our camps facilitated records on this, and a total of 188 accepted Christ as Saviour this past summer. Again California camps led, partly because of their size, and partly because they make a greater attempt to get unsaved young people in camp.

There were 527 recorded who rededicated their lives to Christ; 236 declared themselves willing to go anywhere and do anything that the

Lord asked them in full-time service; 366 declared the decision to read their Bibles and pray daily—many others had previously made this de-



Young people in Camp Keystone with their Bibles at Quiet Time, a daily feature of all our camps.

cision. Dozens of other decisions involving baptism, church membership witnessing, etc., were made, too.

Most of our camps encourage some follow-up of these decisions through the local church, and California adds to that a direct-mail follow-up by the camp committee.

Yes; praise God, Brethren camps are big business for the Lord!

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A RURAL SCENE IN ARGENTINA



The General Secretary Reports

FROM FRANCE

As I write this on November 12, the trip to France is just about half completed. I left New York on October 29 and expect to leave Le Havre on November 22 for the return trip. While in Philadelphia I was entertained in the homes of Mr. Charles Croker and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eckes. In spite of the downpour of rain, over 50 people left the "City of Brotherly Love" in the early morning of October 29 by special bus and car. They were bound for New York to see Brother and Sister Roy Snyder off on their trip to Africa via France. I traveled with the Snyders as far as France and had the privilege of fellowship with this large group of friends before sailing.

We traveled on the *S. S. United States*, and what a ship! It is 990 feet long, and I counted nine decks! How many more there are I do not know. We traveled tourist class, but tourist on this fine ship is equal to first class on many ships. The ship came into Le Havre on time; in fact, it slowed down during the last 24 hours to keep from coming in ahead of time. It takes just four days of traveling time. It was four and one-half days by the clock, but it is to be remembered that there is a difference of six hours in time between New York City and France.

Pleased With Automobile

Bro. Fred Fogle met us at Le Havre, driving the Peugeot automobile furnished for our work about two years ago by the national WMC. By the way, I am thoroughly pleased with this big, little car. It is little compared to the cars brought from the States, but it is big in its sturdiness and in the load it will haul. On one long trip there were five of us adults, three children, and six or eight pieces of heavy luggage. It is a seven-passenger car!

It is 450 miles from Le Havre to Lyon—much farther than I thought, taking the greater part of a day and a half for the trip. We came southeast across the beautiful fields and rolling hills of France, and everything was so brilliantly green—no frost yet in France. After just about a day in Lyon, we decided to drive on to Nice in the extreme southeast corner of France, since it was from this airport that the Snyders were to fly to Africa. It is 280 miles from Lyon to Nice. We saw the Snyders off to Africa at about 8 p. m. on the evening of November 6. On the 7th we returned to Lyon, taking the mountain road over the gorgeous high and low Alps in this section of France. During the first five days in France I traveled over 1,000 miles and appreciated the privilege very much, since it gave opportunity to get at least some acquaintance with parts of France I had not visited in 1947. I now have at least a slight impression of the vastness of opportunity here and will know, at least by name, certain cities which we visited. Le Havre, Rouen,

Evreux, Dreux, Chartres, Orleans, Nevers, Moulins, Roanne, Valence, Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, St. Raphael, Cannes, Nice, Grasse, Digne, and Lyon will at least have a greater familiarity. I am informed that there are 22 cities in France with a population of 100,000 or more. Some have a resident evangelizing agency; many have none. In the cities under 100,000 there are very few evangelizing agencies.

Since our return to Lyon, Brother Fogle and I have been busy surveying the situation in this immediate area. Lyon is a tremendous city, third largest in France, with a population in the immediate area of 800,000. The Foglees live about a 10-minute drive from downtown Lyon, living in the section known as Caluire. They live in a most beautiful location on top of quite a high hill and, although most of the people in Lyon live in apartments, the Lord gave the Foglees a private three-bedroom house, with basement, garage, and a large yard where Beckie, Victor, and Neal have great times playing with their little friends. They are bilingual, talking to their little friends in French so rapidly that my head aches; then they turn and talk to me in English. We Americans are such poor folk—only one language; we so often speak that poorly!

Residents of Lyon seem to take great pride in their lovely city. Streets, rivers, parks, and even the large apartment buildings indicate this. A great percentage of the people live in the large apartment buildings—buildings ranging from 5 to 20 stories. Those built since the war destruction are modern in every respect. I am greatly challenged by people, people, people everywhere! I see these people as opportunities for the presentation of the Gospel.

Meeting the Spiritual Need

Wherever there are people, there is spiritual need. I am made to ask concerning agencies here for the meeting of the spiritual need in this Lyon area. There is, of course, the *Catholic Church*. It is the predominant church here, as in all of France. However, there are only between five and eight million active Catholics out of the 42,000,000 people. We feel safe in asserting that the Catholic Church is in no way meeting the spiritual need of Lyon, especially not from the gospel viewpoint.

The Protestant groups come next in France numerically. There are between 500,000 and 1,030,000 of all of these. I suppose Lyon has her proportionate share. There are NINE Reformed churches in this area, ONE Lutheran, TWO Baptist, TWO Pentecostal, ONE Plymouth Brethren, and one "closed" Brethren—16 in all.

Someone will immediately say, "Why are you starting in Lyon, where there are already so many Protestant churches?" Please, shall we consider before we pass

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judgment? Some of these congregations have a church building; many, probably the majority, have only a small meeting hall. Some have an attendance of 20 or 30; the largest have between 300 and 500. I believe it is safe to estimate that the average attendance per Sunday would be between 75 and 150. On this basis the 16 churches would have between 1,500 and 2,500 worshippers, and this in a city of 800,000! Some of those that I have included in the Protestant group have doctrinal excesses which could actually exclude them from the group. Some of these spoken of as Protestant, in the United States would be considered as so liberal and modernistic that we could have no fellowship with them. Some are very evangelical (correct in their Biblical knowledge) but appear to have no evangelistic fervor, and demonstrate no concern in this business of getting the Gospel out to the lost men and women of this area. We believe God's servants should not only be evangelical (right-thinking) but evangelistic (have a passion to get the Gospel out). To this purpose we have dedicated our work in France.

Lyon is centrally located in relation to all central and south France. Many of the cities of 100,000 or more and great numbers of smaller cities are easily accessible, especially so with the gospel car when there are such good roads. I believe that we have chosen well in the selection of Lyon for the center of our Brethren testimony. And may I whisper to you that we have chosen well in the selection of Brother and Sister Fogle to work in this field.

Approaching Our Opportunities

We do not yet see every tool that we may use in the evangelizing of this area and in the establishing of Brethren testimonies. But we do see a few.

A *gospel hall* is immediately necessary; later, probably, a church building, but now just a hall. Such is generally accepted in France. Halls are hard to secure and very expensive. This alone may cost us from \$2,000 to \$6,000. We have looked at a number in this price range. No decision has been made.

Tents. We may desire to use such. One was used very successfully during the last summer. Through the gifts from Camp Bethany last year we have funds available for the purchase of a tent.

Trailer chapel. The Belgian Gospel Mission is using one of these. It is a folding mobile chapel, very much like the one used by the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., while their church was being erected. We are greatly impressed with the possibilities and are investigating further; we may try to have one ready for use by next summer. This would probably be much more usable and much more acceptable than a tent. If such is done, we will need probably \$3,000 for its construction.

Posters and handbills. Thousands of these have been used. I see them on billboards all over this and surrounding areas. This is the result of Brother Fogle's effort, and is in association with Mr. David Cole, of the European Bible Institute. This seems to me to be a most effective ministry, and is having excellent results—people who request Bibles or Bible portions.

Summer youth camps. These are also under consideration. The French people love camping; camping signs

SECURITY

I would not dare to live another day
 If Thou, O Christ, couldst fail,
 Or should Thy prayers before Thy Father's throne
 Cease to avail.
 But since I know that Thou wilt be the same
 Throughout Eternity,
 That I am kept by that same love
 That purchased me;
 And am persuaded that in Thee
 I need not fail;
 Since I committed unto Thee
 My soul, my all—
 I will not fear though calm give place to storm.
 And peace to war,
 For when my Saviour putteth forth His sheep
 He goes before.

—Barbara C. Ryberg.

are everywhere. Apparently all we will need to do is open a camp, and we will have plenty of people who will cooperate. When we undertake this—possibly a year from next summer—we will need many to help and will suggest projects to youth camps in the States. We believe this will be a most fruitful ministry.

Preaching. Nothing will take the place of good, sound, enthusiastic gospel preaching, and it is our purpose to always have this as central in our work.

Expansion. We shall not be satisfied with just *one* testimony in this *one* area. But we must first establish ourselves here; then we expect to move out to the other cities also. The opportunities are unlimited.

On to Paris!

About a week hence Brother Fogle and I will leave Lyon for Paris. We purpose to confer with many of the evangelizing agencies and workers in that area. We will seek to study further the best methods to use in our own work, and will try to make some approach to the problem of securing national French evangelists to help in our work. We must have more workers from the homeland—certainly we should have at least one more family immediately. But we must also have national French workers, and we should have some of these immediately. Pray with us about this.

In Paris we will also meet the Wayne Beaver family and Miss Mary Cripe, who are on their way to Africa. After we see them off by plane, and Brother Fogle sees me off on the boat train for Le Havre, he will bring the George Cone, Jr., family and Miss Rosella Cochran back to Lyon. They will spend some months in study here in the Lyon area before going on to Africa, the scene of their future missionary endeavors.

Four more days on the *S. S. United States* and a day or so in the Philadelphia area, then I should be in the office at Winona Lake by December 1. Pray for the Fogle and me, that we will be able to assimilate the mass of information received in this survey and consultation trip for the purpose of effectively and securely establishing our testimony in France.

—Russell D. Barnard.

YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

How Missionaries Are Selected

(Editor's Note—Part I of this important treatise was printed in the *Foreign Mission Number* dated November 6. Part II follows and concludes the discussion. Announcement will be made as soon as possible concerning the publication of this treatise in booklet form.)

Part II

Items Considered in Selection

1. *Spiritual fitness*—No other item is so important. The candidate should be assured of his own personal salvation, be careful to maintain a close fellowship with God, manifest a deep and abiding interest in lost souls about him, evidence soundness of faith, and possess a sense of divine commission (Matt. 28:18-20) for the work at hand. He should love the Word of God, practice a walk by faith, and reveal a willingness and enabling to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. He should demonstrate a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led life.

2. *Missionary purpose and call*—According to Acts 13:1-5, the missionary call is both by the Holy Spirit and the church. It is most important that the Board and Society be assured that the candidate is genuinely called by the Lord before any encouragement is given by the Board. Individuals may be called to specific fields and types of service, but for many the call is simply to foreign-missionary service and the candidate leaves to the Board the indication of the place of greatest need. The candidate should not make application to the Board so that if rejected he will then feel free from foreign-mission responsibility.

3. *Evidence of God's approval*—Unless one is interested in the winning of the lost at home, he will not be interested in the winning of the lost in the mission field. Blessings on the ministry of the candidate during the years of preparation are always considered. The Lord may reveal His approval by providential circumstances. The Board may often be assured by intangible convictions of God's attitude with respect to the candidate. No candidate should ever be approved if the Board of Trustees has any doubt whatsoever of the approval of God on the appointment considered.

4. *Personality*—Foreign-mission work is a personality problem from beginning to end. The attitude of the candidate, his cooperation, humility, conscientiousness, patience, energy, adaptability, perseverance, poise, common sense, ability to get along with people, buoyancy, humor, and the evident ability to cast all his cares on the Lord are very important. Those who give any evidence of a warped personality or of a personality which would be a hindrance to the work rather than a help and blessing should surely not be approved.

5. *Character*—The life of the missionary must be above reproach. The attitude of the person toward those of the opposite sex is very important. An evident faithfulness to the work of Christ and of the local church will

be very carefully considered. Common honesty is a necessary factor. Attitude toward debts and obligations is most important. The ability of the candidate to live within the means or resources at hand is to be considered. Clean language and a guarded tongue are always absolutes. If there is any possible question as to the character of the candidate, approval should be delayed until every question has been removed.

6. *Health*—Health requirements for the foreign field are certainly much higher than they would be for the same type of service in the United States. The Board will depend very largely upon the report of the medical examiner and on the general condition of health which has prevailed for a number of years before the application is made. It is so important both for the candidate and the Board and Society that only those be appointed to foreign missionary service who give evidence of the ability to endure rigors and hardships. It is especially important that psychological attitudes be considered, and nervous disorders, as well as physical considerations.

7. *Education*—While the Board has not set up any inflexible standards, in general we urge strongly the importance of thorough preparation. Men should have both college and seminary training, or their equivalent. Women should have either college or nurses training, plus some thorough Bible courses. Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., working in close cooperation with our Foreign Board, has organized courses for such missionary candidates: a regular three-year course designed especially for men, and a two-year course for women. Furthermore, since we are now working in areas where French, Spanish, and Portuguese are spoken, the Board insists that before candidates are approved they must take sufficient language study to demonstrate their ability to acquire a language, and also urges that the candidate have the greatest possible amount of study in the language of the field of his choice. For this purpose there should be at least two years of language study in college; a full four years is even better. Grace College and Seminary offer certain of these language courses. But these are designed to supplement, not supplant, other language study. If to some the above brief outline of educational preparation should seem long and difficult, the candidate should remember that it costs no more to send out and support a well-equipped missionary than one poorly trained. And it is the duty of a missionary board to administer the Lord's missionary funds in the very best possible way. A genuine call to the foreign field is also a definite call to prepare adequately for service in that field. The important thing is not how quickly a missionary can get to the field, but *how much he can do* when he gets there. Both the ability to learn and the ability to teach are equally important (II Tim. 2:2).

8. *Experience*—The Board is very anxious that missionary candidates shall have some years of practical

experience in the general type of work which they purpose to undertake in the mission field. Such may be in student pastorates or in teaching positions or in the field of nursing, depending on the work which is anticipated in the foreign field. Following the completion of the years of training, the Board may recommend that the missionary candidate take some years of work in practical activity in the homeland to demonstrate the blessing of the Lord upon his work and his ability to meet challenging circumstances.

9. *Brethren convictions*—Since ours is a “Brethren” Foreign Missionary Society, we must be sure that our missionaries are Brethren by conviction rather than by convenience. Our missionaries should know of the history, polity, organization, leadership, and of the ordinances and practices of the Brethren Church, and should, with respect to the latter, be ready under any circumstance to give a Biblical and theological explanation for such.

10. *Recognition of authority*—A missionary, by the very fact that he has the strength of character to be a missionary, has a tendency to be an individualist. Sometimes this evidences itself in a failure to recognize and be willing to submit to the proper authorities of the mission, either at home or in the foreign field. The Board must be reasonably assured that the candidate has been impressed by this situation and is willing and able to fit harmoniously into the mission program.

11. *The family*—Unity in purpose on the part of each member of the family is most necessary. One member of a family may feel a more distinct call to foreign missionary service than the other, but there must be a united and enthusiastic willingness on the part of each one for this service. Children are normal in the missionary family, as in any family. Missionary parents, however, should so plan that only under the most dire circumstances would the coming of children into the home dis-

rupt missionary service, or cause it to be discontinued. Unless the Board can be assured that this is the purpose, appointment will be quite improbable.

12. *Missionary knowledge*—The missionary candidate should learn all he can about life and work in the field under consideration. He should be especially familiar with those missionaries of the Society who have served in the same field. Every opportunity should be accepted to talk with missionaries, attend missionary conventions, and hear missionary speakers. He should be a regular reader of the Brethren Missionary Herald. The Society recommends reading courses for missionary candidates, and may at its option give examinations on the reading courses recommended.

13. *General*—The missionary may need to be a gardener, mechanic, printer, stenographer, bookkeeper, carpenter, photographer, cook, and so forth. He may often need to administer first aid. He should have the best possible all-around training and experience. Having said this, however, we should emphasize the fact that it is expected that each missionary shall be a specialist in one defined field of activity, keeping in mind that the first responsibility of each missionary is the presentation of the Gospel of the grace of God.

Concerning any of the foregoing or any other items, the members of the Board of Trustees of our Society and the general secretary will appreciate your suggestions, comments, or questions.

ONLY 1 PERCENT of the native children in our African field have the privilege of attending a school of any kind. We have the opportunity of reaching 150,000 of these children with our Christian day schools which are under the direction of the African church and the mission. If we do not reach them the “cults” and “isms” will. What a challenge! What an opportunity!

Seven New Members at Icoraci, Brazil

On Sunday, October 10, we held a baptismal service at Icoraci. Seven were baptized and entered the membership of the church. Four of the group are from one family—grandmother (94 years old), father, mother, and daughter. The other daughter is also a Christian and expects to be baptized as soon as possible, completing the family unit.

How we praise the Lord that He has given us not merely individuals, but families complete in Christ!

Pictured below are the seven members—receiving instruction prior to the baptismal service, in front of the church at Icoraci, and entering the waters of baptism.

—John W. Zielasko.



Evangelizing Adventures in Baja California---

DURING JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST

WITH THE WALTER HAAG FAMILY, MISS DOROTHY ROBINSON, AND MISS AMELIA HERNANDEZ

(Continued From November 6 Issue)

A half-day's journey farther south we came to Santa Rosalia, a copper-mining town on the blue, blue Gulf of California. It turned out to be sweltering hot. Everyone sleeps out in the street, on the sidewalk, or on porches. It seems to be perfectly safe. No one locks hotel rooms because they say no one ever takes anything. We found this condition true every place we went in Baja California. We were informed that the only Protestant work in Santa Rosalia is that of the "Jesus Only" Pentecostals who have a small group.

We took a side trip up into a canyon to a place called Santa Agueda. Last year when Brother Haag visited this place the *delegado* (mayor) refused to let him show pictures, but this year he gave permission. There was a good crowd and many Scripture portions were given out. We camped under the big, cool, shady trees along the main street, first asking permission of the old couple in front of whose house we had stopped. They courteously granted our request. When we offered them gospel literature they told us they had bought a Bible from some "Hallelujahs" who passed some time before. They were very much impressed with what they had read and were wide open to our teaching in regard to salvation. One plants, another waters, but God gives the increase.

In due time we arrived in the vicinity of Mulege. The road seemed to merge with a river there, due to the recent rain, so Mrs Haag and Douglas, aged 5, volunteered to walk barefooted ahead of the car to see that we followed the road. We passed another car which took the river instead of the road by mistake and was stuck. Rather uneventfully we passed through the water and came to the cotton fields and palm trees of Mulege. We stopped to visit Baptist believers, who treated us to watermelon and gave us water for our storage drum. We were interested to see them drying strips of burro meat on a line. This is pounded and mixed with other things to make a sort of hash.

We drove along a low, slippery, narrow road which

borders the estuary. It was beautiful but dangerous, at least for trucks. We were told that two trucks loaded with mangoes had slipped into the shallow estuary a short time before. No one was hurt, but the townspeople ate mangoes for a week. The people here were sympathetic to the Gospel and wanted to see the pictures and have flannelgraph lessons.

The next day a car which had traveled toward the south returned to Mulege. The driver said the road was



National believers planning to train as pastors.

washed out in one place. We decided we would go on and take a look at the road. We traveled close to the ocean and most of the way we were beside one of the most beautiful bays in the world, Conception Bay. It is about 40 miles long. At last we came to the grade where the road was washed out. We tossed in a few rocks but decided it was so late we had better make camp. During the night and next morning about 14 truck drivers arrived to help Brother Haag with the road work. They made it passable by about noon.

After Brother Haag returned, we had a visitor, a friendly pelican, who walked into camp. He rubbed up against Brother Haag in the most amiable manner, which was perhaps flattering till he discovered there was an invasion of lice flowing onto his trousers from the pelican. That spelled the doom of the poor old bird.

—Reported by Miss Dorothy Robinson.

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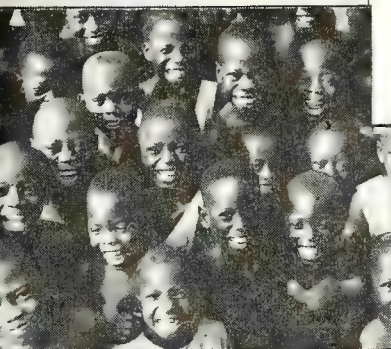
Doubt sees the obstacles,
Faith sees the way;
Doubt sees the darkest night,
Faith sees the day;
Doubt dreads to take the step,
Faith soars on high;
Doubt questions: "Who believes?"
Faith answers: "I."

—Alliance Weekly.

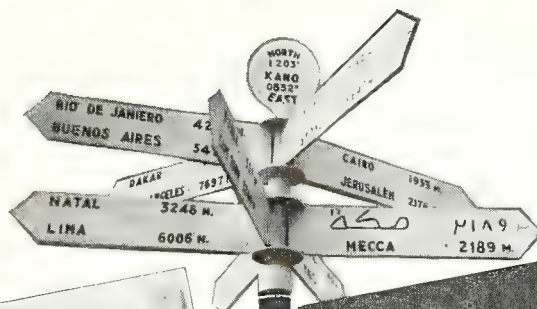


Brother Haag and a DVBS group at San Ignacio.

AFRICA at the



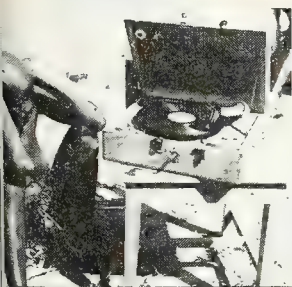
Children are living in a new day



CROSSROADS



older people are confused and amazed



ey can hear the Gospel

THE top center picture is prominently displayed at the great Kano Airport, Nigeria. It points around the world—but Africa is its center. Africa is at the crossroads.

CHILDREN are growing up in a new day. The clutching fingers are binding chains of a dark, pagan life still seeking to hold them back. The beckoning finger of a new day and new life, with all its advances, beckons them on. Where shall they go?

THE OLDER GENERATION, steeped in tradition and witchcraft, are befuddled. The new day, at present touching only the fringe of Africa's millions, is nonetheless bringing new things to light for all.

GOSPEL RECORDINGS bring messages from "the box that talks." Christian radio and Christian newspaper bring to new literates and awakening people the claims of Christ.

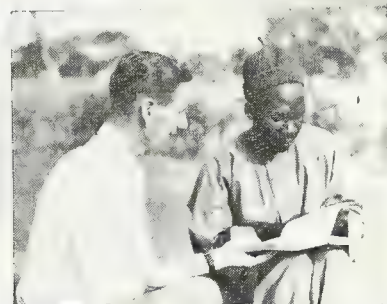
THE BIBLE must be distributed in increasingly greater numbers. National Christians must be trained to reach their own people.

The alternatives?

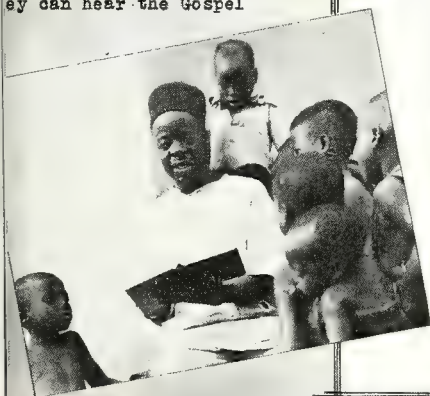
Communism, making an effort to win another continent. Mohammedanism, multiplying in unprecedented numbers. Paganism, the old and the new, bringing terror and tyranny in its wake. Catholicism, whose images and amulets offer little change from the fetish of paganism.

These are the alternatives with which we are faced. Will YOU help us point Africa to Jesus Christ, who alone is "THE WAY"?

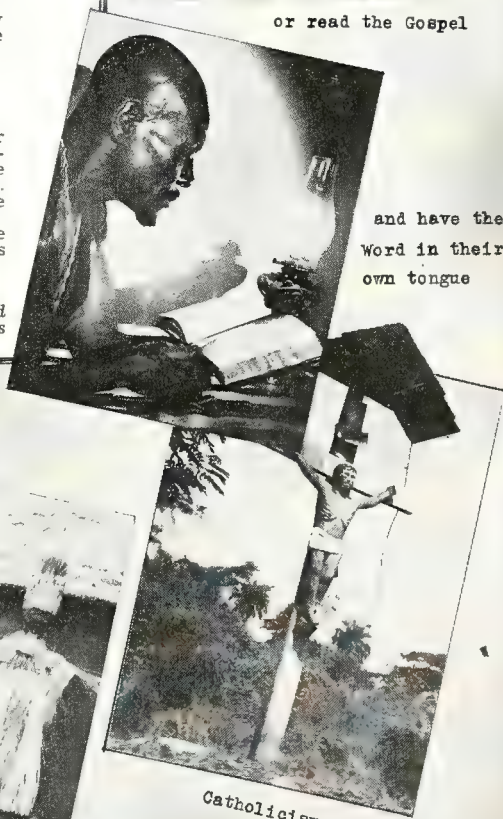
—Courtesy Sudan Interior Mission and the Sudan Witness



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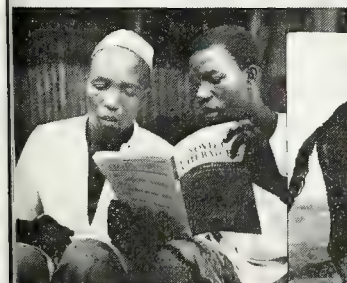


or be taught the Gospel.



and have the word in their own tongue

THE ALTERNATIVES /



Communism



Mohammedanism



Paganism



Catholicism

Tent Evangelism in France

By Rev. P. Fredrick Fogle

I believe I could write a small book about my experiences during the three series of tent meetings this past summer. The first two were held by an already existing evangelical group in France. The third, being held in Lyon, was our own responsibility, since it was a continuation of the work that we have already done there.

Feeling led of the Lord to engage in tent work this summer I offered my services to a Plymouth Brethren evangelist (a Swiss working in France), who spends his summers in this type of evangelism.

Meetings

The first meetings were held where he lives, a town of about 25,000 inhabitants, a few miles from Lyon. These were really sponsored by the members of the local congregation as a means of continuing their witness to their community.

The second series was in a town 80 miles from Lyon having about 30,000 inhabitants. Here it was the desire of the evangelist to establish a new gospel testimony. We were a team of four. Meetings were held every night for



The evangelist and one of his helpers.

a month. The Lord certainly blessed this effort and now there is a small group of newly born-again people along with other interested friends who meet together every week.

The last meetings, held at Lyon, were from September 2 to 19. Since we (my student helper evangelist and I) had helped in those mentioned above, the tent was offered to us for Lyon. We have funds for a tent for France, given sacrificially by the young people of Bethany Camp (1953), but it was not until the last minute that I knew that I would have a student to help me this summer. It was then too late to have a tent made. We did the next best thing and borrowed one.

Experiences

To give you an idea of what evangelism is in France, I should tell you about the traveling salesman who attended one meeting and was struck by John 17:3, which was quoted often during the message. As a result, he

talked with us until midnight. There was a young Catholic lady who stood outside. When invited to enter, she said: "My religious superstition will not allow me to do so." There were three young Catholic men who came to the tent around midnight, probably with the intention to damage it. After seeing the tent guardian, they resorted to attacking the Bible truths being presented. They stayed until after 2 a. m. There was also a doctor who lived across the street from the tent. He, too, came to hear the messages and to talk with us. He was convicted of his sin, but did not accept Christ.

To impress any of my readers who have not yet accepted Christ as Saviour, there was a young man who had already heard the Gospel. He had promised to come to the tent meeting. On the night he was supposed to come, he was killed in a motorcycle accident a half-hour before the meeting.

Then there was the young girl of 16 who accepted Christ. When she told the priest what she had done, he gave her three days to think it over. She thought it over, and stood firm in her new-found faith. A few days later her older sister was saved. These girls suffered persecution at home, but continued to attend the services.

A certain young man came regularly to the meetings. On a Saturday evening, by means of a private interview, he was placed face to face with the decision that should be made. He returned Monday evening and told us that he had decided in the quiet of his room to answer "yes" to the Gospel, and he prayed with us, thanking the Lord for his salvation.

Many others came and stayed in the shadows of night, but after the meeting we had opportunities to talk to some of them.

One night we who were sleeping under the tent were awakened by some young people yelling, "*Bande de cures*," meaning "gang of priests." We had to laugh at this, but it is really pathetic. To help you understand this, you will be interested to know that when someone talks of the Gospel to the average person in France, he immediately thinks of the Roman Church. Millions have an utter dislike for anything Catholic. Having seen the word "Gospel" on the outside of the tent, they thought we were connected with the Roman Church. This shows the great ignorance of the true Gospel in this country.

Meetings at Lyon

These were no less interesting, but the results were not the same. There was probably an average of about 20 outsiders in attendance every night, and most of them came regularly. The others who attended were Christians from Lyon. Here we had the privilege of talking with an ex-priest who spent 11 years in a Catholic seminary. At midnight one night I preached the Gospel to two policemen who were walking by the tent while making their nightly rounds. We talked with another man until 1:15 a. m. He is interested, but not yet convinced that the Bible is true; however, that night he bought his first Bible. During this series we sold or gave away 21 Bibles and New Testaments and distributed 9,000 gospel tracts.

We had planned to hold the meetings only 11 nights,

but we stayed on for another week, due to the Lord's blessing. We could have continued yet longer, but at that time of the year the evenings are too cool for folks to sit comfortably in a tent.

Many were touched by the preaching of the Word, and now we want to find a meeting place so that we may continue working with these folks.

Difficulties

Tent meetings in France are not always as well-attended and as blessed as those of this past summer. I have heard of one time when a tent was located in a large town and for two weeks NOT ONE PERSON entered the tent. On another occasion the Roman Church distributed a circular forbidding people to attend. Even this summer I heard of tent meetings which were poorly

attended due to opposition from those who pretend to be emissaries of Christ.

Conclusion

During these months it was wonderful to see how the Word of the Lord can satisfy man's every inward need. Seekers of the truth came to the tent. We had interesting interviews even during the daytime.

Can we continue such efforts? In France, as in most countries, tent work is essentially the work of a team. Could YOU come over and help us in France in this glorious work of telling the souls of France how the truth can make them free? Search your heart before the Lord. FRANCE NEEDS CHRIST, and CHRIST NEEDS YOU to herald the "good tidings of great joy." Pray that God will raise up many evangelistic teams in France.

French Bible Student Gives Report of Blessing on Work in Lyon

By Andre Kasak, Paris

(Editor's Note—Andre Kasak, the writer of the following article, is a student at the European Bible Institute, where two former students of Grace Theological Seminary are teachers—Robert Munn and Florent Toirac. Prior to entering the institute, Mr. Kasak worked with Youth for Christ in France and he was one of the singers in the choir for Billy Graham's meeting in Paris on June 30.)

Before the end of the school year last June, Mr. Florent Toirac, of the European Bible Institute near Paris, asked me if I could go to Lyon for the summer to help Mr. Fogle, who had written asking for student help. I accepted because I already knew him and I wanted to spend the vacation period working for the Lord. I arrived at Lyon the middle of July, having theretofore sought the will of God, and having asked Him His blessing. God is wonderful; He answered and blessed me according to His riches.

During these months I had some new experiences. For example, I put up Bible posters for the first time. It is not difficult, but success does not come immediately. Sometimes we find ourselves in difficult situations—a gust of wind comes along and the poster almost gets away. The Lord blessed this work, and a good number of persons asked for a New Testament, which is given free to those who write in. These people are visited, resulting in some good contacts and some very interesting conversations. This summer a young married man found Jesus as Saviour by this means.

Mr. Fogle and I helped another evangelist with tent meetings in a large town about 80 miles from Lyon. During this campaign several souls were saved. Later in the summer the tent was placed at Lyon. The Lord blessed there also. An elderly day said one evening, "Now I have the same hope that you have." Others who were very interested gave their addresses in order to be visited and be notified when the meetings are continued. Now it is necessary to find a hall at Lyon to begin week-

ly meetings so that those people who have been touched by the Word can continue to hear the Gospel, for that is God's will.

Experiences under the tent are at times very interesting, such as the lights going out during the evening meeting, and an enraged intoxicated man who tried to throw a garbage can on the tent from the building next door. During one night the young fellow who was watching the tent was awakened by something that was on his stomach. He soon found out it was a cat hunting a place to sleep.

The time spent this summer at Lyon was very blessed for me and I thank the Lord. He made me realize once again how many are seeking. There is a great need for workers in this field of the Lord. I was blessed by the fellowship with the Foglees. It is wonderful to pray, to meditate, to work together, waiting and receiving from God.

I have now returned to Paris and rejoined my family. My wife remained here so as to continue working. I will finish my studies at the Bible institute in February and after that I will go into full-time gospel work.

I do not yet know His will, but here in France, as everywhere, the harvest is great—the Gospel does not fail. From everywhere the call of lost souls reaches us.

The words of Matthew 9:37-38—very well-known, yet suggestive, pressing and so heart-rending—make us hear the call of the world in distress, invite us to pray and then to go: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

"WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"

CHILDHOOD—Too young to think—so parents believe!

YOUTH—Too happy to think—time enough!

MANHOOD—Too busy to think—more money first!

MATURITY—Too anxious to think—worry over work!

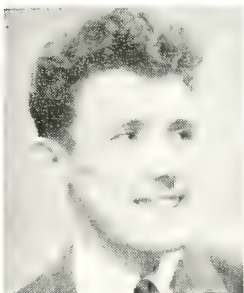
DECLINING YEARS—Too aged to think—fixed habits!

AS DEATH APPROACHES—Too ill to think—weak and suffering!

DEATH—Too late to think—the spirit has flown!

ETERNITY—Forever to think—God's judgment day!

—Selected.



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CHICAGO, ILL. The 49th annual Founder's Week Conference of the Moody Bible Institute will be held in the brand-new Torrey-Gray Auditorium Jan. 31-Feb. 6. This conference will mark the 118th anniversary of the birth of the institute's founder, Dwight L. Moody.

SOUTH GATE, CALIF. Rev. Leo Polman, first pastor of the First Brethren Church of South Gate, was guest speaker at the 25th anniversary service on Oct. 31. Rev. Alfred Dodds is pastor.

To avoid delay in your Sunday-school order for the January-March quarter your order should be sent in by air mail this week. We cannot guarantee prompt delivery after Dec. 10, during the Christmas rush. More than two-thirds of our churches have not sent in their orders as yet, and all publishing houses have given us the same warning. Those churches that sent in their orders on time have already received their Sunday-school material.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Brethren High School football team finished their first season with two wins and three losses, which gave them fourth place in their league. This school is operated by the First Brethren Church of Long Beach.

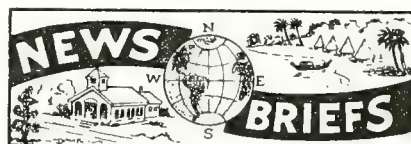
WOOSTER, OHIO. On Nov. 10 the First Brethren Church completed its seventh year of broadcasting, which completed 2,557 consecutive daily broadcasts. In that time approximately \$30,000 has been spent for radio time, equipment, and literature. Rev. Kenneth Ashman is pastor.

NORWALK, CALIF. The cornerstone-laying service for the new Norwalk Brethren Church was held on Nov. 7. Dr. C. H. Ashman was the guest speaker. Rev. Henry Rempel is pastor.

COMPTON, CALIF. Rev. Lewis Hohenstein, pastor of the Whittier, Calif., First Brethren Church, was guest speaker Oct. 24 at the homecoming service of the First Brethren Church. Rev. Dennis Holliday is pastor.

MARTINSBURG, W. VA. The average attendance for the last quarter at the weekly prayer meeting of the Rosemont Brethren Church was 103. Sunday-school attendance averaged 186. On Nov. 17, following the prayer service, the church honored Pastor and Mrs. Earle Peer with a thanksgiving gift of \$83.36.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. (E/P). A tobacco industry chieftain, avoiding comment on the relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, says sales of all types of tobacco are down about 2½ percent from 1953. Joseph Kolodny, managing director of the National Association of Tobacco Distributors, said the sales drop is due to the nation's business decline.



RINER, VA. A new record was set Oct. 31 in the Grace Brethren Sunday-school attendance, when 76 were present. A Sunday-school bus has been purchased. Rev. Thomas Craghead is pastor.

UNIONTOWN, PA. Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., was guest speaker at the special Thanksgiving service at the First Brethren Church on Nov. 25. Rev. Clyde Landrum is pastor.

HOLLINS, VA. Rev. Edward Bowman will close his ministry here on Dec. 31.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Grace Brethren Church of Denver, Colo., won the Division A banner for October in the nationwide Brethren Sun-

day-school contest. Rev. Thomas Inman is pastor. Division B was won by the Grace Brethren Church of York, Pa., Rev. Gerald Polman, pastor; and Division C went to La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif., Rev. J. Paul Miller, pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. Dr. Ralph Stoll, of Altoona, Pa., was the Bible conference speaker at First Brethren Church Nov. 16-18. Dr. W. A. Ogden is pastor.

WAYNESBORO, PA. A reception was given at the First Brethren Church for Rev. and Mrs. William Gray on Nov. 9. Brethren pastors present to take part in the reception were Rev. Gerald Polman, Rev. Russell Weber, Rev. William Wiles, and Max Williams. On Nov. 7, 320 were present for Sunday school.

MODESTO, CALIF. The La Loma Grace Brethren Church broke their Sunday-school attendance record on Oct. 17 when 233 were present. Rev. J. Paul Miller is pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. Dr. Paul R. Bauman was Bible conference speaker at the First Brethren Church Nov. 18-21. Rev. William Schaffer is pastor.

NORWALK, CALIF. Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Blanchar, members of the Norwalk Brethren Church, celebrated their golden-wedding anniversary the second week of November.

HOLLINS, VA. The name of the Mountain View Brethren Church has been changed to the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church in memory of the late Rev. John E. Patterson, who served as pastor of the church for 40 years.

LIMESTONE, TENN. The Vernon Brethren Church has seen an increase of 93 percent in Sunday-school attendance over the 1953 average. Rev. A. Harold Arrington is pastor.

SPECIAL. The address of Rev. Arthur Collins is 1540 E. Jefferson Blvd., Mishawaka, Ind.

LA VERNE, CALIF. Rev. Victor Meyers has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Evangelist
Camden, Ohio . . .	Nov. 28-Dec. 12.	R. L. Rossman . . .	Bill Smith.
Albany, Oreg. . . .	Nov. 30-Dec. 12.	Glen Welborn . . .	Bill Smith.
Washington, Pa. .	Dec. 14-23	L. E. Rogers	Crusade Team 2.
Dayton, Ohio (Bethany)	Jan. 2-16	Charles Gantt . . .	Bill Smith.

OUR MODERATOR SPEAKS

By Rev. R. Paul Miller

What is the matter with the world? What is the matter with humanity? What is wrong with the nations that they cannot get together? Why are murder, sex outrages, suicides, crime, and scoffing at truth and virtue blanketing the world? Why is war constantly hanging over men's heads, with the most awful human destruction by atom bombs just around the corner, and our national leaders soberly warning us that complete destruction of all civilization is sure with the opening of World War III?

The educator says the trouble with the world is ignorance. The legislator says the trouble with mankind is poor laws and poor government. The economist says the trouble is poor economic adjustment. The modernist says it is the lack of a world church. The Roman Catholic Church says the trouble with the world is communism.

God has another answer, and the true one. *It is sin.* Sin has resulted in separation between man and God. The most important issue for all mankind is *not* their relationship to *one another*, but their relationship to *God*. This entire world is in rebellion against God. *That one fact* is the basis of every war, every crime, every broken home, every true mother's tears, every hospital with its human suffering and disease, and every grave that has ever been dug.

When Jesus was on the earth, the Roman world, which was perhaps the most wicked since time began till that time, and that age most like the one in which we now live, was fast falling apart from sheer rottenness. What was the answer of Jesus? Did He appoint an investigating committee? Did He advocate stricter laws? Never! He cried, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." When Israel came to John, convicted of their tragic condition, he said, "Repent." When Peter, the church's first great preacher, faced the mob of thousands on Pentecost, and Israel cried, "What shall we do?" he answered, "Repent."

Today we evidently stand in the closing hours of another dying age. While war drums roll, nations are girding for the most awful earth-shock ever faced by man. Once again men's hearts are "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are on the earth." From

world leaders to trembling youth, human hearts are now crying, "Is there no way out of this awful horror?" Only God has the answer, and it has not changed in 1,900 years. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

This world of gentiles must *repent*. Acts 17:30 says that God "*now commandeth all men every where to repent.*" The world before the Flood was warned by God through His servant Noah that they must repent or perish in the flood. God warned, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." The *one thing* that the antediluvian world needed to do more than anything else was to *repent*! But they *refused to repent*, and that age perished in a day.

Egypt was warned by God through Moses to *repent* of their attitude toward God. But Pharaoh strutted through his palace shouting, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice . . .?" He found out who Jehovah was when he and the flower of Egypt's armies were swept away in the Red Sea. The salvation of that whole empire would have been to *repent*. But they refused, and as a result they perished!

Sodom and Gomorrah refused to *repent* and they perished in a hurricane of fire. Israel refused to *repent* under the pleadings and warnings of the prophets. For 2,500 years they have wallowed in their own blood, and death has stalked them every step of their way.

But it was not so with Nineveh! At the warnings of Noah, that nation *repented*, from the king down, and it was saved from judgment. *Repentance* was the determining factor between Nineveh and the other nations. The need of the present world of men is the same today as then.



Rev. R. Paul Miller

We don't need "theological statesmen" today. We don't need "world planners." We need a church with the voice of the prophet to shout to this sophisticated, Satan-blinded world as it is sagging to its knees, "*Repent.*" Such a church will be persecuted. Such a church will be rejected. But it will please God. And, like Noah, it will be lifted out of this world before judgment strikes. Such a church will bask in the sun of God's favor. It will experience the miracle-working power of God in the midst. God grant the *Brethren Church* to be that sort of church!

Today the gentile sun is setting. Jesus said, in Luke 21:24: "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." The gentile heel has been out of Jerusalem for six years. Undoubtedly, the gentile world is getting its last chance. If America does not welcome a great, sweeping revival, from the White House down, her armies will leave their bones bleaching on foreign lands. America will be bled white under the crushing blows of the communistic hordes of Russia and her satellites.

What this gentile world needs today is not international armies, destruction of communism, socialized medicine, equalized wealth, or harmonized capital and labor. This age can have them all, and still sink into hell. America must *repent*! Men everywhere must *repent* or perish. In the midst of the most desperate efforts to arrange peace, and stave off the inevitable, the zero hour of world tragedy comes closer with steady advance. "When men shall cry, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." There seems to be no way out. Dread apprehension grips mankind. The scientists are awake; the statesmen are awake; the military men are awake; and they all stand looking to the church for the answer. It has been so well said, that spiritually the world is dead, the Jew is blind, and the church is asleep. How much of the organized church spends its time fiddling away on pitiful trivialities while the world is on fire.

God grant that every Brethren

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Assembling Together

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is . . ." (Heb. 10:25).

In the days of the Apostle Paul there were those who manifested very little interest in meeting with the children of God, for their love was expended on *other things*. Why this should be true of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ is very difficult to understand. Yet the attitudes of the day of Paul seem to differ little from attitudes that prevail today. Many there are who will absent themselves from the worship of God on the pretense that they can worship God in other places as well as they can in church.

As a rule, those who offer excuses for absence from the worship services fail to take certain things into consideration. In the first place, why spend time, energy, and money to build a sanctuary in which to worship the Lord if we do not purpose to worship Him with God's people? Do we not enjoy communion with the Lord and His people? Be assured, there is no substitute for worship with God's people in that place that has been dedicated for worship to the Lord. Worship in the church unites the people of God as nothing else could possibly do.

It is very true that we might worship God by the river bank, or at some mountain retreat. But if this is to be the place of our worship, certain conditions must be met. The gun or the fishing pole must be left at home and the Word of God must be our only source of joy. A bass "playing" on our hook is not conducive to quiet meditation before the Lord.

There are three dangers in absenting ourselves from fellowship with God and His people in the regular worship services of the church.

SPIRITUALLY SICK

It is absolutely evident that the individual who desires not to worship with God's people at the regular worship services is spiritually

sick. Whenever a child of God absents himself from the regular worship services, he soon finds his fervor for God waning.

In Acts 3:1 we read how Peter and John went up to the temple to pray. They went together. They prayed together, and who can question the fellowship which they enjoyed as their thoughts turned to the greatness, holiness, and glory of God. It is absolutely impossible to enjoy the fullness of such joy and blessedness if we forsake our assembling together.

SPIRITUALLY DEFEATED

Whenever God's people refuse to affiliate and associate with God's people, they soon find themselves in companionship with those who care not for the Lord. This was certainly true in the experience of Peter. At the trial of the Lord Jesus, the Apostle Peter turned aside from the Lord Jesus and joined the crowds that lingered nearby. Peter turned aside only to benefit by some of the comforts of the enemy's fire. There he found things more comfortable, but we should carefully analyze the results. He found comfort by the fire of the enemy, but in so doing he lost his testimony, for he was singled out as a follower of Jesus.

When a child of God is found warming his hands by the fire of worldly companions, and engaging in worldly customs and practices, his testimony is already gone. Like Peter, the weakling who we even consider warming his hands in the wrong camp will soon be confronted with the same temptation that Peter faced when he denied his Lord. Such spiritual defeat always climaxes in much the same manner as it did with Peter, who, when asked the third time if he was not a follower of the Lord Jesus, cursed and swore, and denied that he ever knew Him. Peter was afraid to be counted among those who loved the Lord, for he was spiritually defeated.

When the tempter comes, we need the encouragement of God's people,

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lest we, like Peter, deny our blessed Lord even for a moment.

SPIRITUALLY DEAD

The man or woman who has no desire to assemble with God's people to worship the Lord Jesus is spiritually dead. It is not so much the exact place where worship is enjoyed, but one thing is certain, it will be where the people of God are assembled in the spirit of worship and prayer—something is bound to happen.

In Acts 16:13 we read concerning an incident that happened at the place of prayer. In this instance it was on the river bank. "And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither." In this case it was not in a church building, but indeed it was a place of prayer. They went there for that purpose. The result was that opportunity was afforded these two men of God to present the great story of salvation to those women. Only because they gathered for prayer was it possible to see the salvation of the Lord. The danger lies in assembling at the river for everything other than the worship of the Lord.

In Acts 3:8 we learn of Peter and John going up to the temple to pray. On the way they beheld the man who was lame from his mother's womb. While this lame man begged for alms, Peter and John spoke to him of the Lord. Immediately after the man found the Lord and placed faith in Him, he was miraculously healed, and the Word records that he "leaping up stood, and walked, and entered into the temple, walking and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God . . ." Think for a moment what those men would have missed had they absented themselves from the temple. Remember too, that Peter and John started for the temple alone, but before they arrived they had increased their number to three.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

THE ERRORS OF MORMONISM

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints." To many this seems a rather mysterious and remote cult, not very important and not very dangerous. This is true, perhaps, because we have been accustomed to associating it with only one limited area, Salt Lake City, but especially because they have been very adept at "putting their best foot forward" and publicizing only that part of their system which is inoffensive to the public while reserving their real teachings for those who can be compelled to secrecy.

Actually this cult is a growing threat, not only in Utah but in almost every city and in far-off countries. Literally thousands of devoted young missionaries are giving (in fact, required to give) one or more years of their lives to the propagation of this false religious system. Thus we are forced to reckon with it among the many cults of our day.

Strange History

There is little opportunity in this short statement to retell the story of Joseph Smith and his escapades. This the reader may find from many sources (the Brethren Missionary Herald Company can provide them). It is the record of a superstitious, notoriously untruthful and vile youth who became obsessed with the idea that God had chosen him to be the prophet of these latter days and the recipient of new revelations. These took the form of miraculous golden plates on which were written in "reformed-Egyptian characters" the history of the American Indians supposedly descended from a family of Jews migrated from Jerusalem many centuries before Christ.

This book he translated with the aid of miraculous spectacles into the "Book of Mormon," which turns out to be a hodge-podge of the King James Version of the Bible, highly imaginative historical fiction, and a quotation from Shakespeare, in atrocious English grammar.

From this rather startling beginning he gathered his followers and led them forth—from New York to Ohio, to Missouri, to Illinois. Everywhere they were in trouble with the law, for immorality, for crooked business deals, etc., until he was finally shot by a mob of angry citizens while he was lying in jail. Then Brigham Young took over the lead-

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ership and under him they went on to Utah, which at that time was an unsettled part of Mexico. There they were able to develop their cult unhindered. From the very beginning, polygamy has been at the heart of their beliefs and practices.

Errors of Mormonism

I am sure that the reader will see for himself the awful errors of this cult if I merely list a few of its teachings.

Many Gods. It teaches that there are many gods. In fact, men are on their way to becoming gods, and the gods were formerly men such as we are. God the Father is the Adam of the Garden of Eden. Eve was one of his wives.

God Is Fleshly. It teaches that God the Father has a body of flesh and bones, that he has many wives, and is still rearing children. The children born from the gods are the souls of men. Multiple marriages and many children are necessary on earth to give birth to bodies to house these many souls.

Birth of Jesus Christ. It teaches that Jesus Christ was born by a physical marriage of God the Father with the Virgin Mary, that the Holy Spirit, since He does not have a fleshly body, could not have begotten Him. Remember, this "God the Father" was Adam, the same character that was in the garden with another of his wives, Eve.

Jesus Christ Married. It teaches that Jesus Christ was a polygamist, that Mary and Martha were his plural wives, and Mary Magdalene was another. Also, the marriage feast at Cana (John, chapter 2) was one of his own marriages.

Salvation. It teaches that the atonement of Christ redeems from the curse of man's fallen state and restores to the position of Adam, thus putting man in a place where he can be saved. This is true of all mankind, without exception, even the heathen. But individual salvation is obtainable only by individual effort, by works of righteousness such as Abraham performed, that is, by taking concubines and bearing children. Women can only be saved by being married to a man.

Second Chance. It teaches that baptism is essential to salvation, and since many do not hear and obey the way of salvation until after they die, it is necessary that someone who is still in the body be baptized for the dead. This "second chance" is all a part of their elaborate characterization of heaven, where man goes on living with his wives and rearing children, on their way to becoming gods themselves and populating other worlds with their progeny.

Polygamy. Because the Government of the United States by extreme pressure forced them to do so, the Mormons have officially repudiated the *practice* of polygamy. But the *theory* and *ideal* of polygamy has never been repudiated and is still a cardinal tenet of their faith. Little wonder then that there are some "fundamentalists" of their faith who practice what they preach.

But, over and above these and many other errors in Mormonism, there is—

One Basic Error

Basically, the error of Mormonism is in its claim to new revelation. This *fallacy of new revelation* is one of the fundamental errors of many false religions, and Mormonism affords a good illustration of its dangers.

The fact is that when God gave us the Bible, the book of supernatural revelation was forever closed, and any claim to new revelation is necessarily false. A study of Hebrews 1:1-2 and 2:1-4, along with other passages, makes it clear that we have God's full and complete revelation in the Old and New Testaments, divinely spoken and confirmed. Nothing further is needed, nothing further is tolerated, nothing further is forthcoming. The Word of God is forever the measuring-stick by which we evaluate any teaching.

Suppose It Were True

If it could be established beyond any question that Joseph Smith did receive the golden tablets from an angel, and his claims to new revelation were genuine, *yet his teachings would still be false*. For even the Apostle Paul said: "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8).

"Why are they then baptized for the dead?" (I CORINTHIANS 15:29)

Paul in this chapter is really discussing the resurrection from the dead. Whatever Paul meant by the verse he certainly felt it useful as proof for the resurrection.

However, this passage, along with many others, has been lifted out of its context by false cults and isms for the purpose of deception. Satan has always tried to deceive folks about Christ and His work upon Calvary.

One of the most damnable interpretations for the passage is that held by the Mormons (Latter Day Saints). In a booklet, "The Plan of Salvation," by Elder John Morgan, pp. 26-28, we are given the following explanation.

Paul, writing to the Hebrews, speaks of baptism in the plural: "not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms" (Heb. 11:1-2).

Many have supposed this passage to sanction the idea of different modes of baptism, but by turning to another of Paul's epistles, we learn clearly his meaning. We gain also the information how we may be instruments in the hands of a wise Creator in doing a work for the dead. "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?" (I Cor. 15:29).

We have here an explanation as to how their prison doors may be opened and they set free: by the ordinance of the Gospel through the baptism for the dead. Those that are in the flesh do vicarious work for their dead and become "Saviours upon Mount Zion."

We insert an account of the visit of Elijah to the earth, in fulfillment of the promise of the Lord through Malachi.

On the third day of April, 1833, the Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, while in the temple at Kirtland, had the vision of heaven opened and Elijah, the prophet who was taken to heaven without tasting death, stood before them and said: "Behold the time had fully come, which was spoken of by the mouth of Malachi testifying that he (Elijah) should be sent before the great and dreadful day of the Lord come, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to the fathers, lest the whole earth be smitten with a curse. Therefore the keys of this dispensation are committed into your hands, and by this ye may know that the great and dreadful day of the Lord is near, even at the doors" (Doc. and Cov. cx:14-16).

Elijah the prophet having come and conferred the authority to baptize for the dead, the Latter-day Saints are assiduously engaged in erecting temples wherein this ordinance may be performed. The object of Elijah's visit having been partially accomplished in causing the hearts of the fathers, dead and gone, to turn to the children here on earth, the children are feeling after the fathers and seeking to open their prison doors, and bring them through the door of baptism into the sheepfold.

Not only are the elders of Israel traveling, preaching the Gospel, and baptizing the people by the thousands, but the Saints are flocking to the temples of the Lord and redeeming their dead from the grasp of Satan."

The late Dr. Harry Ironside, in his book on I Corinthians, tells of read-

ing of a certain wealthy lady, a member of this cult, that claims to have saved 30,000 of the dead. She has been baptized for many of the notables of history such as Cleopatra, Julius Caesar, and others. Dr. Ironside says: "It was concerning the lady especially that a youthful elder said with a solemn face: 'I believe in the judgment day it will be proved that this lady through being baptized for the dead has saved more souls than Christ.'"

Another view that many take is that a living Christian is baptized for a dead Christian that had never followed Christ's commandment in Matthew 28:19.

Also, there is the figurative idea for the word "baptize." It is used in the same way Christ used the word in Luke 12:50. "But I have a baptism to be baptized with." Those who hold this view claim the word "baptize" is used to mean great overwhelming trials that the apostles and others experienced because of the dead, in hope of their resurrection from the dead.

Martin Luther believed that Paul meant that they were baptizing over the graves of the dead. They did this in order to confirm their own belief in the resurrection.

The Roman Catholic Church holds the view that baptism in this passage signifies any of the religious forms such as prayers, penances, or gifts in behalf of those who have gone to purgatory. They do this on the basis of church dogma.

However, the correct interpretation of the passage means: the death of Christians leads to the conversion of loved ones who, for the sake of the dead, turn to Christ with the hope of being reunited in the future. Suppose a young man had a Christian mother and father that had just gone to be with the Lord. Through their death he realizes his own sinfulness, and that unless he accepts Christ he shall be eternally separated from them. Therefore, he comes to Christ for salvation and follows with the ordinance of baptism, because of the testimony of his dead parents.

David realized an experience similar to this by the death of his first child by Bath-sheba. While he thought the child lived, he fasted and wept, but upon hearing that the child was dead, he said in II Samuel 12:23: "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." David, I believe, was speaking of his faith in the Lord, for he realized that the child was with the Lord and that he himself could join the child if he trusted in Jehovah.

A translation that will help us to understand the text better and still be correct as to the original is: "Else what shall they do that are being baptized in behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are

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they being baptized on their behalf?" This helps us to see that the "faith of the dead" is the motive for living loved ones to accept Christ and follow in obedience into Christian baptism.

The Bible speaks of motives as being proper for a person to become a Christian. The desire for self-preservation is perhaps one of the strongest motives that causes folks to accept Christ. The hope of heaven is certainly another motive that is basic with each one who comes to Christ. Christ impressed this motive upon the disciples' hearts with John 14:1-3: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Paul used this same motive to

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Riner, Va.

From September 27 to October 10 we were engaged in a revival here at the Grace Brethren Church, with Rev. K. E. Richardson as evangelist. His messages centered around the Word of God and stirred the hearts of believers, as well as unbelievers.

During the meetings there were 11 first-time decisions, 3 rededications, and 3 received into the church by letter. The services were well-attended and our Sunday school set new records.

This meeting reveals again the wonderful power of prayer when we are willing to meet the conditions outlined in His Word (II Chron. 7: 14). We covet the prayers of all God's people for this new church at Riner.—*Rev. Thomas Craghead, pastor.*

It was my privilege to be with the Riner, Va., church in a two-week meeting in which the Lord blessed much more than we had even hoped for. From the very first the attendance was very good, reaching nearly 200 on three different nights. They have a membership of 11 and are just a little over a year old as a church.

There is not a more faithful group to be found anywhere. It was a real pleasure to visit in many homes witnessing for our Lord; then to see them coming out to the services and some of them publicly confessing Jesus as Saviour. Pastor Craghead is a real worker and believes in going out after the folk. If our Lord tarries a few more years I believe He is going to have a real testimony in that part of His vineyard. Pray for this church.—*Rev. K. E. Richardson, evangelist.*

Sharpville, Ind.

The Lord is blessing our work in every way, especially with regard to the Thursday night prayer meetings, when the attendance has consistently averaged over 35. The boys club has an attendance of over 20. Evangelistic meetings are planned for November 28 through December 12. Our Bible school is forging ahead, as

well as every organization of our church.—*Rev. Edward Clark, pastor, Grace Brethren Church.*

Harrah, Wash.

Attendance at our meeting here was limited by the sugar-beet harvest, which was in full swing. The weather was ideal, so the farmers really took advantage of their opportunity.

However, some never missed a service. The pastor and his family arrived one week ahead of Team Two. Rev. Farner and family have quickly won the hearts of the people. Smallest attendance was 39, and the largest 130.

The Holy Spirit was present in power, 19 making the good confession and 30 coming forward for a closer walk with the Lord.

We believe the impact of the meetings will result in greater victories in the days ahead. We were happy to team up with Rev. Donald Farner. He is a devout and hard-working minister.—*Rev. Archie L. Lynn, evangelist.*

What a blessed time! The pastor arrived on the field a little over a week before the revival began. Just a little time to prepare. But God stirred the hearts of the people and prayers ascended before the throne of grace, prospect lists were prepared, and evangelists, people, and pastor went to work. God's messengers, Crusade Team Two, were certainly God's choice for our revival. They cooperated and worked earnestly with us for the glory of our blessed Lord. The results: the average attendance for each service was 81; there were 49 decisions during the two weeks—19 first-time decisions for salvation, and 30 rededications of life to walk with the Lord and live for Him. Yes; we had a real revival. May God continue to bless Crusade Team Two as they continue to serve Him. We thank the Lord for their ministry with us.—*Rev. Donald Farner, pastor, First Brethren Church.*

Listie, Pa.

Listie Sunday school had 312 in attendance on November 14, the closing Sunday of the Christian Life contest. This was the largest Sunday school attendance in the history of the church. Dr. Paul Bauman, who was engaged in a conference at Listie, spoke at the decision service, and 14 stepped forward to receive Christ

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urge the Thessalonian believers not to be discouraged and troubled concerning their loved ones, "That ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." The apostle ended this section in Thessalonians by telling them to "comfort one another with these words." This certainly would be motive enough for loved ones to accept Christ that they might be united in Christ.

In I Corinthians 15, Paul was offering the resurrection as the only hope of being united with loved ones.

Perhaps there is one who has read this that has a loved one that has gone to be with the Lord, but you have not accepted the Lord Jesus as your own personal Saviour. If for no reason other than being united with a Christian mother or father or perhaps a beloved child, you ought to receive Christ as your personal Saviour.

OUR MODERATOR SPEAKS

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preacher shall, in this fatal hour, "be as David." That every sermon shall be a ball of fire like Jonah's warning to Nineveh. That every layman shall be like Andrew, the soul-winner, bringing in the lost sheep. This is the hour when prophecy is being fulfilled! Brethren, we must cry aloud, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." We cannot choose our own message. "Therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me," saith the Lord. God "now commandeth all men, every where to repent."

as their Saviour.—*Rev. John Burns, pastor, Listie Brethren Church.*

Buena Vista, Va.

The evangelistic meetings October 17-24 were wonderfully blessed of the Lord. The average attendance for the week was 165. There were 15 first-time decisions for Christ and 37 rededications. We do rejoice with our Buena Vista friends for the blessing of God upon these services.—*Rev. Stanley Hauser, evangelist.*



GRACE SEMINARY—

1. Praise God for the fine student body He has given us, and continue to pray for both students and faculty as they face the daily problems that arise.

2. Continue to pray for the monthly financial plan, and especially for the need of many more consistent monthly givers.

3. Pray that God will bless plans for the annual offering, and make possible the expansion necessary as our student body grows.

4. Pray that an increasing number of our friends may realize the importance of Grace Seminary and College, and may plan for its future growth through gifts, annuities, and wills.

HOME MISSIONS—

1. Pray that the Denver church will have wisdom as they consider the possibilities of starting a Christian day school in 1955.

2. Pray for the Navaho converts and baptized believers, now numbering 19, that their lives may be strengthened to stand opposition in the home and community.

3. Pray that the Stearns Street Brethren Church might get a building program under way soon to alleviate the overcrowded Sunday school condition now prevailing.

4. Pray for the Johnstown Riverside church as plans are completed for the erection of a new church building soon on the new location.

5. Pray for the rapid development of the La Crescenta church and for the pastor, David Morsey, who is a new man in the Brethren Church.

6. Pray for the Christian Workers Training Course now being taught in the home-mission churches that many new leaders may be developed from it.

7. Pray for the True Hunt family

as they move into Davenport, Iowa, to build a Brethren testimony in that city.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—

1. Pray for Mrs. Walter Haag and daughter, Sharon, who are suffering from hepatitis. Pray that the others in the family and Miss Robinson may not contract the disease.

2. Pray for the Klievers and Miss Tyson, who should be in the States on furlough by the time you read this. Pray especially for Miss Tyson, that she may be restored to full health.

3. Pray for the Field Council meeting in Africa, to be held the latter part of December, that the Lord will definitely guide in the many important items for consideration.

4. Pray for the George Cone family and Miss Rosella Cochran as they begin language study in France and become adjusted to life in a different land.

5. Pray for the Beaver family and Miss Mary Cripe, who have returned to Africa to begin another term of service.

6. Pray for the general secretary, who has returned from France. (As you read his report from France in this issue, you will note many prayer requests.)

7. Pray for the plans being formulated in Brazil for the opening of Christian day schools at Icoraci and Macapa.

8. Pray for the special meetings being held by the churches in Argentina, that souls may be won for Christ and the believers strengthened.

9. Pray for the work in Bangui, Africa. The Balzers and the Jobsons are now located there and caring for the building program, as well as for the organizing and establishing of a church.

MISSIONARY HERALD—

1. Pray that the Lord will lead in the future building program which is being planned.

2. Pray for the weekly ministry of the Missionary Herald as it

reaches the homes of our brotherhood.

3. Pray for the pastors and missionaries as they prepare articles for publication, that God will direct them in their writing that through their writing souls might be blessed and saved.

WMC—

1. Pray for the current project, the education offering for Grace Seminary, the Sunday School and Youth boards, with all that they mean to our brotherhood.

2. Pray that we may put Christ first in our Christmas planning.

3. Pray that every church in the brotherhood may unite in prayer on the 15th of each month.

SISTERHOOD—

1. Pray for the Atlantic District: its officers, projects, and program for the year.

2. Pray for Nancy Weber as she prepares the Herald pages and directs the program for the year.

3. Pray that more of our SMM girls may see the need of the personal "Quiet Time."

4. Pray for our general fund offering that it may meet the need of the Sisterhood.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE—

1. Pray definitely for the salvation of the lost souls who will be in the services.

2. Pray for the physical health and strength of the personnel.

3. Pray for real revival in our churches.

YOUTH COUNCIL—

1. Pray that the young people will catch the vision of the BYF home-mission project: daily vacation Bible school teachers and helpers for our Spanish and Navaho fields.

2. Praise the Lord for the fine response of our people to the "Youth Partner Plan" and the BYF program packets.

3. Seek the Lord's will as to the selection of a national youth director.

4. Ask the Lord for guidance for our young men, all of whom face some manner of military training.

5. Pray that our young people away at school, work, or in the armed forces, will prove themselves good "soldiers of the cross" under all circumstances.

The BRETHREN MISSIONARY

HERALD



It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

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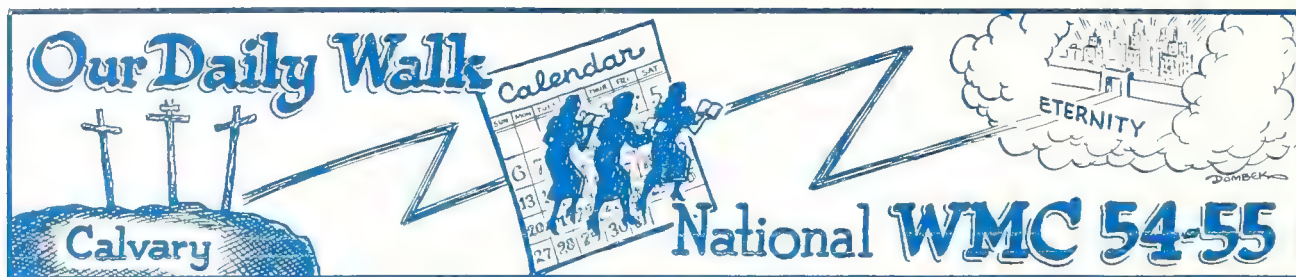
It came up - on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old, From an-gels
ill thro' the elo-ven skies they came, With year-e-ful wings up - furled, And still their
and ye, be-neath life's cross, When the morn-ing sun is low, Who toil a-
or lo, the days are long, When the morn-ing sun is low, Who toil a-



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o-ing way, M
-ling your
is all gra-cious King, The world in sol-enn still-ness lay, To hear the an-ge
on hov-ving wing, And ev-er o'er its Ba-bel-sounds The bless-ed an-ge

—Photo by Allen Zook

An Old Song
That
Is Ever New



OUR DAILY WALK—IN LOVE

By IVA S. CASHMAN

The words "for God so loved" are familiar to all Christians and are the very basis of all phases of the Christian life. Had not God "so loved," He would not have sent into the world His only begotten Son that all who believe in Him might have everlasting life; we would not be looking forward to the wonderful Christmas season commemorating the first Christmas given to and in this world; we would not have love one toward another; and most of all we would have no Saviour upon whom to bestow supreme affection. "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength . . . thy neighbour as thyself" (Mark 12:30-31).

John, the beloved disciple, has much to say about God's love to us, our love to God, and our love to mankind. The epistle of I John is full of declarations and exhortations in regard to this matter of love. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God" (I John 3:1). God has freely given us His love, and as a consequence we are entitled to be His children. Love is a mysterious power by which we live in the lives of others, and are motivated to kindnesses and even self-sacrifice on their behalf.

Human love finds its stimulus in gratitude, admiration, or mutual congeniality. But the love of God is a spring-like fountain. It is self-kindled. It shines on the unattractive and unworthy—the class in which we all find ourselves as compared to the Perfect One. In this respect God's love and man's love are at the opposite poles of the universe of love.

The love of God finds its type and shadow in the love of parents for their children. No love is as well understood as a parent's love. It is given freely before the child can have the least thought or ability to reciprocate. The parent's love for the child looks for no return. It is given when the child is helpless. Thus we have the example of God's love to us all about us, and it is almost unbelievable.

"We have known and believed the love that God has to us." "We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."

So, we love God because He first loved us. Our love to Him is the best evidence to ourselves that we are passed from death into life. If we truly love Him, it will follow

that we desire to please Him; that we will delight in reading His Word and in communing with Him in prayer; that we sincerely desire His favor; that obedience to His will and the winning of others to Him will be evident in our actions.

As we tread our daily paths, does the expression of Christian love come naturally so that those with whom we come in contact are conscious of the fact that the love of God emanates from our hearts?

"Beloved if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." It is comparatively easy to love those whose manner of living and whose objectives in life are like unto our own. But what about the unlovely and even those who are avowedly our enemies? Do we love them and do good to them? According to I Corinthians 13:1-3 we can speak with golden-tongued oratory, give liberally of our substance to feed the poor, and even sacrifice our lives in saving someone's physical being, and yet if we have not the love of God in our hearts as we go about our daily tasks, "it profiteth nothing." Love is the chief of the Christian graces. It is the crowning glory of Christian character. It does no wrong. It is not given to falsehood, faultfinding, or suspicion. It is not interested in stirring up strife, in meddling in other peoples' affairs, in peddling injurious rumors, in promoting dissension, in alienating friendships, or in making trouble in general.

Love heals divisions, promotes friendships, cherishes amiability and gentle tempers, puts away unholy feelings, and brings Christians to associate together as a holy band living and working for the glory of God. When we are prone to criticize or say unkind things about our fellow men, let us remember that "love covereth all things with silence."

Moffatt's translation of I Corinthians 13:4-8, 13 gives us a beautiful picture of a consecrated life of Christian love:

"Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never glad when others go wrong; love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient. . . . Thus, faith, hope and love last on, these three, but the greatest of all is love."

Who's Who for December

PAUL R. BAUMAN

Paul R. Bauman was born January 7, 1908, at Portis, Kans., during an evangelistic meeting which was being held by his father, Louis S. Bauman, who was at that time pastor of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia. It was a cold winter day, and Dr. Bauman said of it: "The wind was howling on the outside, and Paul was howling on the inside."

After the death of his mother, when Paul was 20 months old, he was taken to Morrill, Kans., to live with his aunt, Mrs. Ellen Showalter. His father had entered full-time evangelistic work, and Paul continued to live in Kansas until he was four years of age and his father was married again, to Miss Retta Virginia Stover, of Sunnyside, Wash. Paul's sister, Iva, who had been staying with Rev. and Mrs. Jacob C. Cassel in Montreal, Canada, joined the family and they moved to their new home in Long Beach, Calif. There Paul attended grade school and high school, graduating in 1926. He accepted his Saviour at eight years of age under his father's ministry. In the fall of 1926 he set out in an old Model T Ford for Ashland, Ohio, with another young man from the Long Beach church. His father later said he had doubted whether the old car would go as far as the Arizona border.

Three years were spent in Ashland College, and it was there that the young man first felt called to a teaching ministry. He served during his third year as student assistant, in the field of zoology, to Dr. E. E. Jacobs. He then transferred to the University of Southern California to complete his scientific studies.

After graduating from the University of Southern California, Paul spent a year working with his father as the assistant pastor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach. At the same time he attended the USC graduate school part time. The following year he accepted a teaching fellowship there and continued his studies. However, he found it impossible to get away from his call and the dedication of his life to the Christian ministry.

Accordingly, in September of 1932 he enrolled in Ashland Theological Seminary and graduated in 1934. During part of his seminary days he served as student pastor at Sterling, Ohio. Immediately upon his graduation he received a call from the Second Brethren Church of Los Angeles and after much prayer decided to accept the position of pastor. There he served from 1934 to 1942.

From 1942 to 1947 he was connected with the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, where he served not only as a



Dr. Paul R. Bauman

teacher but also as vice president. Although Dr. Bauman had many opportunities to contact Brethren students and prospective Brethren at Biola, he answered the need of his own denomination by joining the faculty of Grace Seminary in 1947. At Grace he has served as teacher and is at the present time vice president and director of public relations.

Dr. Bauman is married and has two daughters and one son. His oldest daughter, Mary, is attending Grace College.

His position in the school makes Dr. Bauman the ideal man to present the study on the growth of Grace College and Seminary to our WMC.

CHARLES KOONTZ

Charles Koontz, oldest son of Rev. and Mrs. Herman W. Koontz, was born at Masontown, Pa., on June 22, 1930. Charles spent his childhood at Roanoke, Va., where his father was pastor of the Ghent Brethren Church for many years. It was in a revival meeting in the Ghent church that he accepted the Lord at the age of eight. A few years later in high school, Charles dedicated his life to the Lord for full-time Christian service.

After completing high school, Charles enrolled in Bryan University, where he spent his freshman year in 1948-49. The following year he transferred to the college division of Grace Seminary. Since there were only two years of college at Grace at that time, he returned to Bryan University from 1950 to 1952, where he graduated with an A. B. degree, majoring in English.

In the fall of 1952 Charles returned to Winona Lake, where he entered Grace Seminary. He is now a middler in the school.

Even during his preparation days Charles has been active in the Lord's work in the Brethren Church. He spent the summer of 1950 working with Rev. Ralph Colburn in the summer camps of the church. At the present time he is directing the boys club of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, of which his father is the pastor.

The Lord has not shown him, as yet, his place of future service, but he is waiting for His leading. Charles's life verse is Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

It is to Charles that we of the WMC are indebted for our December Bible study on the topic, "The Greatest Love, the Gift of God's Son."



Charles Koontz

NOTICE TO PRESIDENTS

The program packets are being sent out this year by quarters rather than twice a year. You have, no doubt, all received your packets for this second quarter. The lessons for the third quarter will probably be in the mail in January.

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"HAVE YE NOT READ?"

By Mrs. Olive Deloe, National Literature Secretary

This is a question that is asked many times in the Bible, especially in the Books of Matthew and Mark. We know that this question is referring to God's Word, the Holy Bible, but let us of the WMC ask ourselves this question in regard to our reading circle books. Many will quickly reply with another question, "Why read them?"

Have you ever stopped to think what a privilege we have in these United States to read so many books and to be able to choose the ones *we* want to read? Have you ever considered the blessing received through the reading of books written by Christian men and women?

We all feel that we must put our time and energy into things that will be for our own good and from which we can profit; so, **LET US READ!**

Read for relaxation. After hours spent at the many household duties that have tired us both mentally and physically, let's take time for a short vacation trip to Africa with Mary Emmert via her book, "Some African Links." You will find adventure, excitement, and blessing as you read of the response of the natives there to the Gospel.

Read for encouragement. Many are the times we become discouraged and feel our burdens are too heavy to bear, but after reading a few chapters of Christiana Tsai's book, "Queen of the Dark Chamber," we will have a lighter heart, and our way will seem easier. We will realize anew what a wonderful Lord we have.

Read for admonition. In Paul Hutchens' "Uninterrupted Sky," we find situations like unto many of our own, with warning counsel that can be very helpful in coping with such problems or similar ones.

Read for devotion. "His Banner Over Us," by Martha Snell Nicholson, portrays so well what a life of devotion can mean to those round about us, and how we as Christian women should spend much time in prayer and reading—God's Word *first*, and then the suggested reading by the WMC.

THE HOLY CHILD

The Holy Child upon His mother's breast
Fell fast asleep. She kissed His tiny face.
Then, lest by moving she might break His rest
She he'd Him close and mused a little space.

"The angel said He is a mighty King,
The Lord Messiah, sent from heav'n above,
Yet here He sleeps, because He heard me sing.
He is my own dear Child to tend and love.

"I cannot understand how it can be.
Kings brought Him gifts and bowed before Him low,
But in a manger He slept happily.

How can I teach Him what He needs to know?"

The baby, waking, stirred against her arm,
And lovingly she clasped her Son with joy.
"Ah, now I hold my Baby safe from harm,
My Saviour! Yet He is my darling boy."

—Lucile H. Smith, Ashland, Ohio.

ANNUAL WMC REPORTS

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

It is with great joy that we bring to you the first report from the Southern Ohio District. The Lord blessed abundantly in our work this past year, and great interest was shown in our rallies and conference sessions. We have nine councils situated very closely together with a membership of 219.

Our project offering was given to Patterson Park for the purchase of much-needed classroom chairs and was brought to our fall rally at Clayton. We were privileged to have Mrs. Phyllis Towner, active in child evangelism, give us an up-to-the-minute talk. Our councils were royally entertained by the Patterson Park women at an evening fellowship rally in the spring. We were thrilled with the way our women responded to the Missionary Residence offering which was lifted at this rally. Mrs. Wayne Beaver brought an inspirational message to the 135 ladies present. Five sessions of sweet fellowship were enjoyed at our district conference held in North Riverdale's new chapel. Miss Evelyn Fuqua and Mrs. R. D. Barnard brought challenging messages to us. "Miss Evelyn" told us of the need for a large projector screen in her work at Dryhill, so we sent her a "deluxe" screen, stand, and carrying case. We also felt the need to help send boys and girls to their camp at Clayhole, Ky., so a generous gift was given to Brother Landrum for camp fees.

Much was accomplished in each local council. Not only were most of the goals met and our national offerings supported, but also many costly items were purchased for our own churches and parsonages; much used clothing was sent to our mission points and Korea; the sick were remembered in various ways and the county home was not forgotten; many gifts were given to our home and foreign missionaries and servicemen; our councils helped the SMM girls both materially and spiritually, and many were active in child evangelism as teachers or by supplying materials for the work. We are able to record a few of the major projects, but only our heavenly Father has a record of the spiritual victories and growth manifested by our women, and it is with this thought that we shall "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" in years to come if He tarries.—Nancy Chaplin, retiring president.

NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

The 570 WMC ladies from northern Ohio greet all the other sisters in Christ and trust that you had as enjoyable a year in the Lord as we experienced.

Each month an average of 351 ladies met together to thoroughly enjoy the fine programs which our national program committee provided. Many of the councils added their own interpretation to the monthly topics and the results were very inspiring. The gain of members for the district was 55, but due to some deaths and changing of residences, 24 old members were lost, leaving a net gain of only 31.

We are glad to have added one new council at Massillon, Ohio. Out of the 22 councils in the district, 18 observed the day of prayer, 21 gave to the district projects, 19 gave to the national projects, 17 sent in their thank offerings, and 19 participated in the WMC missionary birthday offering.

The district held four rallies during the year, the first

being at Canton, where 151 attended, and the goal to raise \$200 for clothing for the Navaho children was reached, plus a special project of \$58 for hymnbooks for the missionaries in Africa. At this rally we had a quiz program which helped us to recall the important facts we had learned at National Conference.

The January rally was held in Akron with 129 in attendance. Our project this time was \$200 for the educational expense of Marguerite Taber. We went over the top a bit with this project. Mrs. Ben Hamilton, our WMC editor, was the guest speaker. She helped us appreciate anew what WMC and the seminary can and do mean to each other.

The April rally was not so well attended, because it was held in connection with the district conference, which was at Fremont, a distance too far for most of the ladies to be able to make the trip in one day. Due to the children still being in school, not many were able to go and stay. However, we met our goal of \$200 for the upkeep of the Missionary Residence. Mrs. Wayne Beaver was our speaker for two days and gave us a graphic picture of life in Africa. One hundred and forty ladies attended the July rally at Ashland, where the ladies furnished a Hawaiian atmosphere for us. A lovely display regarding Grace Chapel in Hawaii and little program booklets in the shape of the chapel, plus lovely colored leis for each one to wear during the day were provided. Then our missionary interests were taken to Brazil as Mrs. Russell Barnard told of their trip to South America. The goal to raise \$200 for a block schoolhouse in Africa was reached at this time.

The work projects and special gifts by the local councils include the following: missionary gift chests, money gifts to missionaries, gifts of clothing, food, bedding, medical supplies to Taos, Albuquerque, and Kentucky; Christmas food packages for the needy, gifts for local church needs, bandages rolled for SMM girls, sent children from children's home to Camp Buckeye, sponsored mother-daughter and father-son banquets, purchased trays for WMC use, sent gifts to church members in college and seminary, furnished treats for child evangelism classes, placed tract racks in city jails and railroad depots, rolled tracts for Halloween "beggars night," sent tracts to new mothers in hospitals, made kimonos for African babies, helped local pastors and wives with gifts, housecleaning, etc.; sent gifts to missionaries, sent food to Jewish families in Korea, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia; purchased large-type Bibles for those losing eyesight, and many other similar things.

As we enter the new WMC year and once again all "put our hands to the plough," we trust that we will have the wisdom to know the difference between building wood, hay, and stubble, or gold, silver, and precious stones on the foundation Jesus Christ, and that when the final day of accounting comes, the ladies of the Northern Ohio District will hear our Lord say, "Well done."—Mrs. Gladys Lindower, district president.

INDIANA DISTRICT

The WMC ladies of the Indiana District bring sincere greetings to you in the name of Him who has enabled us to serve our Lord another year through the work of the Women's Missionary Council.

We are now one year old and as we look over the past year we praise the Lord for all that has been accomplished. We started the year with 15 councils and all



This month of December begins the second quarter of our WMC year and also the period during which we take up our second National Offering project. We hope that all councils have completed their offerings for the Navaho school and that all funds have been sent in to Mrs. McCall.

And now we turn our thoughts and gifts to another great challenge. In past years this second offering of the year has been solely for Grace Seminary and our beautiful new building received many of its lovely furnishings through the generous gifts of WMC. Library shelves and many books, snack-bar equipment, our beautiful new lounge, and the tasteful furnishings in the chapel are eloquent testimonies to the interest of WMC in the school. This past year, however, the decision was made to incorporate into this period some help for our growing Sunday-school work. Consequently, the name of our offering has been changed to the CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERING.

The growing need has required a larger challenge and so we have set the goal for this quarter at \$3,000. Of this amount \$2,000 has been designated for the seminary for the completion of the furnishings of the room in the rear of the chapel. When the building was planned, the room was intended as a classroom to be used in emergencies for overflow chapel services. But our growing student body makes it necessary to use that room regularly as a part of the chapel. Our generous gifts this year will provide pews to match the rest of the chapel to replace the folding chairs now being used there. An additional \$1,000 has been designated for much-needed office equipment for the office of the Sunday School and Youth Boards. This equipment will be of vital importance to every individual Sunday school throughout our Brotherhood, as much material will be prepared for distribution in your local Sunday schools.

At this Christmas season let us sacrifice just a little and give just a little more that we may go "over the top" with this new challenge.

have reported but one. It is with great pleasure that we report the addition of a new council at Goshen. In the councils reporting we have 357 members.

The district officers have had a busy year—nine all-day meetings and one presidents' meeting. Here all programs for rallies and district conference were planned, as well as the setting up of a district constitution.

Our fall rally was held in October at Sidney, with Miss Nielsen as the guest speaker. The district project offering was taken at this time and the money used to purchase folding chairs for the Elkhart church.

Our spring rally was held in April at Peru. Instead of a speaker we presented two skits—one on family devotions, given by the Leesburg council, and the other

called "Here's a Sample," given by the Fort Wayne Council, stressing the "Penny-a-Day" for the Jewish work. Many of the ladies commented that this was one of the finest rallies they had ever attended. We praise the Lord for these comments because we want to plan programs that are interesting for the ladies.

The district conference was held at Berne in July. We had five splendid WMC sessions. We were happy to have as our guest speaker Mrs. Barnard, who gave a most interesting talk on her recent trip to the mission field. Then too we took a count of the number of ladies that had had a perfect attendance at their local WMC meetings with the following results: 35 had a perfect attendance for one year, five had a perfect attendance for two years, and two had a perfect attendance for three years. It was at this conference that the ladies gave a love gift of \$25 to the district president for traveling expenses, and may I say the president was very grateful for this.

At the beginning of the year the district purchased a WMC honor plaque with the idea of stimulating the attendance at our rallies and conferences. This has really created a lot of interest among our councils. The group having the largest percentage of their membership present at any rally or district conference receives the plaque and the council that wins it three times in succession will gain it permanently. So far it has been on the move, first to Berne, then to Flora, and at conference time Sidney became the possessor of it.

As I gather in all the reports I find that we have had a busy group of ladies this past year. I only wish it were possible to print all of the reports given me because they were well expressed.

All the councils have contributed to the national offerings and had a part in the district projects as well. Some of our projects were as follows: aided the SMM in rolling bandages, purchasing pennants, making gowns for the leper work, gave canned food to the Missionary Residence, sent personal items to the Navaho schoolchildren, sent sewing material and reading circle books to Taos WMC, gave love gifts to missionaries and to those in need, made missionary hope chests, sent toys and clothing to mission stations and the Pacific Garden Mission, sent food and clothing to Hungary, gave bridal and baby showers, aided local churches and pastors, held devotional meetings in a nursing home and gave gifts at Christmas, prepared food and floral offerings in time of bereavement, made comforters, gave a love offering to Celina Mares to help furnish her home.

As we look forward to a new year, we pray that each one of us will grow spiritually and serve the Lord wholeheartedly, willing to do the work that is before us. May we also see an increase in family altars, a deeper desire to study the Bible, and more faithful attendance at all our WMC meetings.—*Mrs. Robert Boone, district president.*

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

The California District WMC has had an eventful and profitable year. We praise the Lord for the privilege of missionary service.

Our first conference in La Verne took our WMC ladies on a "Train Trip" to Winona Lake to the National Conference—explaining the new goals and projects.

During Easter vacation several carloads of ladies and Sisterhood girls drove to Modesto, where we had an overnight rally. All the churches in northern California

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

Africa—

Rev. William Samarin.....February 7
Christine Anne Taber.....February 11, 1953
(Daughter of Rev. Charles Taber)
Allen Bennett Taber.....February 14, 1943
(Son of Dr. Floyd Taber)

Argentina—

Rev. Carson E. Rottler.....February 27

Brazil—

Linda Christine Burk.....February 24, 1952

Mexico—

Miss Dorothy Robinson.....February 4
Linda Marlene Edmiston.....February 11, 1948

In the United States—

Mrs. Jack B. Churchill.....February 2

(Note—The correct addresses for the above are listed on pages 41 to 43 of the Brethren Annual, dated October 30, 1954.)

entertained in a wonderful way. The fellowship and inspiration was good for all of us.

The spring conference at Long Beach featured "Know Your WMC," where all offerings and details of the WMC program were explained. Many mentioned the helpfulness of this conference.

At the summer conference held at the First Brethren Church of Inglewood, the theme was "The Neglected Triad"—emphasizing Bible reading, prayer and child evangelism.

Each conference is anticipated. The program chairman, Mrs. Ruth Ashman, and her committee always have a very different and helpful program arranged. The following missionaries have spoken at our conferences during the year: Miss Johanna Nielsen, Mrs. Pauline Sumey, Miss Mary Cripe, Mrs. Dorothy Howard, and Mrs. Dorothy Beaver.

Other projects the local WMC's reported are: visitation, bandage rolling, kitchen and nurseries refinished and furnished, boxes sent to Taos, Navaholand, and Kentucky, a bell for the Navaho school; several helped with Sisterhood supplies and banquets, baptismal gowns and choir robes bought and made, communion supplies, missionary hope chests, DVBS help, songbooks supplied, sunshine baskets, and showers. Gifts to India, Korea, Japan, Mexico, Hawaii, England, and Russia work, also to our servicemen, are among the many projects listed.

The district projects include a gift to the district mission board, \$100 to each mission church accepted into our district for communion supplies or bulletin board, an Esty organ for Calxico, helping with DVBS supplies in Taos.

Our national president was honored at a fellowship gathering of the WMC women at the North Long Beach church. It was a real joy to introduce Mrs. Ashman to our California ladies.

District officers that do the work they are elected to do make the district work move smoothly and forward.

This year California District hopes to have a long honor roll of those who read their Bibles through during the year.—*Mrs. Leila Polman, district president.*



FOOTPRINTS of JESUS

SUPERPOWER FOR YOUR ENGINE (Col. 1:29)

By Ava Schnittjer

Scripture: Colossians 1:21-29.

MARY: Every engine, every vehicle, every machine of any kind is made to run on some kind of power. An alcohol lamp works best with alcohol. Some motors are built to run by electricity. A car runs on gasoline, but an airplane takes a high-test gasoline to run smoothly. The only thing that can make a Christian not only act like one but bear the fruit of one is to receive the power for his life from a supernatural source.

We have a panel prepared for tonight. First, let us read together Colossians 1:29. "Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily."

The first panel member will give a background for this verse, showing the purpose of Paul's labor. Alice, what does "whereunto" mean?

ALICE: In verse 21 Paul says, "And you . . . hath he reconciled." Christ died for them in order (verse 22) "to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight." Since Christ died that they might be holy, Paul tells in verse 28 that he is preaching Christ for the same purpose, "That ye may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." He preaches in two ways, warning every man and teaching every man. Paul corrected those that were wrong in some way, and then he went on to teach them the truths about Christ. It wasn't just so they would be smarter, but so they would be better—"perfect in Christ Jesus."

MARY: Very often people say to us, "Don't work too

hard," or "Take it easy," but Paul said of his preaching, "I labour." Jane's subject is "The Struggle."

JANE: Last summer I was out on a stream in a boat. As we went downstream, an occasional languid stroke hurried us on with the current. But when we turned around to go upstream, such take-it-easy strokes didn't advance us at all. We scarcely held our own. In order to advance we had to really tug at the oars, putting all our weight into each stroke. That is what Paul means when he says, "I labour." To really work for God requires physical and mental strain and effort. Perhaps some preachers and teachers work in a dignified, leisurely fashion and are careful to stop before they become weary. Paul insists that the work can't be done in that way. Like a racer, he knows that when the enthusiasm of the opening sprint is over, when his lungs ache from exertion, when his throat is parched and every pore perspires, that is not the time to slacken his speed and save his energy, but it is the time to increase his efforts in this labor to win the race.

MARY: That was "The Struggle." Now for "The Strife." Esther.

ESTHER: Since Paul had so glorious a purpose, there was bound to be opposition. He was overthrowing paganism, trying to show that Judaism was now powerless. Pastors today have to labor hard, but whereas they do have something of a plan set up, Paul had to break a new path completely. His enemies were many. Some were of a spiritual nature, a zeal for the religion of their fathers and jealousy for reputation. Some of his strivings were physical; he was beaten, imprisoned, scourged, stoned, shipwrecked at sea, at the mercy of robbers in the desert, and ambushed by false friends. But Paul's love for souls and his desire to shed abroad in every direction the light, life, and the blessedness he had received caused him to pursue his course without ceasing, and to circulate continually from one country to another in glorious activity.

MARY: This toil and conflict are to be carried on "according to his working." For the Struggle and the Strife, there is "The Strength." Margaret has this topic.

MARGARET: The one who is in the Christian is Christ. His presence in us strengthens us for the struggle which is necessary. In history I read of a certain general's success in battle. He was successful because he didn't just send his men into battle. He led them and met the dangers first. As a result his men were inspired to fight till they were exhausted, and they were loyal unto death.

We not only have our Captain with us and before us as we meet the foe, but we have His grace within us, an unseen presence to our enemy, but inspiration and victory to us as we have the consciousness of His power

PROGRAM GUIDE FOR DECEMBER

THEME SONG—Sing the theme song and repeat year's verse, Colossians 1:10.

OUR DAILY GUIDE—Read the Scripture, John 1:1-13.

TALENT—Sisterhood is a wonderful place to begin using your talents for the Lord. Be willing when called upon, and the Lord will bless you for your willingness.

HELP FOR OUR CHRISTIAN WALK—Seniors, for "get-up-and-go" power, study and discuss "Superpower for Your Engine." Middlers study "Lying."

CHORUS TIME—Have a time for the girls to sing the choruses and hymns which they like. You could even learn a new song—but enjoy this "Singspiration" time.

PRAYER CIRCLE—Enter into the closet with Him. He is ready and willing to hear and answer the prayers of His children.

SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE YEAR—Discuss "Church History."

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BUSINESS MEETING.

welling up in our spirits. It is great to know that Christ works for us; it is greater to know He works in us.

MARY: He gives Strength for the Struggle and the Strife. But how much? Joan's topic is "The Sufficiency of His Strength."

JOAN: "Mightily" means "with power." The measure of our power is Christ's power in us. I've been trying to think just how powerful His power is. Out where they are working on the highway, there are some huge machines and they are said to be very powerful because they can move such quantities of earth. Like huge earth-worms they climb almost perpendicular hills. People fear the atom bomb because of its great destructive power. But the first chapter of Colossians tells us a little of Christ's power, and these things seem weak in comparison: "By him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth . . . by him all things consist." It is His power that holds everything together. He not only made everything, but he holds it all together. And it is the Christ of this great power that Paul says works in him and dwells in him so that even his weakness is lifted into joyful strength by Him. Paul was mighty because that mighty Worker was in his spirit, giving him clear views of the truth, gracious affection toward those to whom he preached it, spiritual enjoyment on his own part, the strength of divine sanction, and the comfort of conscious support. Hence there were results: sinners were brought to Christ, believers were established in the faith, and his own heart was greatly cheered.

MARY: It's time for us to forget the feeble, flickering flame of self which burns in our hearts and be filled with superpower from on high. How weak we've been when Omnipotence waited to give itself to us. How little of the grace that flows abundantly past have we taken for our own, catching just a little from the broad river of God's infinite grace; and it is as if we caught it in a sieve, and we've squandered it and haven't used enough for our Lord.

Let us pray that we will find in Paul's work a pattern for our own activity and that we will labor more earnestly to win new girls for Sisterhood and to pray for and help one another to be "perfect in Christ Jesus."

PRAYER CORNER

Pray that the offerings for the General Fund will be over and above the debts of last year's expense.

Pray that more girls will take an interest in Sisterhood, and that Christ will have first place in all of our lives.

Pray for our National Project and for Miss Gail Jones in Africa. Our goal is set for \$1,700—we should be able to go over this with the prayers and gifts of you girls.

Pray for all the foreign and home missionaries, that the Lord will bless them as they serve Him and that their needs might be met.



LYING

(COLOSSIANS 3:9)

By Mrs. James Dixon

As we have been studying God's Word to ascertain how to walk worthy of the Lord and how to please Him in everything, we have learned we must put to death sexual immorality, dirty-mindedness, uncontrolled passion, evil desire, covetousness (which is idolatry). We must also put off anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy talking. It is because of these things that God's wrath will come upon those who refuse to obey Him.

But we obeyed Him when we accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. Let us seek to obey His will for our lives and put away all lying also.

Lying is a very subtle thing. It is something we may do without realizing it.

Lying is the way of the world. I John 5:19 says: "The whole world lieth in wickedness," or literally, "The whole world lies in the lap of the Wicked One." Satan is the prince of this world. He is a liar and the father or originator of all lying. The word of Satan is falsehood and every lie is the fruit of the Devil and the seed of eternal damnation. The Word of God is truth, and the seed by which we are born again.

Let us see how lying originated. First, in the original creation Satan was Lucifer, the angel of light, the cherub that covered. He lied to himself. Read Isaiah 14:13-14. "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." God said of him in Ezekiel 28:17: "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness." Lucifer deceived himself into believing he could be as God.

Later, when he entered the Garden of Eden, he deceived Eve with the lie: "Thou shalt not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods knowing good and evil" (Gen. 3:5).

The woman believed the lie and sinned and ate of the tree and died. When Adam ate of the tree, sin and death passed on to all his descendants.

The Evil One is still filling the world with his lies.

Lying is not only speaking with the mouth. We may live a lie. A hypocrite is one who lives a lie. He pretends to be something he is not. Sometimes we may pretend to be more spiritual than we really are; that is living a lie.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." He said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Of Jesus it was said, "He was full of grace and truth," and "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

In Revelation 22:15 we read that "whosoever loveth and maketh a lie" has no part in the city of God.

As Christian warriors we are instructed to "have our loins girt about with truth." Do not lie when it is convenient; rather cover yourself with truthfulness and clothe yourself with God's Word.

A lie is any deception, any pretense, any half-truth, and any falsehood.

If we would walk worthy of the Lord, we must be truthful at all times.

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE NATIONAL SISTERHOOD OFFICERS

VICE PRESIDENT—AMY LOU BRACKER



"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him" (Psa. 34: 1, 8).

Certainly we do have a wonderful Lord to praise for all that He has done for us. First of all, He has given us salvation, which is so rich and free, and then He has given us His Word, which has so many precious promises in it for us.

I'm sure the Lord has rich blessings in store for each one of us as Sisterhood girls this year. It is only through the prayers of you SMM girls that we as officers can work together to the honor of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

LITERATURE SECRETARY—CAROLE SUE QUARTZ



In Isaiah 41:10 we read: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." It is really wonderful to know that we have a God who is always with us, and one who will help us.

He is a God who hears and answers prayer. Don't forget to pray for all of the Sisterhood officers—not only national, but local and district as well. Pray that Sisterhood will grow and that through it many girls will come to know our wonderful Lord as their own personal Saviour.

ASSISTANT PATRONESS—MRS. H. LESLIE MOORE

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (I Thess. 5:18).

I thank the Lord for all blessings He has given me since I have become His child. It seems like yesterday that I walked up the aisle of the church and gave the pastor my hand and the Lord my heart, but when I begin to count the blessings, I realize how long it's been. Many times in those years I've failed Him, but He has never failed me. I especially wish to thank the Lord for letting me work with the girls of our church. When I look at the young hearts that have dedicated themselves to His work and the lives that are laid on the altar, I again say, "Thank you, Lord, for the girls of the Brethren Church." The Lord has answered many prayers in the lives of our girls as well as our SMM organization. May we continue to "walk worthy of the Lord," is my prayer for all you girls.



1. **GENERAL FUND OFFERING** is due January 15. Giving to the Lord is a very important part of worship and service in each girl's life. Let's see if this can't be the largest offering yet.

2. **WE WANT SOME NEWS**—Have you sent in your post-card news item yet? We want to know what you girls are doing. Make it interesting and different this time.

3. **SENIORS**—How is your personal project coming along? We trust that all of you senior girls will read the Bible through this year. A beautiful new SMM letter is being awarded for completion of this project.

4. **SMM PROGRAM**—A good way to meet one of your Martha goals is to present an SMM program in your church. This is loads of fun in planning too. Sacred-music concerts, plays, and singspirations can be worked up in an interesting way to present Sisterhood and its aims.

CALLING ALL LOCAL SISTERHOODS!

Has your Sisterhood done something outstanding in the past few months—something that the other Sisterhoods might like to hear about and use for a meeting? If so, write to the general secretary telling her about it, making it interesting to put in the Herald. Not too many newsletters have been sent in yet this year. Let's get busy and have some for next month's issue of the SMM pages. Perhaps in the past your group sent a newsletter and it never got put in the Herald. We only have a limited space for these and only those of importance are printed. Make them interesting, with new ideas for other groups which you have had in your own group and send them to the general secretary.

"Joan Larkins, have you gone completely out of your mind?" her mother screamed in a frenzy.

Joan, her heart nearly broken with grief, could hardly see her mother through the tears that blinded her eyes.

"Why, mother?" she stammered.

"Don't you 'why mother' me. You know perfectly well what I mean! It's not enough that you hounded the life out of me to go to that tomfool church in the first place; now you go around singing about somebody you call 'Jesus.' Furthermore, you have to go to 'Sisterhood' on Monday nights, too! Good heavens, Joan, what you ever saw in church anyway, I'll never know!"

Joan, softly weeping, sent up a plea for help to her ever-present Friend.

"Tell me, Joan, just what is 'Sisterhood' anyhow?"

"Well, it's a place where we sing, and enjoy one another's company. And we learn about Jesus, too."

"Shut up!" Mrs. Larkins screamed, her face white with fury. "Don't you ever mention that 'Jesus' name again! Now, go to bed!"

Joan went slowly up to her room, and fell on her knees beside the bed.

"Dear Lord," she prayed, "please help me to show Mother what a wonderful friend you really are. Help me to show her that you're longing for her and are ready to take her in. And, dear God, please don't let her be so unhappy anymore. She used to be such a wonderful mother before Daddy died. Thank you that you made Daddy a Christian, too, and blessed his efforts to win Mommy! But, Lord, now that Daddy's gone, it's all up to me! Please help me to show her the way! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

Let's skip over now to the next Monday evening. Joan and her mother were sitting around the supper table when her mother said:

"Isn't tonight Sisterhood, Joan?"

"Yes."

"Aren't you going?"

"Well——"

"I'm sorry, Joan," her mother said with tears coming to her eyes. "I've been doing a lot of thinking since our little incident the other night. Your Sisterhood patroness and your Sunday-school teacher came to see why you hadn't been to church and Sisterhood. When I told them I wouldn't let you, they began to talk to me about your Jesus. It sort of reminded me of when Daddy used to try to tell me about Him. I think, if you don't mind, that I'll go to Sisterhood with you tonight. I've got something to straighten out with the Lord, and I'd like to be with you when I do it!"

"Oh, Mom!" Joan cried, as she ran around the table to embrace her mother in a great bear hug. "Mom, this is what I've been praying for for such a long time!"

"God bless you, honey." They stood holding their arms around each other. "You know, the Sunday-school teacher said sometimes God has to bring tragedy into our lives before we are completely awakened to our peril. I guess I've been a long time doing it, and it cost you your Daddy, but, honey, if Christ still wants me, He can have me!"

"Thank the girls in Sisterhood, Mom. After all, that's where I came to know Christ as my personal Saviour. Indirectly, all the praise should go to them!"

HISTORY OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH—V

By Rev. Gerald Polman

The movement which we have seen grow into an organization began to see some real activity. The center of this activity seemed to be the Germantown church which we saw organized in last month's chapter (IV). Peter Becker was the first ordained minister of this church.

The services for this church were held in the different homes of the group now organized, but many of these homes were small and inconvenient for services—especially true now that the attendance had been increasing. After some time a man by the name of Christopher Sauer built a large new house. He arranged the second floor of his house especially for holding meetings. He made movable or swinging partitions which could be arranged in such a way as to take care of a large group or smaller groups as the need would arise. These accommodations were used until Christopher Sauer needed the room for his expanding printing business, as well as for his family. It was at this time that another man, Peter Shilbert, gave some property to the group, called the Beggarstown property. This property is now located in the city of Philadelphia and is still being used for worship services by the Church of the Brethren. (Sometime, if you are visiting in Philadelphia, you should make an effort to go and visit this historic site.)

The next important event in the history of the church took place on September 15, 1729. A number of members from the mother church in Schwarzenau, Germany, arrived in America. They had fled from the persecutions which were continuing with increasing fierceness.

This group of refugees fled first to Krefeld, and from there to Holland. From Holland about 30 families emigrated to America. They crossed the ocean on the ship *Allen*, leaving Holland on July 7, 1729. They had a very rough trip lasting 71 days, landing safely at Philadelphia on the day mentioned above.

Among the passengers on this trip was Elder Alexander Mack and his three sons, John, Valentine, and Alexander. This man was one of the original six people who founded the group back in Schwarzenau, Germany. Every member of the Brethren Church should be familiar with the name Alexander Mack.

This fine increase of membership, along with the addition to their number of Elder Mack and other founders of the church, encouraged the churches here in America. This inspiration became contagious and resulted in the organization of several new congregations.

Next month we shall look into one phase of the expansion program as it revolved around a man by the name of Conrad Beisel, and a place by the name of Ephratah.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. "Rickey" Dixon, 11-year-old son of Rev. James Dixon, pastor of the First Brethren Church, was hospitalized on Nov. 19 from a serious accident on the school playground. Rickey suffered skull fracture and concussion, and possible rupture of an eardrum.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. Anne Goodman, six-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Goodman, Jr., has learned that she will be spending the next three to six months in a cast. It will be remembered that Anne was stricken with polio while the Goodmans were on our mission field in Africa. A card shower for Anne would be in order. Send cards to 745 N. Fifth St., Covina, Calif.

ALLENTOWN, PA. Rev. John Neely has accepted the pastorate of the First Brethren Church. He moved from Philadelphia to Allentown on Nov. 26.

ENGLEWOOD, OHIO. The new Brethren church building was dedicated on Nov. 14. Dr. Paul Bauman was the guest speaker. Rev. Lon Karns is pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus, members of the First Brethren Church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 14.

BEAVER CITY, NEBR. Rev. Raymond Kettell, pastor of the First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans., conducted a two-weeks evangelistic campaign at the Grace Brethren Church Nov. 21-Dec. 5. Dayton Cundiff is pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. The address of Rev. Jack Churchill, missionary on furlough from Argentina, is 5516 Oliva Ave., Lakewood 11, Calif.

CAMDEN, OHIO. The Southern Ohio District youth rally was held here Dec. 3-4 at the First Brethren Church. Dr. R. L. Rossman is pastor.

PARAMOUNT, CALIF. There were 129 present at the fine Thanks-

giving dinner at the Paramount Brethren Church on Nov. 18. Rev. John Mayes is pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF. The Brethren Christian Center has changed its name to McHenry Avenue Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Raymond Thompson is pastor.

KITTANNING, PA. Dr. Paul R. Bauman was the speaker at a Bible conference at the First Brethren Church Dec. 9-12. Rev. Wm. Schaffer is pastor.

ROANOKE, VA. The new phone number of Rev. W. Carl Miller is 2-2474. Please change Annual.

SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF. An eight-day Bible conference was conducted Nov. 28-Dec. 5 at the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church by the pastor, Dr. C. H. Ashman. Assisting in the conference were Art and Genevieve Jaissle.

BOSTON, MASS. Dr. Kenneth R. Kinney, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Johnson City, N. Y., has been unanimously reelected to the presidency of the American Council of Christian Churches at the 13th annual convention.



BIRMINGHAM, ALA. (E/P). A compound that causes cancer in mice—benzpyrene—has been found in smoke from cigarette paper, a chemist engaged in cancer research has reported. D. V. Lefemine, research chemist of the Cancer Institute at Miami, Fla., made the report at the southwestern regional meeting of the American Chemical Society.

MOSCOW, RUSSIA (E/P). The Soviet government is training apostles to go out over the land and preach antireligion. This is a part of the vast, revived antireligious campaign to snuff out the resurgence of religion that is taking place in this 37th year of Communist rule.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (E/P). Broken, alcoholic, and quarrelsome homes, together with irresponsible and overindulgent parents, can be blamed for 95 percent of the juvenile narcotics cases, California's chief narcotics officer declared recently. Walter Creighton, chief of the State Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, addressing a joint session of police

In Memoriam

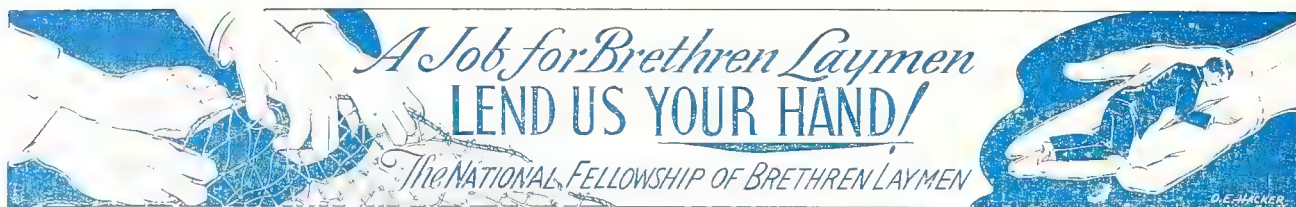
MRS. JOANNA SCHISLER, 90, went to be with the Lord on Nov. 8. She and her husband were among the founders of the La Verne Brethren Church of La Verne, Calif., in 1900. She had been a faithful servant of the Lord for many years, and her entrance into the presence of the Lord was a glorious one.—Rev. Glenn O'Neal, pastor, First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

GLEN MYERS, deacon and faithful member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind., went from our midst to be with the Lord on Oct. 29. Our loss is heaven's gain.—Rev. Ord Gehman, pastor.

JAMES L. HOSPELHORN, son of Mrs. Emma Hospelhorn, was killed in an automobile accident near Washington, D. C., on Nov. 12. The Hospelhorns are members of the First Brethren Church, Washington, D. C., and were formerly associated with the First Brethren Church of Waynesboro, Pa. James is survived by his wife and three children.—Rev. James Dixon, pastor.

chiefs and recreation officials at a panel on youth problems, declared: "Too much ready money, too many late-model cars, provided by overindulgent parents, often play a part in our problem."

WASHINGTON, D. C. (E/P). Secretary of the Air Force Harold Talbott declared in his Veterans Day address at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, that there are weapons which "can lay waste an entire continent." Any efforts to keep these weapons from being used, Talbott declared, can succeed only if nations seek the help of God. After having walked among the graves of the dead of past wars, he declared: "The weapons which claimed the brave young men who lie here were formidable enough. And yet they were puny compared with the weapons that human beings can bring to bear against each other in this nuclear age. These are weapons of great destruction. They can lay waste an entire continent—men, women, children, even the beasts and the vegetation. They can abolish in a single night not only an army, not only a nation, but a whole civilization." Talbott apparently referred to the hydrogen weapons. (Editor: Read John 5:23.)



LAYMEN'S DINNER AT HARRISBURG, PA.

The annual laymen's dinner is scheduled to become a "must" on every man's schedule who is associated with the Melrose Gardens Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa. It is our purpose to invite to this dinner our friends, especially those who do not know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.



Photo by Allen Zook

Monthly meeting of Laymen's Fellowship at Harrisburg, Pa., with Rev. Conard Sandy, pastor, speaking.

It was our happy privilege to have as our guest speaker in November, Rev. Harold Etling. This meeting was held in the home of Rollin Sandy. The Lord has blessed our laymen's work, and many of our laymen are busy in Sunday-school visitation work and in bearing testimony for Christ in daily walk.—Allen Zook.

WHEATON, ILL., ORGANIZED

Ten laymen of the new home-mission church in Wheaton, Ill., have found time in the throes of church construction to organize a laymen's fellowship. The men met with our pastor, Rev. Kenneth Teague, and we organized, electing Don Sellers chairman; Henry Brubaker, vice chairman; and Claude Akens, secretary-treasurer.

Projects decided upon were: (1) to assist a man of the church to move his household furnishings from Chicago to Wheaton (25 miles) on Thanksgiving Day; (2) to obtain and

plant trees around the church; and (3) to supply and maintain tract racks for bus stops and railroad stations.—C. A. Akens, secretary.

NORTHERN OHIO REPORTS

The Northern Ohio District Laymen's Fellowship will meet December 12 at the West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio. The men will be urged to support the Grace Seminary Student Aid Fund of the national laymen's organization. Prof. Homer Kent, Jr., will speak.

ATTENTION, SECRETARIES!

All material which is to be printed on the laymen's page of the Missionary Herald should be in the hands of Earle Cole, 2753 Elmwood St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, by the 15th of each month. Sit down now and do the writing you contracted to do at National Fellowship.

TREASURER'S REPORT

September-October offerings were \$187.75 for Board of Evangelism, \$7.50 for Grace Seminary Student Aid, \$81.50 for Grace Seminary athletic equipment (from Atlantic District). Our treasurer, Walter Hoyt, 409 Leland Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio, will be glad to hear from you.

Think and Act on These Things

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer there? Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."—Romans 6:1-4.

May the Holy Spirit stir the hearts of Christian men with this His Word.

MEN'S GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP AT ROANOKE, VA.

Here in the South we are on the beam for God. We are praising God that the members of the Men's Gospel Fellowship of the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., are busy for the Lord. Individual activity is as follows: R. A. Greig, two boys club meetings, one Roanoke Bible Institute meeting; S. J. Lackey taught two Sunday-school classes, attended Jewish mission conference; E. V. Parsell participated in youth work, having several meetings; directed song service for new Brethren Bible class in Roanoke, and led song service once a week at the Gospel Rescue Mission; W. K. Jefferson teaches Sunday-school class; W. C. Fisher led one soul to Christ, and is attending classes at Roanoke Bible Institute two nights a week; Earl Cronise attends the new Brethren Bible class; S. M. Coffey conducted two meetings at city sanatorium.

The new officers of our fellowship are: O. Mason Cooper, president; Wade K. Jefferson, vice president; and Wm. C. Fisher, secretary-treasurer.

The Southeast District rally was held here at Roanoke on November 5.—Wm. C. Fisher, secretary.

ATLANTIC DISTRICT MEETS



Pictured above are some of the 54 men from the seven churches of the Atlantic District who assembled at the First Brethren Church of Washington, D. C. The church sponsored the meeting and furnished the special music. The guest speaker was Rev. Clyde Taylor, of the Washington bureau of the NAE.—Kenneth R. Kohler.

Congratulations to The Winners!

Seventy-four Sunday schools responded in the first month of our National Sunday School Contest, and these 74 schools report an increase of 2,417 persons. They are to be congratulated for the efforts made. While only seven schools could be winners for the month, we are sure that every church and Sunday school that made an effort has found real profit.

Yes; there were seven winners because after we got well into the contest, we discovered that there were a number of new Sunday schools that had been started since 1953. Therefore, we have classed all of these together in Division "N" (New). Each month we will award to the Sunday school in "N" division with the highest percentage of gain over the previous month, the banner for this seventh division.

And now about those winners—

Division A—Winner, Denver, Colo., with an increase of 154%.

Division B—Winner, York, Pa., with an increase of 60%.

Division C—Winner, La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif., with an increase of 55%.

Division D—Winner, First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif., with an increase of 101%.



Division E—Winner, Ashland, Ohio, West Tenth St., with an increase of 11%.

Division F—Winner, North Long Beach, with an increase of 50%.

Division N—Winner, Ozark, Mich., with an increase of 300%.

FIRST DISTRICT SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTION

To Southern Ohio District goes the distinction of conducting the first district convention of the Brethren Church. Workers from the Sunday schools of the district gathered in convention on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, November 1, 2, and 3. The convention centered around the theme, "Revival Now Through the Sunday School." Beginning with an attendance on Monday night of 66, we are happy to report that by the last night, the attendance more than doubled, with 144 present. Leaders and teachers alike were challenged with the possibility of enlarging our churches by means of the Sunday school.

HERE IS WHAT ONE PASTOR SAYS

Rev. Glenn O'Neal, pastor of the First Brethren Church of Inglewood, says: "We weren't surprised! The average attendance for 1953 at the Sunday school of the First Brethren Church of Inglewood was 289. Plans were made to enter the Christian Life Contest and the goal was set to double the attendance. A contest committee was appointed, headed by Mrs. Dorothy Rowland. The contest motto, "Get on the Free Way," was posted throughout the community. A kickoff rally was attended by 125, including Dr. Robert Walker, editor of Christian Life magazine. There were nine beautiful floats (see pic-

ture), 29 decorated cars, a school bus, and about 150 people in a parade on the Saturday before the contest. A freeway opening ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted on the morning of the first Sunday, with about 400 people present.

When the count was in for the first Sunday, there were 611 in attendance! We weren't surprised. We expected it, because we had planned big. Prizes were offered for those bringing the most visitors and the attendance continues to mount, with 630 and 656 on succeeding Sundays. The pastor had 227 in his Home-Builders Class alone."

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The annual convention of Sunday-school leaders and workers held under the auspices of the National Sunday School Association convened in Indianapolis, Ind., during the month of October. We are happy to report a delegation of Brethren people in attendance at the convention. Those in attendance were Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Zimmerman, of the Patterson Park church, Dayton, Ohio; Rev. James Young, of Covington, Ohio; Rev. E. Lewis, of Buena Vista, Va., with his Sunday-school superintendent, Mr. Lynn; Mr. Frank Poland, Sunday-school superintendent of Winona Lake, Ind.; and Rev. and Mrs. Harold H. Etling.

The program was full from early morning until late at night with conferences, workshops, inspirational messages, and demonstrations of successful Sunday-school work.



One of the many floats in parade sponsored by the First Brethren Church of Inglewood, Calif.

ADVENTURE

FOLI AND THE ELEPHANT

By Ruth Samarin

The music of Foli's hoe went chop, chop, chop, but it was not a pretty sound to him. Day after day for two moons he had been working in the garden with his grandfather. Only on Sundays did they stop and walk the long path to the village and to church. His father took care of the church, and his mother stayed in the village to take care of his father. That left him and his grandfather to make the rainy-season garden. Foli swung hard at a big weed and then sighed. Grandfather wasn't a good cook, either; his manioc mush was always lumpy. Foli sighed again.

"Oh, it isn't as bad as all that," laughed Grandpa from behind the bean patch.

"Oh, but it is, Grandpa—nothing ever happens out here!" answered Foli.

Grandpa's face wrinkled into a thousand tiny cracks as he smiled a very wise smile. "We shall see," was all that he would say.

Foli knew he shouldn't complain, for the food from the garden gave his family beans and squash and corn and peanuts and okra for many moons. But he did miss rolling his hoop and playing ball!

"Here come the monkeys!!" shouted Grandfather. Foli dropped his hoe and grabbed a handful of stones. Out of the grass came a chattering family of red monkeys. They headed straight for the patch of beans. Foli and his grandfather threw pebbles at the noisy thieves until they finally retreated into the grass. "Monkeys are like little boys," said Grandfather. "They like to eat beans, but they don't like to hoe weeds, either."

Foli grinned, for he knew his grandfather was only teasing. They had worked hard together and had made a fine garden.

The grass cast long shadows over the nut mounds and it was time to stop work. Foli gathered small twigs and laid them in a neat pile by the grass garden house. He blew on a smoldering log until the yellow flames danced. Then he made a fire under the big black pot. When the water danced in the pot, Grandfather poured in some of the manioc flour Foli's mother had pounded for them.

After the sun had set and they were snug in the little round hut, Foli's grandfather told stories about the spider and the lion. Foli enjoyed these stories and soon his grumbling was forgotten.

The next morning the little black boy and the wrinkled old man began weed chopping again. The peanut patches were full of yellow blossoms. Long green beans hung from the bean vines, and the okra was as long as Foli's little finger. There would be no hunger this year, thought Foli contentedly.

Grandfather straightened up and cocked his head. "Did you hear that?" he asked in a strange voice. Foli listened and he heard a sound that made the prickly chills go up and down his back. Elephants were trumpeting, and by the sound they were very close. Elephants were nearby—elephants that could destroy their two months' work in no time at all. Foli's heart sank. His father had always said that God would take care of His children. This garden belonged to God's children.

"Grandfather," whispered Foli, "I think we'd better ask God to take care of our garden." Grandfather peered down at his grandson. He did not believe in this one called Jesus whom his son and grandson worshiped; yet he was afraid not to believe. His "liver" had been sore over this affair of God.

"Will God chase the elephants away?" asked Grandfather doubtfully.

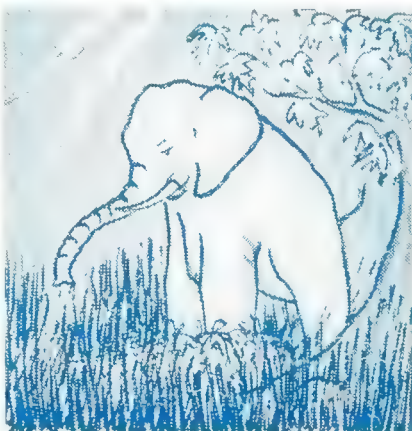
"Yes," answered Foli brightly. "I learned a Bible verse that says all we have to do is ask God and really believe and then He will do it."

"Then," said Grandfather, "you are God's child. You ask God to chase the elephants away."

Foli bowed his head, and even Grandfather shut his eyes. Foli prayed a short prayer: "Dear Jesus, chase the elephants away so that they won't eat our garden. In Jesus' name. Amen."

"Now what shall we do?" asked Grandfather.

"I guess we better go sit down by the hut and believe," answered the little black boy. Grandfather knew they could hit the old black pot with a stone—it would make a loud noise. Maybe it would frighten the elephants away. But sometimes the elephants didn't run away; instead they sometimes ran right toward the noise. Grandfather turned and followed Foli to the hut door. Minutes passed and the awesome sound of elephants trumpeting was still very near and very clear. Then Foli looked at the sky. A drop of rain fell on his flat nose and ran right down into his smiling mouth. The rain came down fast and hard. Thunder rumbled and lightning tore across the sky. Grandfather smiled too. Now the elephants would stop their feeding and return to some more sheltered spot. Grandfather turned his wrinkled face up to the rain. Maybe he would think more about this Jesus who took care of His children and sent rain to chase the elephants away.



Editor's Note: In behalf of the readers of this page, we desire to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. William Samarin for her contribution of her Foli stories. Mrs. Samarin and her husband are two of our fine missionaries in French Equatorial Africa. If you have enjoyed the stories that have been written so far, why not write a letter to Mrs. Samarin and express your appreciation. We anticipate more stories from Africa which will appear in forthcoming issues of the Missionary Herald.



Covington, Va.

The recent two-week revival-evangelistic campaign in Covington was the occasion for many spiritual blessings for the guest preacher. There is no greater joy than that of bringing the joy of Christ to others. The Covington Brethren "ate up" God's Word with an enthusiasm that manifested itself in definite decisions and faithfulness in attendance. We rejoice with the Covington Brethren in their personal victories in Christ. The two weeks with them convinced me of the tremendous opportunity and challenge facing this church. They have a wide-open door, and God is able to give them many thrilling victories as they rally with their pastor to the challenge of reaching their city for Christ.—*Rev. James Dixon, evangelist.*

November 1-14 was a time of spiritual refreshing in the First Brethren Church here in Covington, Va. Bro. James Dixon was God's servant for this special time of heart-searching, and from the beginning it was evident that God had prepared His man and our people. Brother Dixon preached forceful messages of pure grace, and God gave the increase.

We believe we have had revival. There were 31 public decisions, several of which were for salvation. The attendances were good, with visitors present nearly every night.

During the two weeks, Brother Dixon observed the working of our Sunday school and met with the cabinet to offer some fine suggestions for improvement and advancement. He also spoke to our men to encourage them in a Bible-based fellowship with a main purpose to reach the immediate community for Christ.—*Rev. Paul Mohler, pastor.*

New Troy, Mich.

This time the meeting was apparently purposed by the Lord to reach out and interest new people in the Lord Jesus Christ. The people prayed and worked faithfully. Three prayer meetings were conducted

every evening before the service, a men's group, a women's prayer meeting, and one for the young people, led by the pastor.

The people of the church were about the most faithful in doing house-to-house visitation that I have ever seen. Attendance was good, and the spirit was fine. The choir, trained and directed by the pastor, was a real treat to hear. It was a real feature of the meeting.

The real result of the whole affair was the enlisting of many people who we feel will be coming into Christ and the church right along in the weeks to come.

The congregation not only cared for their own meeting financially, but they provided several hundred dollars for a tent campaign in their district next summer. This fine spirit pervades all the Michigan churches and is the reason why that field is growing so swiftly. The pastor, Dick Jackson, is responsible for the fine spirit in the New Troy church, and is leading out for real things in Michigan.—*R. Paul Miller, Crusade evangelist.*

Yakima, Wash.

We are happy to report that we have had a very wonderful meeting with Crusade Team Two. A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the meetings. The attendance averaged 58 per meeting.

There were 32 first-time decisions in the Sunday-school meeting with the team, and in Happy Hour. Six adults accepted Christ as personal Saviour during the meetings, besides the children. There were seven rededications, and two who came for baptism and church membership.

This has been the best meeting we have ever had under our ministry. The people here are thrilled for the victories won. God has done good things for us, and we thank Him for the victories.

We want to thank the Brethren laymen for sponsoring the Evangelistic Crusade. May these crusades continue, and even more teams thrust forth into the harvest field.—*Rev. Henry Dalke, pastor.*

"It was the best meeting we've ever had," reported many of the folks in Yakima at the close of the evangelistic crusade with Team Two. Attendance was good—ranging from 30 on the first Tuesday to a week-night high of 92 on the last Friday. Visitors from Harrah, Wash., helped

swell the crowds several nights, and their presence encouraged us all.

There was more interest in the invitational contest here than in any other meeting we've been in in the Northwest—folks were really inviting and bringing friends. A number of real victories were won for the Lord.

Although Happy Hour for the boys and girls was smaller here, averaging about 35, their enthusiasm added much to the meetings, and several fine decisions were recorded among them, too.

Pastor Henry Dalke and his family have won the love and confidence of the people in the five months they have been on this field, and this church seems ready to really go places for the Lord.—*Crusade Team Two.*

Hopewell, Pa.

The Grace Brethren Church was greatly blessed by the ministry of Pastor Mark Malles of the First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa., during the recent revival meeting. Our folks were blessed by the straightforward manner in which the Gospel was preached. There were 16 decisions, a number of these being first-time decisions.

The highest number present in Bible school during October was 94, and the average for the month was 78, both figures being the highest in many years. Our Bible-school facilities are crowded to capacity, and it is necessary that we have larger facilities.—*Rev. Sheldon Snyder, pastor.*

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Immorality on Wheels

By Rev. Robert Royster

Authority of President Eisenhower's Action Committee for Traffic Safety

Many who are concerned with the carnage on our highways are beginning to see that behind the fundamental causes of traffic accidents lie real moral issues. For too long people have only been concerned with traffic laws, and have been unconcerned with the moral problems which gave rise to those laws.

We do not like to be told we are immoral, and our favorite way of avoiding it is to attempt to take "right-and-wrongness" out of the picture. By such specious reasoning we have arrived, as a nation of drivers, at the conclusion that behavior behind the wheel is a legal matter, not a moral one. When careless, reckless, thoughtless, selfish driving begins to be known as sin, we will all be safer.

You see, sin is still a nasty little word. Even though our modern era tried laughing at it, it wouldn't go away; the era just before had tried to reason it out of existence, with like success. Many a person is willing to be a law violator who would resent being publicly recognized as a gross and unrepentant sinner. In spite of our veneer of amorality, most of us thoroughly detest real wickedness. It is time we faced the fact that most traffic accidents are simply the normal consequence of willful, wicked acts—acts that are habits of sin, grown used to and committed without a twinge of conscience.

For example, a driver (your normally moral and friendly neighbor) leaves for an appointment in a nearby city too late to be assured of an easy trip and an on-time arrival. After a few minutes of impatience behind another vehicle while oncoming traffic prevented passing, he suddenly decides to pass, well aware that it will be close. **THIS DECISION** is what should concern us, for it is the sin that may produce death,

disabling injury, or may impoverish both the sinner and unknown innocents in at least two other vehicles. It is in essence the same sin that drives dictators to their merciless slaughtering; a willful pursuit of our own ends, without regard for others. The real question is not whether the decision of the driver was legal or not; rather, it is whether the decision was immoral—wickedly, destructively sinful.

The driver who dawdles along at a pace well below the flow of traffic on a main highway is a sinner as well as a menace to life and limb. His sin is selfishness, reckless and often deadly selfishness. The after-cocktails driver is a gambler, with the stakes his neighbor's life. The sleepy driver is an egotist, assuming that he can safely operate a vehicle with practically none of his senses functioning. Whenever human failure is a significant factor in producing an accident (and that means in nearly every one) the failure can be seen as a violation of God's law, not just man's law.

The effects of these driving sins are those always produced by sin. They are outreaching circles of evil consequences, wavelets receding from the initial act. We are so enmeshed in the effects of these sins that the honestly safe driver is often a helpless victim of this mass immorality. We are caught up in a web of sin on the highways, and heroic measures are called for.

It is not enough to advertise and propagandize against dangerous and illegal driving practices; sin has seldom been noticeably affected this way. The best answer to the problem is to recover our moral sense on the highway. For when we begin to see much modern vehicle operation as moral degradation, we can restore safety to our highways as a by-product of restoring morality in our drivers.

National S-D (Safe-Driving) Day Planned

December 15 Set

December 15 is S-D Day—a 24-hour period when every motorist and pedestrian in the country is being asked to put the Golden Rule to work on our streets and highways with the objective of eliminating all traffic accidents.

Governors and public officials of all States are issuing Safe-Driving Day proclamations in cooperation with the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety, a volunteer group of citizens appointed by President Eisenhower to help cut the toll of traffic accidents and deaths.

On S-D Day every driver and walker in the country is being urged to accept full responsibility in doing these three basic things:

1. Observe the letter and the spirit of all traffic regulations.
2. Be courteous to every driver and pedestrian—practice sportsmanship.
3. Give full attention to driving and walking.

"S-D Day will demonstrate that the place to attack the traffic safety problem is in the community, and that the responsibility rests upon each individual," the President's Action Committee declared.

"It will implant in the minds of all motorists and pedestrians the realization that if they can greatly reduce accidents on S-D Day, they can do it every day in the year."

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"And the angel said unto them, be not afraid, for behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for there is

born unto you this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the

highest and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased. And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe, lying in a manger."

— Luke 2:10:16.





Editorials

By L. L. Grubb



Teen-Age Crimes

If you are robbed, murdered, raped, or brutally beaten tomorrow, it is increasingly likely that you will have been the victim of teen-age savagery and not of a seasoned criminal. The teen-ager will probably be between the ages of 10 and 17. Every major city in our nation has recently had teen-age gang wars which have resulted in death for someone.

Recently Boston Juvenile Judge John Connelly said: "We have the spectacle of an entire city terrorized by one-half of one percent of its residents, and the terrorists are children."

Juvenile delinquency is up 30 percent in five years. Teen-agers are now responsible for 4 out of each 100 murders, 15 out of every 100 rapes, and half of all robberies.

Except in cases of men like Hitler, Stalin, and other brutal leaders of recent years, teen-age viciousness is practically unparalleled.

Take the case of Charles Baker, a Korean War amputee, who was driving his special car one night through Los Angeles. Another car forced him to stop. Three

lives to allow the shocking truth to strike home to their hearts.

It should not be necessary for any intelligent American to be told that as its youth goes so goes the nation. The lessons of history in other lands are abundant.

New reformatory schools and penal institutions are being constructed to meet the juvenile problem and little is being done to strike at the heart of the matter.

Law-enforcement agencies admit their inadequacy to cope with this frightening situation and have loudly appealed to the churches for help.

But a powerless church cannot stem the tide of sin with nothing more than a social institution and the activities of an average lodge or club. Only the church which holds true to God's Word and realizes first the total depravity of all men outside of Christ can even make an intelligent approach to the problem. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the one remedy for this problem. Whether that Gospel is given through the home and the parents or through the church, it must be given or tomorrow's America will be a lawless nation and even worse than Russia.

Apparently it will take some disaster of gigantic, probably of national, proportions to rouse the church and the nation in general to reality in this matter.

All the while America moves steadily closer to the place where God's cup of wrath will overflow against her sin and heathenism.

God help the church to wake up before it is too late!

THE COVER PAGE

The Word, the tree, and the star on the cover page are all symbols of Christmas in our day. In the place of gifts on the tree, home-mission churches have been placed there. This is another symbol of what your gifts to home missions are doing. They have made possible churches which preach the same Word that was made flesh in the birth of Christ, whose birthday we honor at this season. May you think of this cover page as a symbol of the appreciation from every home missionary for your gifts to Brethren Home Missions.

Ungrateful America

We live and bask in a nation blessed with freedom, liberty, and plenty of this world's goods. America's people enjoy the finest in food, furnishings, and freedom from wants.

Yet America as a nation of people is ungrateful. Very few pause to pay tribute to those who have bought our freedom with a dear price. Thanksgiving, as an expression of gratefulness to God for His abundant provision, has degenerated into a gluttonous feast for some, a time of hilarity and drunkenness for others, while still others go unmindful in their meager way. A well-attended Thanksgiving service at the church is very seldom found. A family reunion is more to be desired than the fellowship of God's house and His people, no matter how short or attractive the service may be.

The average American no longer thinks to express his gratitude to the Lord when sitting down to an abundant meal. He is more apt to look astonished or smile at the devotion of those who still do. Too often those who pray are more concerned about their needs than they are about their expression of thankfulness for blessings

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teen-agers jumped out, dragged Baker out of his car, beat him unmercifully and robbed him of \$10 and a watch. He pled that he had no hands or legs, but this made no difference. Acts of this type are occurring all over the nation. Far from registering a decrease, the rate of youth delinquency is skyrocketing.

So What?

This is the general attitude of John Q. Public. He reads of these atrocities, raises his eyebrows, and says: "Well, this seems to be a part of modern life. Young people are different today." But when he or his daughter become the victim, he cries to law-enforcement agencies to do something. Few are the Americans, even with talk to the contrary, who take time out of confused, busy

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WHEATON---

A Challenge to Brethren Home Missions

By Kenneth L. Teague, Pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Wheaton, Ill.

It is with a deep sense of God's greatness, and the urgency of the hour in which we are now living, that we bring you this challenge from the Wheaton Brethren Church, a challenging field to occupy for Jesus Christ. The question that faces your board of directors and the members of the Home Missions Council is this: "Will the

people of our denomination rise to the occasion at this season and make it possible through their sacrificial giving to occupy this new field?"

We have been living now for some ten months here in the Wheaton area. This has given us time to get comfortably settled in our community, and to make a preliminary survey of the mission field in which the new Grace Brethren Church is now being



Rev. Kenneth Teague

constructed. We have tried to study, classify, and analyze the possibilities of this new field. As a result of this work already accomplished, we are convinced that Wheaton offers a great challenge to Brethren home missions. There are many reasons for the above statement, but I will outline only three.

1. *Wheaton—A Needy Field for Evangelism.*

The term "Christian Wheaton" is indeed a misnomer. In spite of the strong emphasis of the college and the several fundamental churches of the city, Wheaton still constitutes a needy field for evangelism. The great majority of its 16,000 residents are not Bible-believing, Christ-honoring Christians. I am fully convinced that although a great majority are church members, there is really only a small minority of real born-again Christians in this city. In our area of nearly 300 homes, there are less than 25 families that we know to be real Bible-believing Christians. Nearly all are members of some church, but Sunday to them is the day for mowing the lawn, washing the car, building a fence, or painting the house. Few even bother to attend church once a Sunday. Our field is made up mostly of young married people with small children. The only Christianity in those homes is the occasional sending of a child to Sunday school, and many never bother to do even that. These homes constitute a real challenge to evangelism and to the message of Brethren home missions.

2. *Wheaton—A Springboard for the State of Illinois.*

In our travels throughout the Chicago area, we have been impressed with the rapid growth, and with the enormous building program now in progress. New sections are going up in all the cities of this area. It is our

conviction that the Wheaton church will someday be a strong center of operation for the expansion of the Brethren Church throughout the State of Illinois. Our prayer is that God will enable our denomination to establish within the Wheaton area a strong church that will soon be able to expand into these other needy communities. You, the readers of this Herald and members of our beloved church, can do much to make this a reality.

3. *Wheaton—A Barrier to the Rapid Spread of Catholicism.*

It is very seldom that we ever mention another faith, but having spent some time here, we have seen the rapid spread of Catholicism and the tremendous grip it has on the whole Chicago area. We are convinced that the only real barrier to its continued progress is a positive Bible-teaching ministry. We thank God for Wheaton College and for the other true-to-the-Bible churches of our area, but they are only a few lights in the midst of all this darkness of the Roman Catholic faith. In our field at least one out of every *three* new families moving in are Catholics. We believe that a Brethren home-mission church, with its Bible-teaching ministry, is greatly needed to raise up a "standard" for our Lord in this new area.

NEW WHEATON CHURCH UNDER CONSTRUCTION



The Brethren Construction Company, composed of five Brethren families, is working hard to get the new Grace Brethren Church of Wheaton under roof so that it may be finished during the winter months. The above photo was taken about November 25, and up to that time only one or two days were lost due to the weather. The Lord has been good, and when the new church is finished it will be a great help in meeting the "Wheaton Challenge."

SAN BERNARDINO BREAKS GROUND NOVEMBER 21, 1954



Three different views of the San Bernardino ground-breaking service are shown above with the following men in the center section taking part (l. to r.): Russell Browning, Ira Butterbaugh, and Alvin Needles, trustees; Pastor L. W. Marvin, Rev. Henry Rempel, L. W. Marvin, Rev. Ward Miller, and William Mellin, architect.

Ground Broken for New Church at San Bernardino, Calif.

A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE WITNESSED THE TURNING OF THE FIRST SHOVELFUL OF GROUND SIGNALING THE BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION FOR A NEW BRETHREN HOME-MISSION CHURCH BUILDING IN THE GREAT CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF. BEAUTIFULLY SITUATED LOTS IN A NEW SECTION OF THE CITY WILL BECOME THE SITE OF A SANCTUARY AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNIT WITH CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SOON.

REV. L. W. MARVIN, PASTOR OF THE CHURCH, TOGETHER WITH THE TRUSTEES AND OTHER MEMBERS, PARTICIPATED IN THIS THRILLING SERVICE.

THIS IS JUST ONE MORE STEP AHEAD IN THE CHURCH BUILDING PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES.

San Bernardino, Calif., Breaks Ground

By Lyle W. Marvin, Pastor

The ground-breaking ceremony on November 21 in San Bernardino, Calif., was the beginning of the Grace Brethren Church and "sounded taps" for the Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church.

About 160 Brethren and friends viewed with awe the background of orange trees and mountains as the earth was officially turned to signify the start of the new school unit which will become one day, the Lord willing, an elementary school and church sanctuary. We were glad for the encouragement the visiting Brethren and local friends gave us. We were told that the community welcomed such a program. Our sign, posted on the property, brought outspoken opinions sanctioning our move into the neighborhood. Other tokens have reassured us of His leading.

The memories of the Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church, located 2½ miles west of our present 4½ acres, are precious. It is not easy to pull up stakes and leave a spot where the Lord has been blessing—and to leave the name, too. Yes; when the members of the Arrowhead Avenue Brethren Church move into their double-purpose first unity next spring, they will become the Grace Brethren Church.

Over a year ago (when the work was three years old), our little church, 40 x 80, had 13 classes of about 175 in Sunday school and a church congregation of about 125. We needed more room. So we told the Lord, and it seemed to be His mind for us to enlarge our plant on Arrowhead Avenue. The plans were completed, the people were willing, but the financial institutions were not. And there we stood for several months. One day Dr. Grubb spoke in our church in behalf of home missions, and in an attempt to be helpful, asked, "Have you ever thought of moving from here?" That started a new chain of prayer. His will was soon revealed, for in just four months we had the site selected, approved, and purchased—a beautiful 4½ acres on a corner in a new subdivision on two streets that will eventually be main thoroughfares.

For three weeks we tried to finance through our own bank (a branch of a statewide chain), with our \$18,000 piece of property clear. But, as usual, they were not favorable to church loans. As the contractor and pastor were driving by a local bank, we decided to try to make an application for the needed funds there. The application was made verbally, with only a blueprint in evidence, at 10:30 a. m. The next morning at 11 o'clock we received word our loan was approved, and to come back and furnish the remaining needed information.

Our contractors, Stokes and Mayer (Mayer is a member of our church), have refused the usual profit in the construction work. A nearby subdivider has offered to buy our lumber with him, as he orders for his 111 new homes, saving us a thousand dollars. A recent regular attendant has offered to secure the bulldozer needed for the grading and will, in his spare time, care for that job gratis. Another man, who has been in our church just once, said that as soon as we begin construction of our school he wants to invest \$50 in the building that gives children a Christian philosophy of life.

There are several more Christian parents who are so sold on Brethren schools that they will do likewise. Several doors down the street, parents have volunteered their children as students for the school. And this will further testify as to the Lord's smile on our new location. Water is a very, very necessary item in California, especially in the desert regions. Our property was part of a tract that owned one-third of a wonderful well. The share was not for sale with our acreage. We had city water available, so knew we faced no problem. Now, after the sale of the property is completed, the owner of this one-third of the well is deeding this share of the well over to us as a gift—our only cost being the monthly assessment for operation and upkeep of the well. Perhaps someday we can have a swimming pool and admit only those who attend church and Sunday school—unless they are visiting Brethren.

How good the Lord has been to us—to Him belongs all glory and praise.

TEMPLE CITY, CALIF., PRESENTS A REAL CHALLENGE

By John M. Aeby

In the good providence of God we expect to begin our ministry of the Word among the Brethren of Temple City on January 9, 1955. This will mark the beginning of our fourth pastorate in the Brethren ministry in nearly 18 years of service. In 1937 through 1940 we had the joy of ministering in our church in Middlebranch, Ohio, as a student pastor. We followed the Klievers when they left for Africa, and after graduation from Grace Seminary, and marriage, we became the first resident pastor of that field in more than 40 years. We saw the Lord save a number of precious souls and call some to himself, who are now ministering the Word of Life.



Rev. John Aeby

When the Lord led Brother Leo Polman to take over the work of the newly organized Brethren Missionary Herald Company in 1940, we accepted the call to follow them in the church at Fort Wayne. For 22 months we labored there, with the Polmans remaining as members of the church. We want to go on record, as we have a number of times, that no pastor ever received any finer cooperation or respect from any member than we, as pastor and family, did from Brother and Sister Polman and their children. They stepped aside in a work which God had used them to rescue, and took their places as members of the congregation. It is no surprise to us that Gerald, Elaine, and Joyce are all in the ministry today—they were brought up that way. From our arrival there we were to them, as much as to anyone in the church. Pastor and Mrs. Aeby.

After three years on the faculty at Grace Seminary, from 1942 through 1945, we were recalled to the Fort Wayne work and saw the Lord bless His Word in some precious ways. More souls were saved. New ones whom

we learned to love had come in during the ministry of the Altigs, who had in the meantime moved to Whittier, Calif. From the fall of 1946 through January of 1952, the Lord gave us the privilege of seeing several young people go out into preparation for the ministry of the Word; and since leaving we have seen them actually go out to the field. Among these are Miss Isobel Fraser in our Jewish mission in Los Angeles, and the Harold Masons and Miss Habegger in Africa. Along with these who have gone forth into the Lord's work are Miss Frances Eikenberry, who is in Moody Bible Institute's eastern office here in Philadelphia; Mrs. John Crawford and Mrs. Harold Steinhouser, sisters of Margaret Mason, who are serving with their husbands in Louisiana and Illinois in Youth for Christ missionary teams; Miss Betty Mason, serving in The Evangelical Alliance Mission in Southern Rhodesia. The Lord has also given the people at home a large share in the support of child evangelism classes, as well as laying upon their hearts the financial support of those who have gone out to the field.

Three years ago in August, we felt led of the Lord to accept the call to the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, one of our older churches, which for its size has probably seen more workers go out into the fields at home and abroad than any other of our churches across the brotherhood. There have been 48 in all. This work is in the greater northeast section of Philadelphia in a large and needy field, and has a splendid Sunday-school unit and a large beautiful lot in a very good location. When we came here, and up to the time Brother Polman mentioned our considering Temple City, Calif., this past August, we thought in terms of spending a number of years here. In fact, after the Lord began to restore our health after more than a year of great trial, we had no other thought. However, as we prayed about the matter, the Lord began to indicate that possibly it was His will for us to consider seriously the Temple City field. Not desiring to leave here unless it was clearly His will that we should, we prayed for the clear leading regarding this, too. Suffice it to say that the Lord gave us clear indications that our ministry here was drawing to a close and that it was His will for us to resign. We resigned on October 13, 1954, and several days later the call came from Temple City.

Temple City challenges us first of all as a home-mission church now going self-supporting! Without mentioning this fact to the church, we made this one of the indications which the Lord would use to show us if He wanted us there. As some of you readers know, Brother Polman was partially supported by the church and partially by Scripture Press, with whom he spent some time as their west coast representative. The Temple City church had been under the Brethren Home Missions Council for some years, and as a member of the council I was vitally interested in seeing this church become self-supporting as soon as possible so that more new ones may be started. In our praying we asked the Lord to lay upon the church the vision of going self-supporting with a full-time pastor, and He did! Although we have never yet been to Temple City and have not seen the new church and location, we are challenged by the potential that it promises.

Temple City challenges us in its emphasis upon youth

BRETHREN CHURCH IN ELYRIA BECOMING REALITY



The Grace Brethren group shown here is meeting in a grange hall at Elyria, Ohio, while they look for a location in anticipation of their own church home. The pastor, Galen Lingenfelter, in a recent letter, wrote: "It surely seems the Lord is opening the way for us to purchase some lots." The owner of a five-lot section has agreed to sell them on terms that will be helpful to the church. He will accept a reasonable down payment and then charge a reasonable rate of interest on the balance, to be paid in two years.

NAVAHO INDIANS BAPTIZED AT TAOS, N. MEX.



Top (l. to r.): Evan Adams baptizing Raye Chiquita; the Navaho Christians with Rev. and Mrs. Adams; and Rev. Adams baptizing Mary Sala. Bottom (left): The Taos congregation; (right) Rev. Sam I. Horney with the Navaho Christians visiting the Taos Pueblo.

On Friday evening, October 22, 1954, Rev. Evan M. Adams, of the Brethren Navaho Mission, took a group of the Navaho Indians to Taos, N. Mex., for a special evening service. Following the service, two girls of the Navaho Mission Boarding School were baptized in the baptistry of the Cañon Brethren Church. The two girls, Raye Chiquita and Mary Sala, bring the total to 19 of the baptized believers among the Navahos who have made a profession of faith in Christ.

The service was well attended and seemed to be of both interest and value to the Spanish Americans and Navahos. While in Taos, the Navaho Indians were taken to visit the pueblo and the tribe of Indians living there, known as the Pueblo Indians. The Navaho and Pueblo Indians both need the Gospel. Pray for Bro. Evan Adams and his staff working among the Navahos, and for Bro. Sam Horney and his staff working in the midst of the Pueblo Indians.

work. This we have learned about through the Polmans and through the pages of the Herald. We know there are students from the church back at Grace College and Seminary, more than 2,000 miles away. We are praying that many of these and others who shall be won will be called of the Lord into the harvest field to labor for Him!

Temple City challenges us in its Christian day school program. One of the real blessings here in Philadelphia has been the privilege of having our four daughters in the Northeast Christian Day School. Seeing what it has meant to our own, we are convinced that this is a vitally important advance in our Christian testimony in these days. We believe that it will afford not only a way of

ministering to many children but an effective entrance into many parents' hearts with the Word of Life.

As you are reading these lines we are heading West. We are trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for grace and strength to meet these and other challenges. We are praying in earnest that the Lord may direct His servant to the field here in Philadelphia that His purpose in that work might be realized. We also pray that the Lord might lead our dear friends, Brother and Sister Polman, into the pioneer work which is His choice for them. Pray that we might be His Spirit-filled instruments to carry on the ministry of His Word in this work, established by Brother and Sister Polman.

THE PROTOCOLS OF ZION—A CLASSIC FAKE!

By Bruce L. Button

When pseudo traditions become fixed outside the realms of adventure and conjecture—say in the fields of propaganda or defamation—they become dangerous because educated men, aware that they are in most cases palpable frauds, pay small attention to them and fail to recognize that other men, not having been trained in discrimination, frequently accept unsupported assertions or even conscious fictions as gospel truth. Thus great harm is done.

Such is the case of the fraudulent document known as "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion." This pamphlet of bogus information has in the years since 1935 been distributed by such anti-Semites as Gerald B. Winrod, of *The Defender* fame, and Gerald L. K. Smith, of *Christian Nationalist Crusade* fame, for the express purpose of reaching groups of people who have not been trained in or refuse to use discrimination. They hope to gain national prominence and power through a movement based on anti-Semitism. In other words we might say they are aspirant Hitlers.

This article is written in order that the sincere thinking Christians might have information that disproves and destroys the position of such men, and might also combat the evil they are stirring up among the uninformed. When a document containing supposed truth is placed in the hands of any man, he should ask and seek the answer to two questions. First, he should ask, "Where or with whom did it originate?"; secondly, he should ask, "Is this document authentic?" Upon the answer to these questions and only upon the answers should he base his opinion as to the value of the document. And when the investigation disclosed the originator of the document as an opportunist and fraud who used the document as a means of livelihood and that the document itself is a cheat and a misrepresentation, he should regardless of personal feeling cast that document aside as something beneath his contempt and at the same time do all in his power to repair the damage that it has caused in the reaction of others.

Let us ask these questions in relation to "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion." First, where or with whom did it originate? One must know something of the self-styled discoverer of "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," one Sergius Nilus, and some of his background in order to understand the reckless claims of this document which are wilder than the nightmare of a dope fiend. Even more important, one must understand the absolutist regime in which he moved. He grew to manhood in the country of Russia, a country dominated by the doctrine of the divine right of kings—a country where injustice was the common order of the day.

Nilus became a lawyer, a briefless *advocate*, in Moscow. His soul fed itself on the flames of anti-Semitism. When the resources of his mistress vanished, he, a former atheist, turned religionist and lived on the bounty of the church. While wandering from one charitable monastery to another, he wrote the story of his soul's pilgrimage and entitled this book, "The Great and the Little." The first edition of this book was published in Russia in 1901. *The first edition contained no Protocols.* Later, in 1905, the second edition of his book appeared

and this edition did contain the Protocols, under the subtitle, "The Antichrist as a Near Political Possibility." This edition was published under the imprint of a Red Cross unit in which the Grand Duchess Elizabeth was active. Elizabeth was one of the leaders in the famous "Black Hundreds," a reactionary force composed of those in sympathy with the Czar. They believed in putting down sedition among the masses by relentless cruelty or by deception. They had practiced massacre on those who demanded a representative form of government from the Czar. Elizabeth used the Protocols in much the same way that they were later used by Hitler, and as some are attempting to use them in this country; she used them to stir up the great multitudes of ordinary people to the point that they were incessantly talking about the machinations of the Jews and demanding vengeance for their wrongs. They finally took up axes and guns to purge the cities of the "alien Jews" who were planning their ruin and were seeking world domination. Six hundred and ninety such massacres were simultaneously planned and executed immediately following the distribution of Nilus' Protocols.

Our second question, "Is this document authentic?" can be answered by an adequate "No" by consulting the preface to the 1905 edition and the 1911 edition of Nilus' book. In the first, Nilus announced that he had received the manuscript of the Protocols from a personal friend, unfortunately deceased, whose name he did not give. This friend, he said, had gotten them from a woman (also unnamed) who had stolen them from a prominent Freemason at a meeting in Paris of the Grand Lodge of the Orient. In the 1911 edition Nilus stated that his deceased friend had "received the manuscript from a lady who always lived abroad. He told me her name, but I forgot it." As later editions continued to be published, Nilus kept changing his story of how the Protocols had been obtained. Surely such vague and changeable statements of origin should cause professing Christians to doubt, yes, even to cast aside as untrue, such assertions even if they were the only proof of it being a fraudulent document. But when one realizes the weight of the balance of condemning evidence, certainly he will fight with all his might to expose such documents for the fraud they are unless he hates the Jew with the hatred born of ignorance or unwillingness to reason.

Comparison of "The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion" with a political diatribe called "Dialogues in Hell Between Machiavelli and Montesquieu," written almost a quarter of a century before Nilus' book by a French lawyer named Maurice Joly, will convince the reader that Sergius Nilus "lifted" the Protocols from the earlier political diatribe. The complete account of Joly's Dialogues and their frequently verbatim identity with the Protocols is too long and too much of a textbook story to tell here. It was set forth in a scholarly series of articles by Philip Graves in the *London Times* of August 16, 17, and 18, 1921. And, incidentally, in these articles he completely disproved the Protocols and exposed them to be the fraud that they are.

"Then why do they seem to apply to our time?" you might ask. In answer, let me say that Joly, like Nilus, was

a briefless *advocate* made, so he believed, by Napoleon III's despotic rule, against which the "Dialogues in Hell" are used as a political diatribe. He did not dare to openly attack the dictator who rigged elections, packed parliaments, censored the press, and gloried in intrigue. He adopted this method to prove that a ruthless dictator might find the forms of democracy a useful guise for his tyranny. Even Joly recognized the fact that his "diatribe" fits into all ages, for in the preface to his *Dialogues*, he points out that his strictures, although aimed at one political system; namely, Napoleon III's, are applicable to all governments, and since he presented the philosophy of Machiavelli concerning government, this is certainly the case. Government was Machiavelli's specialty; he knew more about it than any other man of his time—perhaps than any other man of any time. His speeches in the *Dialogues*, before they were cluttered up with the absurd folderol that made them appear to have been spoken by mythical Wise Men of Zion, are keen analyses of "what is going on" and is likely always to go on in any government anywhere.

Thus we see how an anti-Semitic plagiarist is able to misuse another's document "which he intended for another purpose" and foist upon the world a palpable fraud which has been directly responsible for the massacre of millions of innocent people. Let us, who claim to be lovers of Jewish Messiah, Jesus, do all in our power to expose this fraud and enlighten the minds of the ignorant that he who touches the Jew touches the apple of God's eye.

EDITORIALS

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received. No wonder the Holy Spirit so carefully pointed out through the New Testament writer that we should "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6).

We are now approaching the Christmas season—a season which should bring crystal clear to our minds the joys of eternal salvation provided by the grace of God. Our Lord laid aside the riches of heaven that He might take upon himself the poverty of mankind, the burden of their sin, and the price for sin's penalty. One wonders how many in this great nation of America will bow in tribute and praise to the Lamb that was slain. Will God's children pause in this busy season to express their gratefulness for the gift of God's love? Let us pray that more of the people of this nation may recognize the purpose and provision of Christ's birth, His death, and the salvation so freely given. May our expression be like that of the Apostle Paul, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15).—*Lester E. Pifer.*

Grace Seminary Offering Time

This is the season when our missionary minds turn to the needs of Grace Seminary and College. The ever-increasing need for more properly trained young men and women in the various avenues of Christian service in the Brethren Church cause great concern to those of us who have responsibility in these respective fields. We strongly urge that Brethren people everywhere pray for and support these institutions with their generous missionary gifts and offerings at this time.



Roanoke, Va., (W. Carl Miller, pastor)—

The first communion service was held in our new church lower auditorium on Thursday evening, November 18, 1954. There were 41 in attendance and the service was highlighted by a 14-year-old girl rededicating her life to the Lord at the beginning of the service. All but two of the communicants were our own members.

The goal for the Thanksgiving home-mission offering was exceeded, with more to come in. Praise the Lord!

Clayhole, Ky. (Sewell S. Landrum, pastor)—

We had two very profitable weeks with Bro. Clyde Landrum and Bro. Ralph Burns in our recent evangelistic meeting. Five first-time decisions were made and 13 rededications of life. Two of the first-time decisions were made by young men whose lives had been spared on various occasions only by a miracle. You would have to know the background of those who made decisions to know the importance of them.

Martinsburg, W. Va. (Earle E. Peer, pastor)—

I wish I had time to write you a long letter and tell you all about the blessings the Lord has given us here. Surely God has been good to us. You will be able to glean a bit from the enclosed bulletins.

Nov. 14 Bulletin—"Praise the Lord! 14 persons rebuilt broken altars last Lord's Day by rededication of life to our Lord."

Nov. 21 Bulletin—"Praise the Lord! For two more decisions last Lord's Day."

Nov. 28 Bulletin—"Praise the Lord! For three more decisions last Lord's Day."

York, Pa. (Gerald Polman, pastor)—

The Lord surely has been blessing us here with so many good things. The Hagerstown, Md., church gave us their old bus, and we are using it to bring folks from the area where we started in the store building. We certainly do appreciate it, and it has cost us only about \$90 to put it in operation. I knew we could use a bus but did not expect to have one so soon.

We have had our first baptismal service in the new church and we wish you could have seen it.

Phoenix, Ariz. (J. C. McKillen, pastor)—

The first young mother, out of those recruited to the young married class, has made a personal acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for many more in this class that need to make the same decision.

A young couple from the same young married people's class has opened their home for a child-evangelism class.

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SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF.
Mrs. Charles Ashman, Sr., underwent surgery on Nov. 26. She is reported recovering favorably.

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH. The Michigan District youth rally was held here Dec. 10-11. Rev. Richard Grant, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was the guest speaker.

PALMYRA, PA. The Grace Brethren Church of Harrisburg, Pa. Rev. Conard Sandy, pastor, has purchased the building of the First Evangelical Congregational Church here for the price of \$44,000. The property includes the church building, parsonage, parking lot, and a frame house adjoining the church. The Harrisburg church has assumed this as a mission project.

COVINGTON, VA. On Oct. 24 a surprise food shower was given Pastor and Mrs. Paul Mohler by the congregation and friends of the First Brethren Church.

BERNE, IND. Berne is a small town of about 2,500 people, but from the seven conservative churches of the area, including the Bethel Brethren Church, 107 young people have entered foreign- and home-missionary service in the last 14 years. This figure does not include the young people who have entered pastorates. If these were included it would put the figure well over 200.

WINONA LAKE, IND. The Brethren Youth Fellowship announces the appointment of Mr. E. H. Bearinger, 211 Frick Ave., Waynesboro, Pa., as

the regional youth director for the Atlantic, East, and Southeast Districts. Other district directors will be announced as they are selected by the BYF executive committee.

ASHLAND, OHIO. Guest speaker at the West Tenth Street Brethren Church on Nov. 14 was Granville Tucker, pastor of the Negro home-mission church in Fremont, Ohio. Rev. Miles Taber is pastor.

OZARK, MICH. The Grace Brethren Church has voted to use all-Brethren literature in their Sunday school. Rev. Earl Funderburg is pastor.

ROANOKE, VA. The Southeast District laymen's rally will be held at the Ghent Brethren Church Feb. 4. Rev. Robert Miller will be host pastor.

WYNNEWOOD, OKLA. (E/P). A service station located here has a prayer room which is used by 25 to 50 travelers every day. The number of automobile accidents along that part of U. S. Highway 77 has been cut since the chapel was opened.



ST. LOUIS, Mo. (E/P). Dr. Elmer Hess, president-elect of the American Medical Association, said any doctor "who lacks faith in the Supreme Being" has no right to practice medicine. "A physician who walks into a sickroom is not alone," said the Erie, Pa., doctor, who is a specialist in urology. "He can only minister to the ailing person with the material tools of scientific medicine—his faith in a higher power does the rest."

MACON, GA. (E/P). Gov. Herman Talmadge conducted a church service here as the State observed a "Day of Prayer for Rain in Georgia." The governor, speaking at Mabel

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A used automatic (3-speed) record player. Contact the North Buffalo Brethren Church, Kittingh, Pa., stating particulars.

White Memorial Church, said he believed "with all my heart" that God will answer prayers for relief from the drought if Georgians pray "with faith, repentance, sincerity, fervency, and in the name of Christ. . . . There is no problem so great that it cannot be solved by fervent prayer reinforced by faith in God and His power to answer prayer."

BONN, GERMANY (E/P). Dr. Walter Gerlach deputy chairman of West Germany's Space Research Society, said recently the United States and Russia have begun a "race to the moon." German researchers believe the first nation to get a space station able to watch all earth's activities will be master of the globe, he declared.

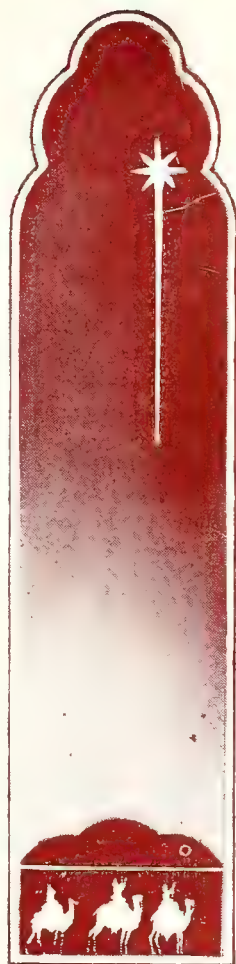
NEW YORK, N. Y. (E/P). President Eisenhower, in a letter to the American Bible Society here, declared that religious faith is "under massive attack by strongly entrenched atheistic materialism." The President wrote to endorse the worldwide Bible-reading program of the society, which is held each year from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (E/P). Israel now has a direct air link with the United States west coast over the North Pole. On Nov. 15 the Scandinavian S. A. S. Airlines initiated flights from Copenhagen over the North Pole to Los Angeles. There is already a direct air link between Israel and Copenhagen. The S. A. S. planes will leave twice a week in either direction. The flying time from Lydda to Los Angeles is 41 hours.

PRETORIA, S. AFRICA (E/P). "We can now claim that leprosy is under control in the Union," said the secretary for health, Dr. J. J. du P. le Roux, opening a three-day conference on leprosy in Pretoria recently. He told delegates that the incidence of leprosy in South Africa had fallen to 7 per 1000. This year 1,931 cases in institutions throughout the Union had come before the medical board and of these 875, or 45%, had been recommended for discharge from the institutions as cured.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Church	Date	Pastor	Evangelist
Washington, Pa.	Dec. 14-23.	L. E. Rogers.	Bill Smith.
Dayton, Ohio			
(Bethany)	Jan. 2-16.	Charles Gantt. . . .	Bill Smith.
Covington, Ohio. .	Jan. 23-Feb. 6. . .	James Young.	Bill Smith.
Roanoke, Va.			
(Ghent)	Feb. 1-13.	R. E. A. Miller. . . .	Crusade Team 2.
Alto, Mich.	Feb. 8-20.	Irvin Miller.	Bill Smith.



Good Tidings of Great Joy

By WESLEY HALLER

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Middlebranch, Ohio

plains and caring for the sheep on the hillsides about Bethlehem.

And suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared and said unto them: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). Consider for a moment this glorious news of a new-born Saviour—news which was not for the shepherd circle alone, but for all men. These tidings are—

Saving Tidings

The angel revealed that a Saviour was born—not an adviser, not a reformer, not an example, but a Saviour! I like that. God gave the world what the world needed most. God saw man sitting in the black night of sin, and in the fullness, in the nick of time, He reached down in Christ to save. The angel of the Lord in appearing to Joseph made this announcement: "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). This is a part of the gospel message. The Saviour in the stable is on the way to the cross. Mercy is in the manger. The Babe of Bethlehem was born to be the breaker of the chains of the bondage of sin.

That first Christmas night, then, was a night of rejoicing (Luke 2:13). For ages the earth had been wrapped in sad and solemn midnight. Men had been looking for the Promised One. At last the hour on God's clock struck, and midnight was changed to the glories of the noon. Christmas is no season for sadness; there is no time for tears and tumult. It is no day for discord, for Christ has come. For those who really believe the angelic tidings and trust the Saviour there is gladness.

If you do not know Him as your very own, you cannot rightly rejoice, but if you do, lift up your heads and sing and praise and adore. We have heard the good tidings of great joy. Mercy is poured forth, be glad. There is hope for the human race, rejoice. Christ has come to span the chasm between earth and heaven. He has come to bridge the gulf with His bleeding body, for God is in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. Thus, let our hearts be filled with praise at this Christmas season.

Will you notice also that on that first Christmas night these good tidings of great joy were—

Received With a Ready Response

"And they [the shepherds] came with haste . . . and when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child" (Luke 2:16-17). They were not content, as so many are in this day, just to listen to the glad news and never stir. They were not satisfied to sit and ponder, for these shepherds came with haste and saw and believed. These shepherds of Bethlehem illustrate simple faith, childlike trust, and implicit obedience. They came with haste. There was no time to lose. They put these good tidings of great joy to the test.

Have you come yet? Have you, friend? Have you seen the Saviour for yourself? What can Christmas possibly mean to you if you have never yet looked with the eyes of faith upon the Saviour? Today, as on that first Christmas night, there is no time to lose. Like the shepherds, make haste! Many Christmas seasons have slipped by, and you are still unsaved. How ungrateful, how unresponsive, how unbelieving, to hear, and know, and never kneel before Him. Come, seek the Saviour with haste this very day. Stir yourself and come to Christ.

How will you come? Just as you are. The shepherds didn't hurry home to change their clothes and clean up, but they came as they were, with haste. Come as you are today.

At this Christmastime, let us all gather about the feet of Jesus—not the tender feet of a babe, but feet pierced for sinners at Calvary. There is none other to whom we can come. He is the solitary Saviour (Acts 4:12). Come today, and then you, too, will be able to publish abroad good tidings of great joy.

Wonderful are the night scenes of the Bible. It was a wonderful night when Jacob, fleeing from the wrath of Esau, pillowed his weary head on a stone and caught the God-given vision of a ladder reaching to heaven and angels ascending and descending upon it. It was a wonderful night when the angel of death winged his way over Egypt, and when the day dawned it was found that death had claimed the firstborn in every home not sheltered by the blood of the Passover lamb.

But the most wonderful night of all depicted in the Word of God was that night which heralded the dawning of a new day for the world—the first Christmas night. Travel with me on the wings of imagination back almost 2,000 years, and find yourself in the pasturelands of Bethlehem on that wonderful night. You will find yourself not far from the fields where Ruth gleaned, and where David tended his father's flocks. And on that night of which we speak, shepherds were still treading the

Christmas Meditation

By EARL FUNDERBURG

Pastor, Grace Brethren Church
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"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

The doctrine of the incarnation becomes a living reality in the experience of many folks at this time of year. This is as it should be, although it sometimes is hard to find the God who became man among so many of man's creations who are taking the place of God in men's hearts and lives.

As soon as the Thanksgiving turkey has disappeared and his bones have found their way to the garbage can or to old Fido's dish, Rudolf and Santa take the throne that belongs to Jesus Christ. Candy Santas take their place among candy cigarettes and cigars, and beautiful advertising in magazines and on television portray the wonders of alcohol for the holiday season.

Three avenues of action are open to each of us:

1. We can be swallowed up by the godless, commercial, nerve-frazzling fever of the world as they twirl away toward the brink of hell in alcoholic glee, taking more pains to show our children Santa Claus and how he wants them to be *good* children than to show them Jesus Christ, through whom we may all become *God's* children.

2. We can refuse to show any emotion at this time of year and like old Scrooge begrudge the whole affair, blaming all our troubles on the holiday enthusiasm; wanting to fill our own sock with gold, but wanting others to leave us alone so that we can do the same with them.

3. We can recall the actual event we are celebrating and make these days count in encouraging ourselves in the Lord. This last is a blessed opportunity, and for our meditation a portion of Scripture which can be very profitable to us from John: 1:1, 3, 10-12.

The Bible not only teaches the deity of Jesus Christ but amplifies the fact that He is the Creator God—"without him was not any thing made that was made."

Christmas season in the North brings us scenes of purity with snow-laden fields and woods of spruce, balsam, and pine framing in green their own armloads of beauty. Cutting through it all are the rivers and streams hurrying to find their way to the ocean. Squirrels and

chickadees, and other of their brave cousins are the only other action we see on the landscape. Beautiful—and He made it.

Other places—mountains, plains, desert, or seashore—all are the works of His hand. As twilight approaches we lift our eyes to the first star to show its tiny face, then to another and another until we see a million million of them. This is our universe, perhaps there are many more unknown to man. He made the stars also. Yes; *Jesus made it all*.

One such night the angels came to the shepherds on Bethlehem hills: "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Greatest of all miracles, the Creator God taking upon himself the form of the creature. Lighted windows dotting the face of the whole earth shone from homes of all types, housing millions of souls. God's only begotten became one among billions. He became flesh and dwelt among us. Through infancy and childhood, through young manhood, through baptism and temptation, through His ministry, through His trial, and finally through His crucifixion, Jesus identified himself with us that we might have part in His resurrection. These were steps in the plan of God. From the glory crown to the gory cross for the millions who "knew him not."

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation and took upon himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in the fashion of man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:5-8).

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:20-21).

Yes; Jesus not only *made it all*, but Jesus *paid it all*.

"Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow."

A GAIN we approach the time when men *celebrate* Christmas. Again it is a time when men bow before a manger, containing a babe, perched upon a mantel or a store window. Or more often, the legend of Old Saint Nick is exploited to mystify the very ones who are ready to listen to the truth, even our little children.

At the beginning of the ministry of the Lord Jesus, a man went about heralding the coming of One greater than himself. As the Lord Jesus entered into His work as Servant of Jehovah, John introduced Him by saying: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

Is the manger scene only commemorating a great occasion which has been perpetuated by tradition? Is it only a record of the birth of a man who has been classed among the great of the world of philosophy? Is it the report of an imposter who was born to be a blasphemer and a stumbling block to Israel, and one who was the expression of the lips of men in violence, cursings, and hate?

As John ministered in the regions of the land, he had a divine commission to call men to repentance, for the kingdom of heaven was at hand. He was delegated to prepare the way of the Lord. This brings us to a definite point wherein we are compelled to arrive at some conclusion. Who is this One who was of lowly birth? Who is this One who lived the obscure life of a carpenter's son? Who is this one who was announced as the Lamb of God? Who is He to you?

In the record of the Passover in Exodus 12, we have the type set forth in the taking of the lamb and preparing it for the sacrifice (Exod. 12:3-5).

A Lamb

How disheartening it is to see the vast numbers who look at the Babe in the manger as a leader, or prophet, or philosopher; even the greatest of all. To them He is only a great Saviour. To them He is One merely to be imitated or followed. In this phase many of the educators and philosophers of our land in their research and scholarship have endeavored to sift what they regard as being true from what they consider to be false, looking only at the earthly life of Jesus of Nazareth.

The Lamb

In the category of professing Christendom there is another group

of people who acknowledge Him as *the greatest* man that ever lived, even the One who came to be the Saviour of the world. They will be seen in church on Sunday morning, occasionally on Sunday evening. Believe the Bible? Why, of course. Even to the point where they can call the preacher on a statement he may have made in the pulpit. They will even say "Amen" to all the strategic truths of the Word, for they are recipients of the Holy Spirit through the new birth and have a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. But, according to the Word of God, there is still one more step further.

Your Lamb

This is the time for Christians to stop and *think*. Are we to merely bow over a babe in a manger and continue our lethargy in merely a *Saviour*, or even *the Saviour*? Should we who claim the name of Christ recognize the **LORDSHIP** of Christ? As with Paul, must we not say: "Yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more." It is high time we recognize that "[He] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, dominions, or principalities or powers: all things were created by him and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist." Is Jesus Christ *your* Lord, as well as your Saviour? Can you say with Peter, "This Jesus is both Lord and Christ"?

We must remember that we "were born in sin and shapen in iniquity." We have always been slaves. Were it not for the grace of God in Christ purchasing us with His own blood, we would still be in that bondage. Yet, "ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." We have a new Master. He is our Lord, for He has bought us. As the Williams Version so beautifully and yet firmly gives us: "Are you not conscious that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit that is in you, whom you have as a gift from God? Furthermore, you are not your own, for you have been bought and actually paid for. So you must honor God with your bodies."

The Babe of the manger is the very Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, who rose again the third day conquering sin and death, the Victor over all the realm of creation. He is **YOUR** Lamb.

Behold the Lamb!

By MAXWELL BRENNEMAN

Pastor, First Brethren Church
Fillmore, Calif.



"But It Must Be!"

A SHORT CHRISTMAS STORY

By Charles Ashman, Jr.

"Incredulous! I can't believe it! But it must be!" These were the words of 73-year-old Harry Smyth. Harry had lived in the little town of Oxbury for the past 50 years. He had known Melvin for the most of these. He knew of no good to come of Melvin Fox. Melvin was born in the lower end of town—his father had left town, without the expected tar and feathers, when Melvin was about six months old. Mrs. Fox kept Melvin for about five years, then palmed him off on some irresponsible relatives when she decided he was too much of a burden. Since that time Melvin had run the streets at will. "Hoodlum!" some said; others remarked, "Good for nothing." But whatever they said about Melvin Fox, it was never good.

At 10 he was placed in a boys institution—to no avail. Then after filling out his three-year term, Melvin was cast back upon relatives who least of all things wanted him—"he was Melvin Fox." This "town no-good" had of late been locked up for almost every petty crime you could imagine. When sobered again he was let go. Everybody knew Melvin Fox!

Now of all things "old sot-in-his-ways," cynical Harry Smith, had been led to believe that this Fox boy had "reformed." "He's a new man—he's got religion, and it was a baby that made all the difference.

"Whose baby?" bellowed Harry. "No one would even marry that Fox boy. And what mere child could change that character? What good will religion do him?" To be sure, Harry Smyth was anything but a religious man.

Harry refused to believe that any real change had taken place in Melvin Fox till Melvin himself came one day and told him all about it. You see, Melvin had been one of Harry's students at Oxbury High—that is before he retired some 13 years previously. Melvin had never finished school, for Harry, along with Beatrice Jones, who could handle almost any boy, and all the others seemed to be able to do nothing with or for

this rebel. Even Coach Watkins had made a noble effort and failed.

Now Harry tells the rest of the story like this:

"I was sitting in my easy chair reading the Oxbury Herald Tribune on Wednesday evening. There was a knock at the door. 'Come in,' I said. The door opened, and to my amazement there stood Melvin Fox—clean-shaven, sober, nicely dressed, and with the first smile I had ever seen on his lips. I couldn't believe my eyes. I was so flabbergasted I forgot to offer him a chair.

"Remember me?" he asked. 'Indeed I do—you were my problem pupil, Melvin Fox.' 'Harry,' Melvin continued, 'I've got some amends to make for all the wrongs I've done you and many others, but first I have most important news to tell you. I guess I needn't bother you with my past—all too well known to this town—but I do want to tell you about my new life. But let me start at the beginning.

"Melvin's voice grew soft and mel-low. 'Harry, I got about as deep as a young man could get. I tried everything—drink, gambling, pleasure, and all—even to voluntary jail. I gave up. I was on my way to Hilltop Bridge for but one purpose. That

Bethlehem and Calvary

By E. MARGARET CLARKSON

There was no room in Bethlehem
For Him who left His throne.
To seek the lost at countless cost
And make their griefs His own;
But there was room on Calvary
Upon the cross of shame,
For Him to die uplifted high
To bear the sinner's blame.

There was no room in Bethlehem,
And in the world today
Men will not give Him room to live.
But bid Him turn away;
Yet there is room on Calvary,
And there He stands to give
A home to all who heed His call
And look to Him and live.

There was no room in Bethlehem
For Christ, the Prince of Kings,
From throne and crown to earth come down
With healing in His wings;
But there is room at Calvary
For sinners to abide.
And who will come may find a Home
In Jesus crucified!

The King's Business.



was exactly one month ago tonight.' I thought—January 24—December 24—that was Christmas Eve. 'Out on East Rogers Lane I wandered, half-dazed and half-alive, past a little Christmas-lighted building. I heard the most beautiful singing—magnetically I was drawn toward it.

"The next thing I knew, I found myself—dirty rags and all—seated near the back of a small candle-lit auditorium. There before my eyes I saw shepherds, lambs, a manger, and angels descending out of the sky. What fairy tale is this? I thought. I was sure I was dreaming. As I listened—Harry, you'll never know the thrill of it!—I heard for the first time in all my life the story of the Babe of Bethlehem. They said His name was Jesus. I'd used that name before, but I never knew it belonged to Someone. They told me this baby was very special. He was God's only Son. He was born to die and that He did die some 33 years later. And they told me He died for my sins, and that if I would believe in Him I'd be saved.

"I didn't know all of what they meant, but I did know I needed help and that only God could help me. They sang a song—let's see—oh, yes; it was, 'Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart.' And the minister—you see, I was in a church—said if anyone needed Christ and salvation to come forward. I went! Harry, I can't explain it all, but I know I have Jesus in my heart. I haven't touched a drop since. I've got a job. I have no desire to steal any more. And Harry, I wanted you to be one of the first ones I told about the baby that made all the difference in the world to me. You need Him too, Harry.'"

Harry Smith—eyes moistened and trembling—could only say, "Incredulous. I can't believe it, but it must be!"

NEWS from the CHURCHES

Sharpville, Ind.

The WMC held a consecration service November 5, with Mrs. Robert Boone, district president, officiating. Honor guests were Miss Nora Dudgeon, of Fort Wayne, and Rev. Edward Clark, of Winona Lake. Special music was given by Mrs. Edward Clark. A social followed at the home of Mrs. Don Butler, with ten members and six guests present. —Mrs. Ellis Nelson, WMC secretary.

Buena Vista, Va.

The Lord mightily blessed in the one-week meeting at the First Brethren Church with Rev. Stanley Hauser as the evangelist. There were 15 first-time confessions, 12 of whom have been baptized; then there were 31 reconsecrations and six dedications of life to full-time service. —Rev. Edward Lewis, pastor.

Limestone, Tenn.

During November 1-14 it was my privilege to minister to the Vernon Brethren Church of Limestone, Tenn. Much prayer had gone up for these meetings, and the blessing of the Lord descended.

Rev. Harold Arrington is a tireless worker for the Lord and it can truly be said that he loves his people and his Lord. The Lord be praised for the record crowds during the two-week campaign. Our hearts were warmed as we saw people walk up the aisle with tears in their eyes confessing Christ and coming back into fellowship with Him.

The climax of these meetings came on the Monday night following the campaign, when we enjoyed the communion service and listened to the testimonies of the saints. —Rev. Edward Lewis, evangelist.

It was truly a blessed experience

In Memoriam

MRS AMANDA BOLLENBACHER, 65, passed away November 27 at Rockford, Ohio. Services were conducted from the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind.—Rev. Ord Gehman, pastor.

to work for the Lord and to labor with Bro. Edward Lewis in this campaign for souls. The prayers of the saints resulted in six confessing Christ as their Saviour and nine reaffirming their faith. Of these, 12 have expressed the desire to enter into the fellowship of the church by baptism. The average attendance at the meetings was 152, with our record attendance being 255. On the two Sundays of our campaign our Sunday-school attendance was 147 and 150.—Rev. A. Harold Arrington, pastor.

Mansfield, Ohio

Regular prayer-meeting attendance is reaching the 200 mark in the Grace Brethren Church in Mansfield. Last week there were 191 present for prayer. Attendance for the morning worship is running about 70 above that of last year, and the ushers have had to set chairs in the aisle several times lately. The parsonage basement is being used for the overflow during the Sunday-school hour. Ground for the new annex will be broken as soon as possible after the winter months.—Bernard N. Schneider, pastor.

WHITHER BOUND?



The above picture is undeniable evidence that Miss Ruth Reddick, financial secretary for the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, was boarding the S. S. *United States* in New York which was bound for Europe. The following missionaries would like to ask, "Whither Bound, Ruth?"

Mary Cripe.

Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver.

Rev. and Mrs. George Cone, Jr.

Rosella Cochrane.

DEDICATION SERVICE AT ENGLEWOOD, OHIO

The Lord gave us a gracious and glorious dedication service on November 28. Our new church building was dedicated to the Lord's service, with Rev. Paul R. Bauman bringing the message. Some twenty or more ministers were present, both from the local community and from Winona Lake, there being a number of professors from the seminary in our district on this Sunday.

Our seating capacity is approximately two hundred, but with a public-address system and chairs in the basement we accommodate about

five hundred people.—Lon Karns, pastor.



Brethren pastors present for the dedication service were: Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, Rev. Charles Gantt, Rev. Lon Karns (pastor), Rev. Clair Brickel, Rev. Russell Ward, and Rev. William Steffler.



Congregation present for the dedication of the Englewood Grace Brethren Church. Two pictures were taken to cover the audience, which accounts for the overlap. The picture gives the general appearance of the auditorium.

What Does Christmas Mean to You?

By Althea S. Miller

He asked the question with an almost casual detachment, but a flood of memories overwhelmed my heart. Memories from a happy childhood clamored for attention as I tried to arrange them in good mental order.

Early each November I made a neat slot in some little cardboard box which was carefully hidden in a dark corner of my bedroom closet. Every time I went to the store for Mother any coins from one cent to a quarter were quickly put through the slot in the box. A child-wise mother studiously avoided asking for her change after that first year when I had appropriated the money without so much as a "may I?" When she suddenly awakened to the fact that her dollar bills were disappearing too fast, she questioned a daughter who had a guilty look in her eye. After producing the box with the coins, and explaining the purpose of the money confiscation, Mother smiled in understanding love. After all, there were no allowances for children in those days, so how else could a child surprise her parents and sister with gifts?

The aroma of baking fruitcake filled every nook and corner of the house those days. My mouth watered in anticipation of eating the delicacy during the Christmas holidays. Nowhere in all this world will ever be found mincemeat as delicious as that which Daddy made. His mince pies were the talk of our friends; a culinary masterpiece.

Packages steadily, surreptitiously found their way into drawers, closets, under beds. Exciting talk designed to obtain information without divulging any plans filled each spine-tling day.

At long last Christmas Eve arrived. The hours were weighted with lead, so slowly did they drag by. The tree stood stately and beautiful in the living room. As soon as the children were in bed, Mother and Daddy would make it more lovely with shining tree ornaments. It was fun

to go to bed early because when we slept the hours sped by. But it was hard to sleep. About 3 o'clock on Christmas morning the choir from First Church came in from its caroling to drink hot chocolate and eat sandwiches. The happy chatter below awakened us and we tiptoed to the banister, leaning over in vain hope that we'd be invited to participate in the festivities.

Blessed memories of joyful Christmas seasons because Jesus Christ had come into the world to redeem His creatures. Christmas was a time of melody, too. We sang of His birth, and rejoiced with the shepherds and wise men in their joy. Our precious half-Irish mother never knew the Christmas carols or Lord's Prayer in English until she became a member of the Brethren Church. From a child she had sung them in German. How she thrilled our hearts when she sang "Stille Nacht" in voice never sweeter. Only heaven's choirs will be more beautiful. Christmas was a time of melody because we knew the Babe of Bethlehem as the world's and our own Redeemer.

Christmas was a time of rejoicing in majesty—His majesty. By faith in Jesus Christ and His shed blood we are a "royal people." Taking upon himself the "body of our humiliation," we "beheld his glory; the glory of the only begotten." We enjoyed the myth of Santa Claus, and to this day delight in the poem, "The Night Before Christmas," but Christmas was far sweeter and greater and more thrilling than man's inventions. Carefully taught by Mother, we learned long selections of praise, retelling the story ever old, ever new. No other babe, no other king, ever was clothed with such majesty.

Happy memories, blessed melodies, stately majesty of my Saviour. This is Christmas to me. What is Christmas to you? Do you know the Christ of Christmas?

"FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY . . . A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD."

As a result of the decree of Caesar Augustus (5 B. C.) the little town of Bethlehem was crowded by men and women seeking a place to retire. The inn was filled. Mary and Joseph had no choice but to accept the offer of the innkeeper—a stable.

Now, as then, men crowd out the Saviour. Twenty centuries ago men crowded Him out of the inn, a place for His birth. Today men crowd Him out of their hearts, a place where He desires to dwell. Today men are too busy, too selfish, and too proud to be concerned about eternal verities. Today men crowd Him out of churches by man-made, man-controlled, man-filled programs.

Twenty centuries have elapsed since the innkeeper declared that there was "no room." And since then



men have concluded this as the reason for Jesus being born in a stable. There is a more profound reason for the birth of Jesus taking place in a stable. Jewish tradition affords some light upon this historic event.

Not far from the town of Bethlehem was a spot well known to every Jew. It was Migdal Eder. Migdal Eder was commonly known as the "Tower of the Flock," for it was a place where the sheep were kept for observation which were destined to be sacrificed in the Temple. The common sheep were pastured well outside Bethlehem, while the Temple flock was kept at Migdal Eder.

Is it not logical that God's Lamb which was ordained to be sacrificed should be born in the stable or cote of Migdal Eder. There was no room in the inn because God Almighty willed that the inn should be filled, for His Lamb must be born in Migdal Eder.



Christmas Greetings

*From the 251 Students of Grace Theological
Seminary and College*



"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift"

By President Alva J. McClain

In the Book of II Corinthians the Apostle Paul writes at considerable length about an offering which was being collected from the various churches. Two entire chapters, a total of 38 verses, are devoted to this one offering. Paul was not afraid to talk to his people about money, how and why they should give it. In this he was following the example of his Lord, who had a great deal to say about money and its proper use in relation to the work of God. No preacher can really teach the whole counsel of God, as set forth in His Word, without coming to the subject of Christian giving.

As someone has rightly said, this matter of giving is not primarily a problem of what God needs from us. It is rather a problem of what we need from God. It would be easy for God to uncover mines of gold and silver, to guide the church infallibly to the treasures of "black gold" and other riches of the earth. But God is in the business of producing saints, men and women who are at last to be like His own Son. And an important part of the production process is found in the ministry of giving. It is through the grace of giving, first of ourselves, and then of our substance, that God causes us to grow up into spiritual maturity. This is why so much precious space in the Bible has been given to personal stewardship.

At any rate, after writing two entire chapters about the offering being taken up in those early churches, Paul suddenly turns from man's giving to God's giving. "Thanks be unto God," he writes, "for *his* unspeakable gift" (9:15). If the apostle was dictating, as he sometimes did, I am sure that this final verse of chapter 9 must have been uttered with a shout of praise and joy.

There has been some argument among the commentators as to the precise nature of this divine gift, whether it was God's gift as manifested in His Son and the redemption thus wrought through Him, or whether the reference is to God's gift as manifested in the love placed in the saints' hearts which prompted them to give for the needs of others. To me there can be no question as to the meaning: God's gift here can only be His gift of the eternal Son. No other gift could be called "unspeakable." The Greek word thus translated here occurs no other place in the New Testament. Robertson thinks Paul may actually have "coined" this unusual word for the express purpose of describing the one divine gift which is above and beyond all other gifts.

The gift of God in our Lord Jesus Christ is indeed

"unspeakable" for a thousand reasons. Let us meditate upon several of these reasons:

First, God's gift in Christ was unspeakable because of His *person*. Here we have no mere good man, no mere angel however great, but the eternal Second Person of the Godhead, infinite in His greatness and goodness. Therefore, He could say, "No man knoweth the Son, but the Father" (Matt. 11:27). Only an infinite mind can fully know the infinite Son.

Second, God's gift in Christ was unspeakable because of His *work*. It is easy to say, "Christ died for our sins." It is something else to try to fathom the depth of that simple utterance. For sin, because it is sin against an infinite God, acquires a demerit which is infinite. Hence, only an infinite Saviour could "plumb the depth of a soul that's lost," and pay to the last farthing the debt of sin, which a mere creature however great could never have paid.

Third, God's gift in Christ is unspeakable because through His own blessed person and work nothing in the universe will ever be the same again. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." Even the heavens themselves were somehow included within the vast scope of his infinite work (Heb. 9:23). In the final new heaven and earth there will be an eternal throne, and on that throne sits one who is called the "Lamb." This blessed name will speak forever of who He was and what He did in time, when He shed His blood in fulfillment of an eternal covenant.

Are we truly thankful for God's unspeakable gift? Or has all this become to many of us as only "a tale that is told"? Does the thought of *Him* and what He *did* for us in love lay upon our hearts anew the obligation of some small return for His marvelous grace? Is the spirit of His own sacrificial giving being reproduced within us? Can you read the text in II Corinthians 9:15 without feeling the urge to fall upon your face in worship and adoration, saying, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? What can I give back to Thee, of all Thy benefits, that I may show Thee the gratitude of my heart?"

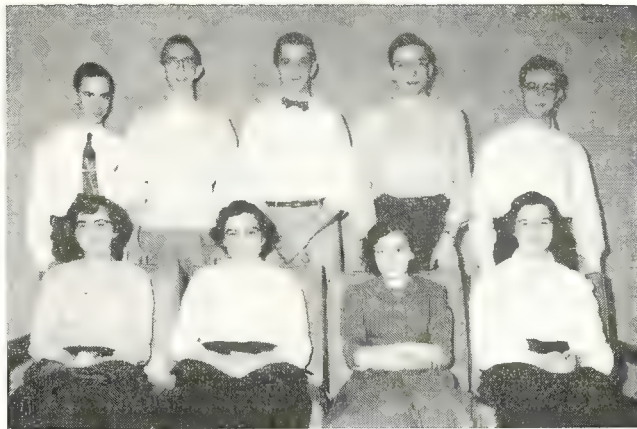
And we should not forget that this magnificent text on God's unspeakable gift, in its original origin and setting, was vitally connected with the taking up an offering of money among the saints of the early churches. It was Paul's final argument—unanswerable except by the loving gifts of God's people for the sake of His dear Son and our Saviour.

Johnstown Sends Its Students to Grace Seminary and College

By W. A. Ogden, Pastor

A Johnstownian is not a new sight on the campus at Grace. Four men from our First Church have graduated from the seminary since 1947, and two have gone into Brethren pastorates before finishing the final courses of study prescribed for graduation. Three of our young men are now in seminary, having completed their college work in other colleges and universities before entering Grace in September of this year. Then we have six students, four ladies and two men, enrolled in the college division. From the reports we get here at home, all of these young folk thoroughly enjoy everything about the Grace campus, including life at the dormitory and the food at Eskimo Inn!

We send our young people to Grace because: (1) They want to go there. They have studied the catalog, and have sought information from their pastor and from faculty members who have come this way. Then, having prayed, they have chosen Grace as the place to which God has directed them to prepare for their life work. (2) Our homes and our church have a deep concern for both the future of the individual and the perpetuation of the Gospel of truth. We are Brethren and we believe the Bible. We know something of the dangers that are present in the state universities and in many of the church schools. Because we are dedicated to the task of presenting the pure Gospel in our day, and to the next



Students from the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa. Left to right (back row), Kenneth Moeller, Darwin Jones, Glenn Byers, Ronald Eckstein, Emlyn Jones; (front row) Ann Kliever, Mary Ringler, Esther Moeller, Dona Beam.

generation, and the next, should our Lord delay His coming, we have chosen to educate our young people in a school where there is no compromise of the truth—Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary.

Training the Whole Nature

By Paul R. Bauman

Friedrich Froebel, said to be the greatest of German educational reformers, invented the name, "kindergarten," or "garden of children," and in 1837 opened the first one in history. He had noted the deplorable state of the "raw material" brought into the schools to be assimilated; till the children reached the school age they were entirely neglected—physically, morally, mentally. Thus he carried out his theory that any occupation in which the children delight is play to them, and gratified his ambition to give them employment in agreement with their *whole* nature, "to strengthen their bodies, to exercise their senses, to engage their awakening mind," and especially "to guide the heart and the affections." Said Froebel: "All education not founded on religion is unproductive."

The reformer's view was no less true of young men and women than it was for young children. Grace College and Seminary endeavors to train the *whole* nature. Its purpose is not merely "to strengthen their bodies," or "to exercise their senses," or "to engage their awakening mind," but above all "to guide aright the heart and the affections." Such a task necessarily includes instruction in "the faith once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). Are you participating in the support of our school? Do so now, particularly through the Monthly Offering envelopes and the coming Annual Offering for Grace Seminary and College.

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Dayton, Ohio (1)	207.00	Washington, D. C.	86.50
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Denver, Colo.	10.00	Waynesboro, Pa.	152.00
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Elyria, Ohio	31.00	Winchester, Va.	67.00
Everett, Pa.	26.00	Winona Lake, Ind.	352.35
Fillmore, Calif.	33.70	Wooster, Ohio	78.00
Flora, Ind.	123.00	Yellow Creek, Pa.	6.00
Fort Wayne, Ind.	300.00	Grace Seminary Student	
Glendale, Calif.	61.00	Body Offering	496.35
Grandview, Wash.	19.50	Home Missions Council	
Hagerstown, Md.	137.00	(maint.)	500.00
Harrisburg, Pa.	121.40	Isolated Brethren	266.00
Homerville, Ohio	18.00	Non-Brethren	502.80
Johnstown, Pa. (1)	222.00		
Johnstown, Pa. (River-		Total General Fund	
side)	102.10	(October)	3,161.84
Lake Odessa, Mich.	8.00	Total General Fund	
La Verne, Calif.	5.00	(November)	4,666.58
Leamersville, Pa.	19.00		
Leesburg, Ind.	80.00	Designated Gifts—	
Limestone, Tenn.	17.00	Albany, Oreg.	100.00
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Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	7.00	Grace Seminary Alumni	
Mansfield, Ohio	16.00	Association	703.00
Martinsburg, Pa.	196.00	Theology Class	51.40
Martinsburg, W. Va.	29.00	Laymen's Fellowship ..	81.50
Middlebranch, Ohio	7.00	Non-Brethren	260.00
Modesto, Calif.	24.00		
New Troy, Mich.	48.00	Total Designated Gifts	
Norwalk, Calif.	62.00	(October)	765.90
Osceola, Ind.	481.95	Total Designated Gifts	
		(November)	929.25

Meyersdale Church Believes in Grace Seminary and College

By H. Leslie Moore, Pastor

The facts prove that the Meyersdale Brethren Church believes in Grace Seminary and College.

One of the greatest pleasures of the pastorate is to see young people take a definite stand for the Lord Jesus Christ you present to them Sunday after Sunday. It is also a thrill to see these same young people answer the



Meyersdale students at Grace: (left to right) Russell Yoder, James Hoffmeyer, Dick Harris, Dale Hostetler, Robert Firl. At piano is James Morrison.

call of the Lord and make preparation for a life of future service. Another blessing comes when these same young people enroll in a school that has meant much in your own preparation for the Christian ministry.

Now it is not my purpose to appear boastful, but I praise the Lord for the fact that the Meyersdale Brethren Church has one of the largest groups attending Grace College this year. To me this is definite proof that it pays dividends to preach the whole Gospel and challenge your people to become ambassadors for Christ. However, I cannot say that I have been solely responsible for the decisions these young people have made. The influence of Christian parents, the interest of Bible-school teachers, the prayers of Christians in the local congregation, and the guidance of former pastors have done much to encourage the steps these young people have taken. It is interesting to note that the former pastors who have touched the lives of these young men, and others actively engaged in the Lord's work, are men who were trained for the ministry in the same institution. These men would include Rev. Orville A. Lorenz, Rev. Kenneth B. Ashman, and Rev. Gerald B. Polman—men whom God has greatly used in His vineyard.

Pastors, Bible-school workers, and parents, encourage your young people to train for the Lord's service in schools that are safe, spiritually and educationally. Support Grace Seminary and College with your prayers, your gifts, and your young people.

WE SHOULD FEEL HIGHLY HONORED

By Glenn O'Neal

Pastor, First Brethren Church, Inglewood, Calif.

I never cease to praise God for the privilege afforded me to attend Grace Theological Seminary. The systematic theological education has provided a sound basis for both preaching and teaching. There are very few schools in the country where the premillennial, dispensational position is held. Grace Theological Seminary is one of these schools, and this fact is clearly recognized by others in fundamental circles. We, as Brethren people, should feel highly honored to be able to claim such a school as our own. It deserves our wholehearted support.


Musical Instruments Needed

Do you know that Grace Seminary and College now has a band? Yes, indeed, and it made its initial appearance at the first basketball game of the season on November 9. You will hear more about this band at a later date, but just now they are in need of musical instruments of all kinds, and we believe there are enough of them not in use out among our churches that the need could be supplied if they were given to the school.

The first gift has already come to us from one of our seminary students, Carlton Fuller, of Dayton, Ohio. Carlton once played in a dance orchestra and had little occasion to use his drums after the Lord saved him. The accompanying picture shows him presenting them to Professor Ogden, of the music department.

If you have an instrument which you would be willing to donate, please write to Prof. Donald Ogden, Winona Lake, Ind.





His Unspeakable Gift

(II COR. 9:15)

CHRISTMAS is a day which is remembered for the giving of gifts. I suppose this is because God gave the gift of His Son on the first Christmas Day. The peoples of the world will celebrate Christmas in many different ways. For some, Christmas will mean nothing more than a holiday, Santa Claus, a tree, and the exchange of gifts. Some will bow down at heathen shrines, and others will be intoxicated with the sinful pleasures of the world. To a large extent, Christ has been taken out of Christmas.

The night of Christ's birth, the shepherds on the hills of Judaea heard the angels announce the birth of the Saviour with these words: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." We live in a day when the world is yearning for peace, but the prospects of another war almost rob us of any hope of peace among the nations of the world. What has precipitated the perilous times in which we live? The reason we are where we are today is because, as of old, there is "no room" for the Son of God.

There is no room for Christ in the hearts of 70 million Americans who will not darken the door of a church this Christmas. There is no room for Christ in many of our churches, and there is no room for Christ in many of our homes. Is it any wonder that Jesus is the "forgotten Son of God"? But thanks be unto God! While the world goes on in its mad rush at this Christmastime, we who know Christ as our Saviour will observe Christmas as the day commemorating His

birth. Surely every Christian has reason to thank God for His unspeakable gift.

GOD'S "GIFT"

Undoubtedly you are giving a gift to someone this Christmas. Your gift to that person is probably prompted by love. Your gift may be suited to some particular need of this person. The gift has cost you something. The gift of God was given in much the same way. God's gift was prompted by love: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The gift of God is designed to meet the greatest need of man in his fallen condition: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"; "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

The gift of God was not without cost and sacrifice. If redemption could have been made available to men in any other way than the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary's cross, God might have been pleased to do so. If salvation could have been purchased with money, God could have given all the gold and silver deposited in His universe. Could eternal life have been made possible through the sacrifice of an angel, God could have offered Gabriel or a host of

angels. If man's soul could have been redeemed by the sacrifice of animals, God could have shed the blood of the cattle upon a thousand hills, but none of these things could avail.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, must die in order to bear away the sin of the world. "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." Jesus is God's Christmas gift to men. Thank God for the gift of His love!

"UNSPEAKABLE" GIFT

Gifts differ in value. Some are worth more than others, and then some are not so valuable. The one thing that determines the value of a gift is the individual's need for a certain thing. If I had 10,000 neckties, one more necktie would not mean so much to me. If I had a million dollars, one more dollar would not have so great a value. How badly a person needs a thing to a large extent determines how much value is placed upon it.

Man is spiritually bankrupt. He has nothing on his side of the ledger; everything is in the red column. Man has only demerit to his account and because of this deficiency, the gift of God which is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord is of infinite value. Is it any wonder that the Apostle Paul refers to it as the "unspeakable gift of God"? He is a gift beyond all description. When one attempts to describe the gift of God, there are no words in the languages of the world that are adequate to express the infinite value of our salvation. Salvation is priceless! It is beyond all possibility that we could speak worthily of it. Words fail to do justice when it comes to telling of God's gift. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.

GIFTS OF SELF AND SERVICE

As a rule when we celebrate one's birthday, the person so honored is showered with gifts. Don't you think it strange that we celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ by giving gifts to everyone but Him? The world has neither time nor gifts for Christ, and in all too many cases professing Christians have little in the way of gifts to present to Christ. We are so taken up with ourselves, our families, and our friends that we forget a gift for the King!

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By REV. EARLE PEER

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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

THIS Old Testament prophecy gives us a description of the One to come who will rule this world in truth and righteousness. He is seen as the One who can meet the needs of the human heart, and then finally establish His kingdom upon this earth. He can heal this sin-sick world of sorrow and turmoil and bring peace of heart and mind.

Christ is seen in both His human and divine character in this verse.

other name. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). Only the eternal Son of God can bring salvation to guilty, sinful hearts.

Let us think on the names given to Christ the Son of God as revealed in our text. First of all He is "Wonderful." Yes; He is a wonderful Saviour. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him" (Heb. 7:25). He is the great "Counsellor," the perfect man who is able to give counsel and direct us in all of our activities of life. "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory" (Psa. 73:24).

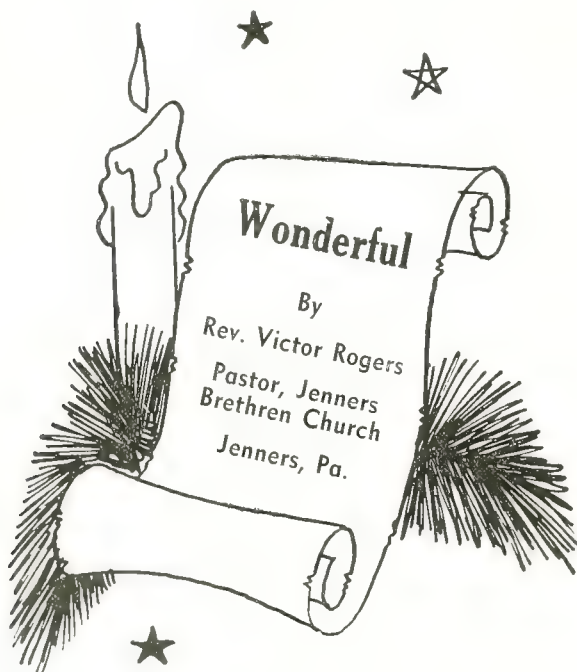
as men turn their hearts to the Lord for salvation.

Christ came on this earthly scene as a babe in Bethlehem, but He existed in eternity past with God himself (John 1:1, 14). He was as much the Son of God when He was born in Bethlehem's manger as He was when He died and arose again for our justification. In His life He demonstrated the fact that He was the Son of God. He had supernatural power over the things of this world through His miracles. Why? Because He was the Son of God and different from other men. In His death He portrayed a love that this world has never known. In His resurrection He came forth as the victor over death and hell, and is the living triumphant Saviour today. In the future He will rule and reign in righteousness upon the earth. He will fulfill the prophecy, "the government shall be upon his shoulder."

During His great millennial reign, He will show the world infinite power as the Son of God who shall rule from Jerusalem, the center of power and worship in the latter day (see Isa. 2:3-4). The Babe born in Bethlehem will manifest His authority as the Lord and ruler over the whole earth. He came the first time to bring salvation, and will come the second time to take over rulership of this earth. The events which will transpire between the coming of the Lord for His saints and the millennial age, the period known as the Tribulation, will show that He is judge of all the earth because of His great person.

The world will stand in awe at the mighty power of the Son of God revealed from heaven. They will have to bow to the One whom they have rejected, the One who had no place to lay His head, the One born in the stable, the One who was despised, and the One who offered up His very life for salvation. Men will either have to receive Christ as Saviour in the day of opportunity or at a later time meet Him as judge and admit that He is the Son of God. "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10).

At this Christmastime, why don't you settle your eternal destiny now and forever by receiving Christ as your Saviour from sin and adore Him as Lord of your life?



"Unto us a child is born" speaks of His humanity, and "unto us a Son is given" speaks of His deity. Christ was different from any other man that lived because He was God embodied in human flesh. This was true in order that He might become our Redeemer from sin through His sacrifice on Calvary.

Take the names of all the great men of history, and all of them together cannot be compared with the name of our wonderful Lord. Think of the Scriptural titles given to Christ such as Immanuel (or God with us), the great I Am, the Captain of our salvation, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star, and many others. Salvation comes through no

Also He is "The Mighty God" according to Psalm 24:8. "Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle." None can surpass Him because the very word of His power created this universe and world in which we live. Still further, He is called "The everlasting Father," identifying Him as dwelling eternally with the Father and being the same in person with God. "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9). Finally, we see the Lord as "The Prince of Peace." When Christ came the first time, the angelic choir said to the shepherds: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). This peace can only be realized now



The Doctor's Christmas Prescription

By REV. W. CARL MILLER

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The inspired "prescription" for a blessed Christmas—yea, for a blessed life here and hereafter—is still the same after more than nineteen centuries. On no hand has man been able to invent a diagnosis of the true meaning and foundation of Christmas which satisfies. There is absolutely no substitute for the Glad Tidings as found in Luke 2:11: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

We ought to be stirred anew by the stark reality that this season will again catch the vast majority of the earth's population "observing" Christmas as a mere holiday—another good excuse for feasting, drinking, and reveling—rather than worshipping Christ the Lord on His birthday as mankind's only hope of salvation.

The primary reason for Christ's first coming is evidenced by the names given to Him: JESUS (Saviour) and EMMANUEL (God with us). He must needs identify himself with man in order to save man. To be sure, He will be King some day (John 18:37), but He must first become the Saviour. The reason is obvious. There can be no need for a king without a kingdom. Therefore, the Son of God must become the Son of man, so that we may become the sons of God. How succinctly we have it in Galatians 4:5-6: "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we

might receive the adoption of sons." What unspeakable condescension is this! "And thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

After the briefest glance at the Christless preparations and hollow merriment precipitated by the money-mad worlds of business and entertainment, we need to reflect upon the real message of Christmas with serious concentration. Let us return again to that eloquent, yet simple, prescription recorded by Luke, the physician of old, and note well its precious message.

INDIVIDUAL

"Unto you is born."—This is an INDIVIDUAL INVITATION which dare not be ignored. You have been extremely careful to remember every member of the family and all your friends with well-chosen gifts for this special occasion. Where have you placed the Lord Jesus Christ on your gift list? Alas, did you forget Him on the day which is meant to remember Him most? Christ came not to save this world system, but He did come to redeem the sin-sick, weary, peaceless souls of men and women, boys and girls. Yes; He came for YOU! What love!

INSTANT

"This day in the city of David."—Yes; on this very day, it is an INSTANT IMPERATIVE for you to consider the greatest transaction that can ever occur in one's life, having

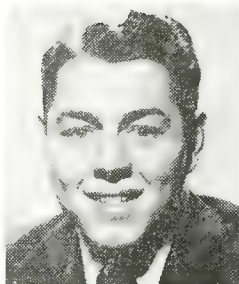
Christ enthroned in the place of sin and Satan. Are you like the throng that feels they have done Him full honor by giving Him fleeting recognition as you pause to hear the carols of His birth which fill the air? Really, would you treat any other friend so ill, especially on his birthday? This Christ, the center and circumference of Christmas, offers you the most satisfying Christmas gift of all—the gift of your soul's salvation. Will you give Him your heart and life? Do it THIS DAY, this Christmas! There is opportunity today. What grace!

INFINITE

"A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."—Here is the INFINITE IMPARTATION of righteousness and eternal life instead of sin and eternal death. He is the efficacy of the prescription. The distance was short from the cradle to the cross, but the Babe of Bethlehem came to be the sin-bearer on Calvary that He might redeem that which was lost. Is the joy and peace of Christmas still that "something" you have never quite grasped? Don't pass by the manger again without knowing for YOURSELF that the Holy Child long ago left that manger of Bethlehem to scale the mountain of Calvary for YOUR redemption! Will you heed the doctor's prescription and have the joy and peace of which the angels spoke so long ago? Make the Christ of Christmas YOURS today! What a gift!



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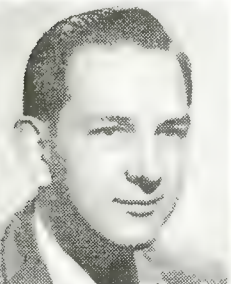
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SERVING IN BRETHREN BECAUSE

Presented here are 64 Grace-trained men and women who are pastors' wives; and 2 are pastors' assistants. These 64 are working in Brethren congregations today. Thus, having been responsible for the training of approximately three-fifths of a large number who are now serving on foreign fields and what a paying investment Grace Seminary has been. (A)

Will You Give



Dennis Holliday



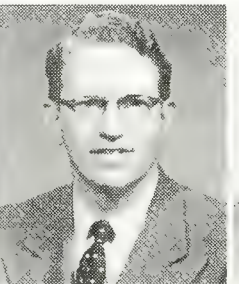
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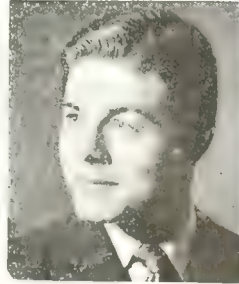
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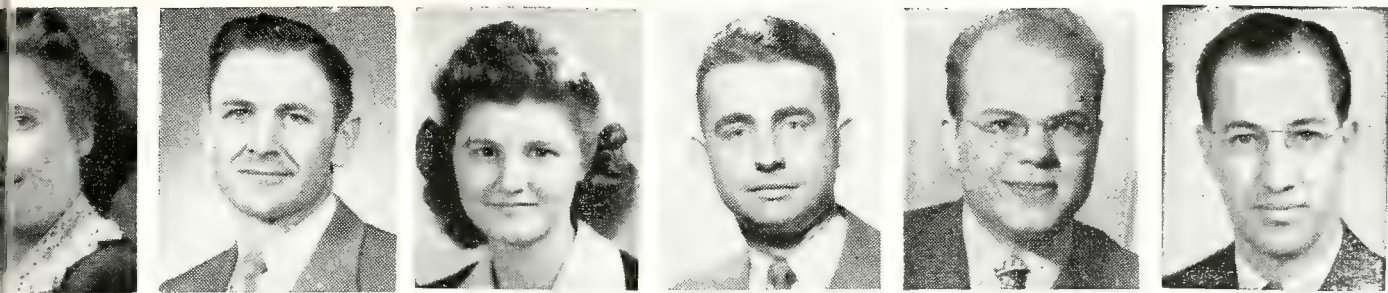
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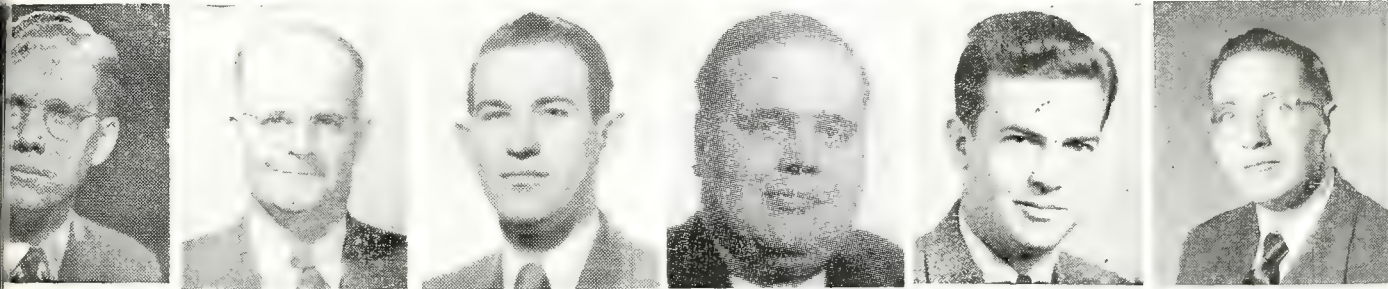
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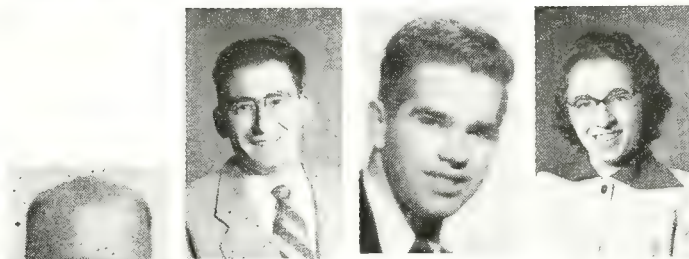


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EN PASTORATES YOU GAVE!

7 serving Christ in Brethren pastorates—55 are pastors; 7 of the 42 home-mission workers pictured last month. Your consecrated dollars have helped to educate are now only 17 years, Grace Theological Seminary has been now serving in Brethren pastorates. Add to this total the institutions of our church, and you can begin to realize (v. H. Leslie Moore, Meyersdale, Pa., was not available.)

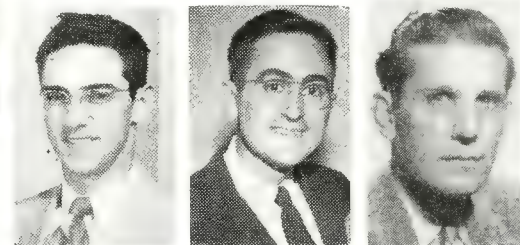
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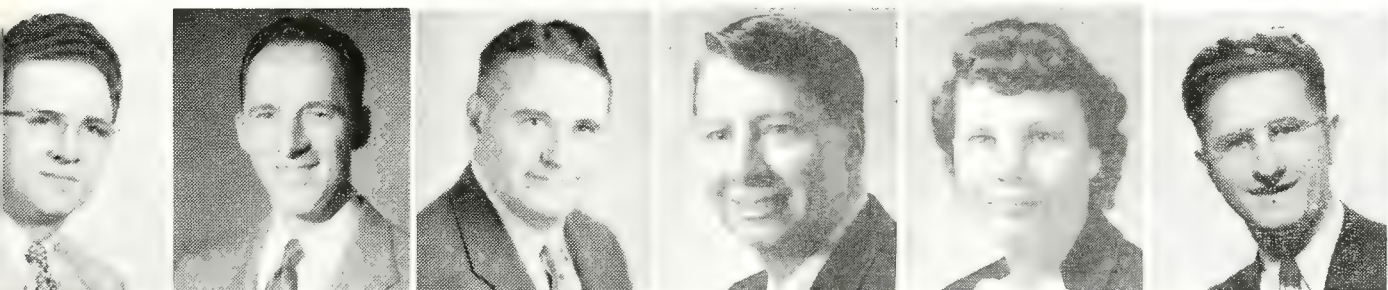
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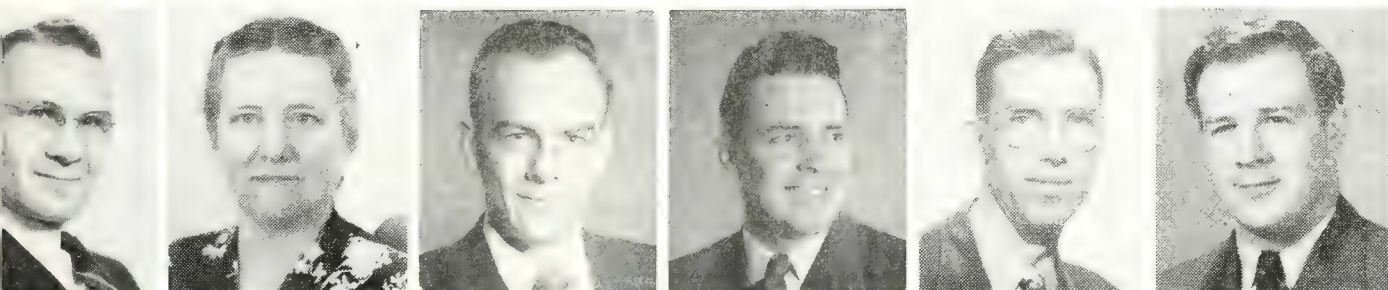
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THE WORLD is full of all kinds of men. Some are big, others little; some young, others old; some married, others single; some handsome, others plain; some rich, others poor; some white, others black; some intelligent, others unlearned. But, spiritually speaking, there are only two classes of men in the world this Christmas—wise and unwise.

A couple of years ago the joke section of a well-known magazine printed the story of a father who came downstairs on Christmas morning to find his young daughter skipping around the Christmas tree singing the "Happy Birthday" song. The father, thinking she had her celebrations confused, went to her and discovered she was singing, "Happy birthday to you; happy birthday, dear Jesus; happy birthday to you!"

DARKNESS OF THE WORLD

We could learn a good lesson from that little one! So often we get so wrapped up in the glitter and the glamour of the Christmas season that we seem to forget whose birthday we celebrate. The lights, tinsel, holly, trees, candles, and material gifts so fascinate and hypnotize us that we only faintly remember Jesus.

Recently a teacher in one of the largest high schools in Ohio was shocked to learn that a girl in the graduating class of that school did not know that Christmas is the day on which we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Think of it! A senior, living 18 years in the United States of America, and not acquainted with the most important, the most significant birth of all time! What a commentary on the depths to which we have fallen! How desperately Satan is working to keep Christ out of our Christmas! How successful he has been!

According to an article in the War Cry, a professor of psychology in one of our great universities gave a word-suggestion test to his class of 40 students. He instructed them to write the word "Christmas," and all the class did so. "Now," said the professor, "write after the word

'Christmas' the first thought that flashes through your mind regarding the day." When the test papers were turned in, such answers were given as "tree," "holly," "mistletoe," "turkey," "holiday," "carols," "Santa Claus," and "presents." Not one had written "Christ" or "birthday of Jesus"!

UNWISE MEN

Theoretically, the world celebrates and gives gifts at Christmas to reflect the love that drew salvation's plan and to radiate the love that brought it down to man—that love which caused God to lavish his wealth upon a poverty-stricken world through "his unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15).

But intrinsically most of the world at Christmas reflects only its selfishness through giving gifts, hoping thereby to gain gifts in return. The cart is before the horse! We are giving and receiving gifts ourselves. And this is fine when things are in order. But we have the whole thing turned around. What kind of a celebration is it that ignores Him whose birthday it is? "The world by wisdom knew not God" (I Cor. 1:21). Oh, how unwise the worldly wise are!

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

When Jesus came He was born to bring light into the world. He said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness" (John 8:12). For nearly two millenniums His star has hung under heaven as God's beacon in this sin-darkened world, reminding men that unto them is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Multiplied thousands have followed the star-beacon and have arrived in the sunlight of God's grace, love, glory, and presence, as the men who followed His star that first Christmas and brought to their King their worship and gifts.

WISE MEN

God had prophesied that there would be gifts for His Redeemer (Psa. 72:10; Isa. 60:6). The wise men, at the birth of Christ, following both the light of God's Word and the light

of His star, brought gifts of gold to Him because He was King of kings; they brought to Him frankincense because He was the great high priest of His church—the highest of all high priests, therefore He was to be worshiped as God; and they brought Him myrrh, which speaks of the sweetness, beauty, and fragrance of His life, and of the death and burial as Israel's Prophet and our Saviour!

We may not know all that is implied in the gifts, nor all that the wise men had in mind when they brought their gifts to the King. But we are sure they were *wise men*! They brought themselves and their costly gifts to the Saviour, Lord, and King. The Corinthians after them "first gave their own selves to the Lord" (II Cor. 8:5).

"As birthday gifts to the King of kings

Intimate, personal gifts we would bring;

A loving heart, pursuing feet,
Willing hands for His service meet."

As we read the Book of Matthew, we find several ways we can regard, at Christmas, the One born of a virgin and called Christ. We can regard Him as the masses did—surreptitiously, suspiciously, or sarcastically, afraid He might interfere with our sins and our worldliness. We can regard Him the way Herod did—in bitter enmity. We can regard Him in the religionist's way—our lips confessing Him and our hearts far from Him; our eyes blinded to His Word and our hearts closed to His will. The only wise way to regard Him is the way the wise men did. Let us search after Him! Let us surrender to Him! Let us lay ourselves and our all at His feet, bringing the gifts to Him which alone are worthy of His high estate, His glorious name, and His blessed birth! Then His will truly be a "happy birthday"!



Men: Wise and Unwise

By REV. PAUL L. MOHLER

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Christmas

"What does Christmas mean to me?"
I often ask myself;
"A beautiful tree? A card or two—
Maybe something to put on a shelf?"

(We often spend SO much time,
And we hurry and rush,
We FORGET the "real" gift
HE gave—was for us.)

God gave the "prize" gift:
The gift of HIS SON!
Is that YOUR meaning of Christmas?
To you, is HE the "real" One?

God gave with *real* love
(It says in my Bible);
I shudder to think, to the world
He's oft only a fable.

I received Him—one Christmas—
And made Him my own;
He now lives in my heart, and
He "has room" in my home.

—Ethel Ina Martin.



The History of Santa Claus

By DR. C. W. MAYES

Long Beach, Calif.

"The early Christian church apparently did not make so much of Christ's birth as of His death until about the beginning of the third century A. D., and numerous sources tell us that for several centuries Christmas was solely a church anniversary, observed by religious services. But as Christmas spread among the people of pagan lands, many of the practices of the winter solstice were blended with those of Christmas because of the liberal ruling of Pope Gregory I and the cooperation of the missionaries" (*Encyclopedia Britannica*).

Perhaps if we were in Gregory's shoes, we might have done the same because in that day there was a general drifting away from the authority of the Word of God. It is not therefore surprising that people would connect the return journey of the sun with the coming of the "Sun of Righteousness."

Now the question arises, "How did Santa Claus get into the picture?" In the third century there appeared on the pages of history a man by the name of Nicholas, later called St. Nicholas. He became Bishop of Myra about the beginning of the fourth

century, just in the day when the church was drifting away from the faith and Romanism was coming into prominence.

Many wild tales were told of miraculous manifestations of this character known as St. Nicholas. They attributed to him an extra amount of holiness even in his infancy. Because of this supposed remarkable babyhood and childhood he was later called, through the influence of the development of Romanism, the patron saint of children. He is supposed to have performed numerous miracles so that he was later called the patron saint of bankers, pawnbrokers, scholars, mariners, poor people, and marriageable maidens. Great emphasis was placed upon him in the eastern church as time developed, and later in the nation of Russia.

St. Nicholas became famous for stories about his unexpected gifts. As a result, the gifts from unknown sources were oftentimes ascribed to him.

In due time St. Nicholas became an interesting and fictitious character throughout most of Europe. The Dutch settlers brought St. Nicholas

to the United States, but his name was changed to Santa Claus. In America, Santa's pale, ascetic face took on the tint of ripe, rosy apples. During the process of time he traded his old gray mare, which he rode in Europe, for reindeer and a sleigh. He gave up his day, which had been December 6, and took over December 25, supposed to be Christ's birthday.

According to Christmas traditions in a book by William Muir Auld, we read that "after these accomplishments in America he recrossed the ocean and gained many adherents all the way from gloomy Scotland to sunny Australia. His dominion steadily increases, and it looks as though he might yet reign over all Christendom as the King of Christmas."

With this background, it should not be difficult to answer the question, "Should we teach our children about Santa Claus?" Children should be taught that Santa Claus is a fictitious character commercially employed to mystify the hearts of children at this special season of the year. Such teaching will not warp a child's thinking as was done a generation ago.

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HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

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Christ is the forgotten One! He is God's unspeakable gift. He came to die that we might live, and yet we have no gift for Him. Have we given God the gift of self? Have we given ourselves to the Lord in full dedication? Some folk would rather do something for the Lord than belong to Him; would rather give than go. Before God can accept your gift of service, He wants YOU. Before God can accept your gifts of money, He wants YOU. Some people's idea of dedication is found in the words of the poet:

I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
 Real service is what I desire;
 I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord—

But don't ask me to sing in the choir.
 I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
 I like to see things come to pass;
 But don't ask me to teach boys and girls,
 dear Lord—

I'd rather just stay in my class.

I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord,
 I yearn for the kingdom to thrive;
 I'll give you my nickels and dimes, dear Lord—

But please don't ask me to tithe.
 I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
 I'll say what you want me to say;
 I'm busy just now with myself, dear Lord—
 I'll help you some other day.

This Christmas give Christ a gift.
 Give Him yourself!

In Memoriam

ROBERT (BUD) RAY BURK, 25,
 went to be with the Lord on Oct. 17.
 He was a faithful member of the
 Community Brethren Church of East
 Los Angeles, Calif.—Mrs. Myrtle
 Andrews, clerk.

STUDENTS AT GRACE SEMINARY AND COLLEGE

Presented below are pictures of the two divisions of our school at Winona Lake, Ind. The enrollment in the seminary or graduate division (lower picture) is 147. Dr. Alva J. McClain, school president, is pictured at the center of the front row. Dr. Herbert Lockyer is seated beside him. Dr. Lockyer was giving a series of addresses to the student body at the time the picture was taken. The enrollment in the college (upper picture) is 104. Members of the college faculty are seated with the students on the front row.



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Preparing Them for the Harvest Fields
Pray Each Day---Give Each Month





